

IN ORDER TO **KEEP A FIRE** GOING YOU
MUST CONTINUE TO **ADD WOOD!**



**A 12 DAY DEVOTIONAL TO MAINTAIN THE
UPROAR CHRIST HAS SPARKED IN YOU!**

Where is your treasure?

Scripture

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Observation

Where we spend our time and money is closest to our hearts. The majority of our time is spent worrying about the next bill or meal (Matthew 6:25-32). If we seek God and His righteousness all of our issues will be taken care of by Him, our true treasure. We will find all of our needs met when we put Him first and put our heart into it. Treasures on earth will rust and decay but God will never diminish. Our treasure protects our well being.

Application

Put God first! Don't allow the true treasure to be forgotten by taking your eyes off of Him and onto things that will in time disappear. What have you put in front of God? Is it sports, movies, music, your boyfriend/girlfriend or is it other things that are less spoken of like your pride or your past hurts?

Prayer- Help me to find the real treasure in this life Lord. I know it is YOU and I long to place my all in you. take my eyes off of those things which are out of my hands and draw me closer to you.

Challenge- What is in the way of Christ as your treasure? Is it worth it? Make the decision today!

Notes:

Don't hide who you are

Scripture

Genesis 12:18 And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way."

Observation

Abram was scared going through Egypt! He thought he would be killed for his wife. He decided to introduce her as his wife to avoid the risk. Pharaoh took his wife and almost married her! He then gets angry with Abram asking why he was honest with him about his wife. He then sent Abram away and out of Egypt!

Application

Be WHO YOU ARE! So often we are scared about who God has made us to be. We will hide the fact that we serve God in an act of shame about it. Abram hid his beautiful wife and we often hide the beautiful gift of eternal life. Pharaoh may have accepted him for who he was but Abram never found out! People are looking for "real Christians" those that are not scared or ashamed! Why would they want something to be ashamed of? Don't be a coward you have the best gift of all time!

Prayer- God reveal to me how great this gift really is. Don't let me be ashamed of who I am in you! Let me be a light in this world for you. Give me the strength to stand on what you have made me!

Challenge- Proclaim who you are in Christ to someone today. Go out of your way to be proud of your Father!

Notes:

His plan for church

Scripture

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Observation

The early church really took it as a lifestyle rather than an event. Daily they would meet and accomplish four things. The apostles doctrine was simply teaching of Jesus and His words. This consists of things He did on earth as well as the cross. Fellowship is a time of hanging out and growing as a family. A family does not only come together once a week. Breaking of bread is better known as communion! A time of remembrance and thanks for what God has done on the cross and in our lives. Praying was done often and always as a group of believers!

Application

This formula is still valid to this day! Your small groups are the source in which you can accomplish these things. If you want to grow individually and corporately we must come together in times of prayer, fellowship, communion and teaching more often! When we are all going in the same direction is when God's spirit will fully pour out.

Prayer- God put it on my heart to be with my family more often. To grow together and to mature together in your kingdom. Help to break down the walls in which society has built and to go to a new level in you together!

Challenge- Plan a time to come together in this formula with your small group leader as well as the others in your group! It will only help us all GROW!

Notes:

Give it all to God

Scripture

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Observation

Derp! Go to God with the issues! Stop worrying about it and GO to prayer, let God know about it! Once that occurs He will be in charge of it and a peace will be granted to you. He is smarter and has all the answers. This will guard your heart and mind

Application

There is no better reassurance than Christ protecting you. You will access this through prayer and giving it to Him. If you prayed as much as you complained things would be much better. Stop trying it on your own, STOP getting anxious about it. There is no need when the creator of ALL has it in His hands.

Prayer- God take all of my _____ I want you to have it! I can worry about it but I can also be free from it. Please surpass all of my understanding and my pain. I give it all to you God!

Challenge- During any struggle today make the decision to allow God to have it. Don't stress over it at all.

Notes:

Undivided Faith is required

Scripture

Matthew 14:28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind,[d] he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Observation

So many times God will call us into an impossible situation. Peter was walking on water in which God had called him out to! After he had gotten out of the boat he started to notice all of the things going on! The wind started pushing him and the waves were splashing on him... he took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink! Even when he began to fall and to sink Jesus reached out and saved him! This only occurred because Peters faith was swayed by the things that were going on around him causing a lack of faith in the place he was called in that moment.

Application

Don't look side to side! When in this relationship the wind and waves WILL come but we need to keep our eyes upon Jesus! If we look at the other things we will continue to sink and fall! Even though we may fall Jesus will be there to catch us! Keep your faith undivided in Him and you can accomplish anything in front of you!

Prayer- Lord in the storm and in the calm keep my focus on YOU! I do not to waiver or fall in the plans you have for me! Grace me to have an undivided faith in you! Nothing can distract me! I AM YOURS!

Challenge- Put ALL of your faith into Him today! You will be amazed at the outcome of your day!

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Go after the Hurt

Scripture

Mark 2:17 And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Observation

Jesus show's His heart in this very statement. He did not come to the earth to sit on a pedestal but to go after those in pain. Nothing would stop Him from going after the sick (Those in sin) not even the other religious leaders. He had a track record of eating with sinners, tax collectors and those who really needed Him. His heart is to be a physician- to bring restoration in other lives.

Application

SO often we limit who we can minister to in our minds. Well, I don't fit into that crowd or "I just don't like them". Do we really think that Jesus "liked" being around those who lived in sin? He recognized that they were the ones who needed Him the most. His entire mission was to save people and by sitting in the church it wouldn't get accomplished! He had to get into the dirt and go after the hurt. The same for us even today. We cannot continue to sit in our ivory tower and condemn the world. We must get out of our comfort zone and introduce people to the great physician, the healer and restorer of all.

Prayer- Lord, put on my heart those who need you. Get me out of my comfort zone and into the places that need you the most. Take the restrictions of my mind. Lead me to those who need you!

Challenge- Find someone today that you can share Jesus with. Not a religion or a script but a loving physician who desires to make them whole again.

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Boldness

Scripture

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (NKJV)

Observation

There is no need to be ashamed of who God has made you! The Gospel which transformed you has the power to bring salvation to everyone else. This is what has brought us to Christ in the first place and what will continue to do so! This was first for the Jew but extended to us! There is no shame in the Gospel or your salvation it is simply the power that has brought you out of darkness!

Application

Be bold about what has saved you! In a world that has taught us to be quiet you have something to get loud about! God has created an uproar in which we cannot be silenced! Do not be ashamed, do not look side to side the Gospel (Bible) is the POWER! Do not deny the power of God!

Prayer- God implant BOLDNESS into me! I do not want to be ashamed of you but I want to shout it from the rooftops! YOU are good and you are the power that saves! I have no desire to be ashamed of you!

Challenge- Share the Gospel with at least one person today!

Notes:

Proven

Scripture

Mark 1:12 Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.

Observation

Many Christians ask “how could the comforting God, Jesus, Spirit DRIVE me to a painful moment? A trying moment? The same Spirit that BLESSED Him...PUSHED Him to be tempted by the devil. It would be in the wilderness that Jesus would come out the strongest!

Application

So many of us are led to preach, teach, build up in air conditioning...but what about the people that are led to be refined and proven true in difficult times? We often run the opposite direction but in reality we are being primed for an outpouring! Jesus was prepared for His ministry in this time! Do not run from the hardships but rather look at them as a time to be proven!

Prayer- God allow me to make it through the proving grounds. Do not allow me to run when things get tough but rather allow you to help me through it! You are my rock and fortress on you alone I will rely!

Challenge- Face the wilderness head on! You will come out on top!

Notes:

Power

Scripture

Acts 1:5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Observation

Jesus promised that a baptism in the Holy spirit would occur! That water baptism is important but that POWER would be received! This power will come upon us and we will be empowered to bear witness of Him! This was spoken to the disciples but truly is extended to us as well! His disciples would end up ministering to the ends of the earth because of the POWER that was in them! They were baptized with the power and sustained by the power!

Application

This same baptism and power is available for us! While it may seem odd and weird I encourage you to get all of God that is available! That you can receive power that will allow you to cast out demons, heal the sick, minister about Jesus and ultimately bring Glory to HIS name! This baptism of the Holy Spirit can be received where you are even right now! If you have already been filled you can gas up again just like they did in Acts 4. God is calling you to greater levels! Don't hold yourself back!

Prayer- Holy Spirit I pray right now for the baptism of the Holy Spirit! I want all that you have for me! Ignite a passion inside of me that I didn't even know possible! Ignite those spiritual gifts inside of me! Ignite the power to bear witness to you! I receive the free gift which you have offered me!

Challenge- Talk to your small group leader and look up these verses!

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:17-19

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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God heals

Scripture

Matthew 9:18 While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." 19 And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. 20 And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, 21 for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

Observation

So many times we allow things to stick around too long. it is time we go after it and really press in for what needs to happen in our lives. This woman got completely uncomfortable and out herself out there. She got what she wanted because she knew all it would take is one touch from Jesus! It was about the position and the placement of her heart and body at the same time that made this possible. She could have been punished for being outside in a crowd with this issue but she would let nothing stop her. All the medicine and doctors could not set her free but Jesus did!

Application

In order for things to happen we often have to make ourselves uncomfortable. She did so with a bold faith in order to get what she was needing. So many times we have to get fed up with something before we do anything to solve it. You do not have to wait that long. Your healing has already been paid for. It can be emotional, mental or even physical nothing can limit the power of God except ourselves.

Prayer- Implant a faith into me that will drive me to any length Lord. I know that I need all of you. I pray that in this moment you can heal me of _____. Your word says in Isaiah 53 that by your stripes I am healed! I claim freedom of this in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank YOU Lord!

Challenge- Pray for healing with someone today!

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Prayer and fasting

Scripture

Mark 9:28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"²⁹ So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.

Observation

God has given us POWER! But at this time the disciples found that power to not fulfill then needs through them. They could not cast out the spirit that Jesus could! Jesus introduces us to a very firm concept after this. He states that some things can only be cast out through prayer and fasting. Two things that we often lack in severely. Often times we also wonder why we could not accomplish a task and it comes back to the same answer.

Application

Jesus promised that we would do even greater things! We often just expect it to happen though. The things of the kingdom often cost us more than we expect. We want to see miracles signs and wonders but we do not want to pay the price it may take. Jesus told his disciples that some things only come out through prayer and fasting. Those things you have struggled with for a long time may require some prayer and fasting. We are not subject to these things and there is a way to concur them! Wether it be a thought process, emotions or even a healing we need to press in. Fasting is so vital in your walk with God! It is not a "payment" for a healing though. It is a time to draw closer to God and through growing in Him you will become more empowered. Take time to pray, not just over you meal or before bed but a solid time to be with God something that has been abandoned by most.

Prayer- God set in my heart to draw closer to you. I want power over this things that I am not subject to be under. Grace me to be able to fast and pray more often Lord. Put it in my heart to draw closer to your heart.

Challenge- During prayer today ask how long you should fast for, upon the answer you should do so! Get ready for breakthrough

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Live as you are called

Scripture

1 Corinthians 7:17 (ESV) Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

Observation

The Lord assigns a life for each of us! We have the option to follow that or to follow our own plan! It is often that we run from His plan to seek out our own desires. While they may be enjoyable they will not add to the Kingdom as He planned. It is not just a plan but a calling by God!

Application

When it is not your life to live, it will never fit with your destiny. Sometimes you find yourselves living a life of frustration because IT IS NOT YOUR LIFE TO LIVE! God cannot fully bless the life you're living if it is not the life you are called to. If we were called to live according to our current situation, then there would be no need for God to birth _____ and _____ into our lives. Do not be naïve to the possibility that living your current situation might not be living as you are called.

Prayer- Lord, I submit my life to you! I want to live the life in which you have called me! I know that it may not be exactly what I want but I know I will find peace in it! I want to live the fullest in you! Reveal the plan that you have for me and I will follow it!

Challenge- Discover what God desires from you in this life! Pray and fast about it if needed!

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