

Celebration and Worship

Sunday, September 17, 2006

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A God-Centered Life: What it Means to Live in Glory Days (Experiencing God, Part 2)

And Jesus answered them, the time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified and exalted. I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains [just one grain; it never becomes more but lives] by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it, but anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. [Whoever has no love for, no concern for, no regard for his life here on earth, but despises it, preserves his life forever and ever.] If anyone serves Me, he must continue to follow Me [to cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying] and wherever I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. (John 12:23-26 AMP)

I am laying down My life so I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from My Father." (John 10:17b-18 HCSB)

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For it is God who is working in you, [enabling you] both to will and to act for His good purpose. (Philippians 2:13 HCSB)

CHOOSING TODAY TO WALK IN THE WILL OF GOD

1. MY HEART MUST BE _____ TO HAVE NO WILL OF ITS OWN

*Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."
(Matthew 16:24 HCSB)*

2. MY ATTITUDE AND DECISIONS TO FOLLOW GOD CANNOT BE _____ BY MY EMOTIONS

Selected passages of 1 Samuel 13-16

*I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me. He will send help from heaven to save me, rescuing me from those who are out to get me. My God will send forth his unfailing love and faithfulness. I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey... Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens! May your glory shine over all the earth. My enemies have set a trap for me. I am weary from distress.... My heart is confident in you, O God; no wonder I can sing your praises! Wake up, my soul! Wake up, O harp and lyre! I will waken the dawn with my song. I will thank you, Lord, in front of all the people. I will sing your praises among the nations. For your unfailing love is as high as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May your glory shine over all the earth.
(Psalm 57, selected NLT)*

*God will develop my character
to match His assignment for me.*

3. MY DAILY DIRECTION MUST BE _____ FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THE BIBLE

Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. I've promised it once, and I'll promise again: I will obey your wonderful laws. (Psalm 119:104-106 NLT)

4. MY WALK OF FAITH IS _____ TO DIVINE MOMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS

*The more I adjust my life to God the
more centered I will be in His will.*

5. THROUGH MY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY I _____ GOD TO REVEAL HIS WILL AND FOR STRENGTH TO OBEY IT

Pastor's Suggested Daily Bible Reading...

DAY	DAILY EXPERIENCE
Monday	Unit 2, Day 1, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Tuesday	Unit 2, Day 2, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Wednesday	Unit 2, Day 3, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Thursday	Unit 2, Day 4, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Friday	Unit 2, Day 5, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Saturday	Psalm 20
Sunday	Psalm 89:1-18