

Wednesday January 6, 2010

A New Year! Now What?

(Joshua 1)

To Make the Most of 2010.....

- You must have _____.
- ▶ Courage for _____ of life.
- ▶ Courage for _____ for which Christ may call you.
- ▶ Courage to stand for and on the _____.

- You must have _____ of God's Presence.

- You must live with your _____ to the past.

- You must live as _____ of God.

Wednesday January 13, 2010

Positioned for Blessings

(Genesis 26:1-26:12)

GROWTH.....

- Growth is the product of active _____.
- We do not determine growth by what we avoid in life, but by what we _____.
- Muscles only grow through pressure, and not just pressure, but _____ against pressure.
- Without challenges and tests it would be impossible to _____ growth.

TROUBLE.....

- Trouble does one of two things:
 - ▶ It makes us more _____ to God, and more aware of our weakness and dependence upon God.
 - ▶ It makes us dull and insensitive, and _____.
- The greatest revelation of your life is hiding in the greatest _____ of your life.

POSITIONING YOURSELF FOR BLESSINGS.....

- _____ where God tells you to go.
- You must believe the _____ is now.
- You must give God the _____ to use whatever means he chooses to get the blessing to you.
- You must _____ what God says to _____.
- _____ as though you were experiencing the blessing now.

Wednesday March 17, 2010

Staying Focused (Col 3:1-4)

TRUTH: Many Christians live discouraged, defeated lives because Satan diverts them from their Spiritual Focus

Discipline

- Set hearts and minds on Things Above.

- The believer's position.
 - RAISED with Christ (1)

 - DEAD (3)

 - HIDDEN with Christ (3)

 - Taken off OLD SELF (9)

 - NEW SELF. (10).

- Imperatives
 - Put to death the practices that belong to your earthly NATURE.

 - Rid your self of the practices that characterize your OLD SELF.

 - Set your heart and mind on things ABOVE.

Wednesday March 31, 2010

Good Friday - Preparation for Eternity (Matthew 27:57-67)

Good Friday prepares us

- **By showing us the CERTAINITY of God.**
 - The certainty that God will WIN.
 - People will REMEMBER.

- **By Changing the way we look at LIFE and DEATH.**
 - Death is like a WEDDING.
 - Death is like GRADUATION.

- **For something MUCH BETTER.**

Wednesday April 7, 2010

Wednesday April 14, 2010

Empowering Transformation of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8;2:1-4

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Wednesday April 28, 2010

“Enjoy Life: Be Happy” Luke 3:1-20

LIFE TRUTH : Great Christians DO ENJOY LIFE.

Keys to enjoying life.

- Know WHO YOU ARE in relations to Jesus Christ.
 - If you are born-again Christian you are a precious CHILD OF GOD.
 - Who you ARE in Christ is more important than what you DO FOR Jesus.
 - You are a CHILD OF GOD who is saved and eternally secure in heaven.

Reasons Jesus came to live in you.....

- To plunge you into the LIFE of GOD (baptism of the Holy Spirit).
- To purge you of your SINFUL life.
- So you can ENJOY LIFE and unlock the door to happiness.

Wednesday Evening May 5, 2010

“Is Your Faith Amazing—to Jesus? (Luke 7:1-10)

FAITH THAT AMAZES JESUS.

- Approaches Him as the only source of HOPE
- Focuses on the NEEDS of others
- Is accompanied by acts of loving KINDNESS.
- Reflects an attitude of HUMILITY.
- Understands spiritual AUTHORITY.
- Rests on God’s Word—not VISIBLE evidence

Wednesday Evening May 12, 2010

Your Exalted Position Before God (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

LIFEPOINT: The Bible declares that every child of God—every Christian—is a saint in God’s eyes.

Your POSITION Before God.

- Is a GEOGRAPHICAL Position

- Is a SPIRITUAL Position
 - In Christ
 - In Heaven.

God’s PROMISES for you.

1. God is FAITHFUL.

2. Everything Jesus Christ has is at OUR DISPOSAL.

3. We can have TRUE FELLOWSHIP with Him IF everything we have is at His disposal.

Wednesday May 19, 2010

Don't Leave Home Undressed (Eph 6:10-17)

Armor of God.

The Lord provides us w/sufficient armor to combat and thwart the adversary.

- **Belt of TRUTH.** Belt Truth:
 - Holds your life together and protects you from lies of Satan.
 - Keeps us from replacing God's Word with our feelings.
- **Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS.**
 - Protects the chest, heart—vital organs.
 - Christ gave you His perfect righteousness.
 - A lack HOLINESS leave us vulnerable.
- **Shoes(Gospel) PEACE.**
 - Peace of God, allows us to dig in and stand.
- **Shield of FAITH.**
 - Acts on the Truth you say you believe.
- **Helmet of SALVATION.**
 - The MIND controlled by God
 - God's given you VICTORY over your circumstances.
- **Sword of the SPIRIT.**
 - The Truth of SCRIPTURE.

The Climax of Prayer.

- **CERTAIN Victories.**
- Prayer during **PEACE.**
- Victories depend on **PRAYING** more than on fighting.

Wednesday Evening May 26, 2010

How Much of God Do You Truly Want?(John 16:12-15)

Christianity

- Is a LOVING relationship with God.
- Is a way of life in which each must decide how closely you want to WALK WITH GOD.

The Christian's Challenge.

- God will give you ONLY what you can bear.
- God will not reveal more TRUTH to you than you're capable of receiving.

The Christian's Spiritual Maturity.

- Comes from walking FAITHFULLY with God.
- Comes from regularly OBEYING God.

Experiencing all of God.

- Spend TIME with God.
- Ask God to do WHATEVER necessary in you so you can experience all of Him.
- Then DO "IT"—faithfully.

Wednesday Evening June 2, 2010

Resting in the Shadow of God (Psalm 91)

God promise of protection.....

- God promises us shelter, covering and protection based on His VERY NATURE.
- God offers us rest and security by providing SHELTER.
 - We must be WILLING to enter His shelter.
 - Continually COMMUNE with God
 - Depositing our TRUST in Him.
- God GUARANTEES sheltering protection against all harm.

God protects and secures those who are in Christ by

- Descending to relate to us like an EAGLE who spreads out its wings to protect its young.
- Coming ALONG SIDE of us.
- STABILIZING us.

Enter the Angels.....

- God actually protects us through ANGELIC intervention.
- Angels exercise VIGILANCE in guarding us.
- Angels will LIFT YOU UP over the impediments and difficulties of life.

Wednesday Evening June 9, 2010

“Be Ready for Exciting Times.” (Matt 16: 17-19)

Spiritual Fitness Readiness Evaluation Test.

- Ready in LIFE and DEATH moments.
 - Readiness to OBEY.
 - Readiness for a REAL LOVE relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.
 - Readiness to be spiritually COMMITTED.
- Ready for the ENEMY'S Schemes & Attacks.
AN UNPREPARED CHURCH:
 - Fails to teach sound doctrine.
 - Fails to teach that life is “war.”
- Ready to PRAY and wield the Word of God.
 - Gives you the SIGNIFICANCE of front-line forces.

Readiness Preparation.

- Fight to cherish the Kingdom of God above all other things.
- Fight the good fight of faith.
- Become a soldier/warrior of true prayer.
- Obey God one day at a time.

Wednesday June 23, 2010

God of the Extraordinary (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

- Our PLANS are Ordinary, God's Plans are Extraordinary.
 - Samuel QUESTIONS God's Plan.

 - God's plans often make LITTLE SENSE to us.

- Our CHOICES are Ordinary, God's Choices are Extraordinary.
 - Samuel looked at the OUTSIDE, God examined the HEART.

- Our POWER is ordinary, God's Power is extraordinary.

Wednesday July 14, 2010

“Enlarge the Place of Your Tent” ([Isaiah 54:2-3](#))

How big is your God?

BELIEVE:

- God is bigger than our PROBLEMS.
- God can do more in your life than He’s EVER DONE BEFORE.

Fundamental Convictions.

- God knows what your need is, and CAN MEET IT.
- God WANTS to meet your need.

How to Enlarge Your Tent.

- THINK big!
- Drive the stakes DEEP!
 - BY FAITH.
 - BY PRAYER.
 - BY GOD’S WORD.
 - BY OBEDIENCE.
 - CONNECT—with God and with others.
 - SERVE—within our church and community.