

# GOD IS BETTER THAN WE THINK

## GOD WANTS US TO LIVE FROM GLORY TO GLORY! BUT HOW?

GROW AS INDIVIDUALS, IN OUR MARRIAGE, PARENTING, FINANCES (2 CO 3:17-18)

### 1. TO GLORY TO GLORY = TO GROW - REQUIRE INTENTION /NOT ACCIDENT

- a. **FREE:** OUR LIFE, GOD'S LOVE, SALVATION, H.S, HEAVEN, NEW HEART... ALL FREE
- b. **NOT FREE:** GROW FAITH, GROW MARRIAGE, PARENT, WAY MANAGE MONEY,...
  - i. THESE ARE PARTNERSHIPS WITH GOD: WE'LL NEED TO DO OUR PART

### 2. PRIORITIES (KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING)

- a. **#1 GOD IS FIRST & CENTER (GUARD HEART =SAFEGUARD US FROM IDOLATRY)**
  - i. **DESIRE MORE OF HIM (PSALM 42:1-2) - DEER PANTS FOR WATER**
    1. LISTEN TO GOD
    2. PAY ATTENTION TO VISION & DREAMS (LAST DAYS LANGUAGE)
  - ii. WE GET AS MUCH OF GOD'S PRESENCE AS WE WANT - DRAW NEAR

- **BE INTENTIONAL TO GROW IN**
- **GUARD YOUR HEART AGAINST ALL COMPETITORS**

#### b. **#2 - SPOUSE -**

- i. ONLY RELATIONSHIP =ONE FLESH -
  1. PROMISED TO BE TOGETHER & FAITHFUL TIL DEATH DO US PART
- ii. WE NEED TO TREAT OUR SPOUSE BETTER THAN OUR:
  1. CAREERS HOBBIES, THAN JOBS, ...

#### c. **#3 - KIDS**

- i. DON'T ELEVATE KIDS ABOVE GOD OR YOUR SPOUSE

#### d. **#4 - YOU ARE # 4 (OUR JOB / CAREER / MONEY / HOBBIES / ETC... )**

- i. THEY COME BELOW GOD, OUR SPOUSE, AND OUR KIDS

### QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO ANSWER ABOUT PRIORITY:

- **AM I KEEPING GOD FIRST? HOW? HOW MAY WE SAFEGUARD IT # 1 PLACE ♡**
  - SUNDAY IS CHURCH DAY (NO KIDS SPORTS SUNDAY MORNING)
  - LIFE GROUP / YOUTH GROUP NIGHT (NO DANCE)
- **WHAT AM I DOING TO INVEST IN MY MARRIAGE? (GUARD AGAINST COMPETITION)**
  - NIGHT TIME IS ADULT TIME
  - DATE NIGHTS
  - OUR KIDS NOT IN OUR BED
- **HOW MAY WE GROW AS A FAMILY? (TECHNOLOGY IS SEPARATING FAMILIES)**
  - TECHNOLOGY FROM 5-7 OFF
  - SUNDAY BRIBE? ICE CREAM

## BIBLE VERSES

- 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are **being transformed** into **his image** with **ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
- PSALM 42:1-2 - <sup>1</sup>As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. <sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?
- John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. READ 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18 AND TALK ABOUT THE REALITY THAT GOD WANTS US TO ENJOY HIS FREEDOM IN CHRIST, THAT HE IS TRANSFORMING US INTO HIS PERFECT IMAGE, AND THAT IN A LIFE THAT IS WALK WITH HIM WE GO FROM FROM GLORY TO GLORY.
2. TO GO FROM GLORY TO GLORY WE NEED TO CO-LABOR WITH CHRIST, IT WILL REQUIRE INTENTIONALITY, CHOICES, AND ACTIONS. IT WILL NOT COME FOR FREE, YOU WILL NEED TO DO YOUR PART. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE OF WHAT IS FREE FROM GOD, AND WHAT IS A PARTNERSHIP? ARE THESE CLEAR IN YOUR MIND?
3. PASTOR JULIAN TALKED ABOUT THE PRIORITIES SO THAT WE HAVE A FOUNDATION TO GO FROM GLORY TO GLORY. WE NEED TO KEEP GOD FIRST AND THE CENTER OF OUR HEARTS. WE NEED TO GUARD OUR HEARTS FROM ALL OTHER COMPETITORS THAT COMPETE FOR THE #1 PLACE IN OUR HEARTS. THE KEY THING TO ANY RELATIONSHIP IS TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND TO GUARD IT. HOW ARE YOU GROWING AND GUARDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, AND KEEPING HIM THE #1 AND THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE?
4. WE NEED TO KEEP OUR SPOUSE #2 IN OUR HEARTS. HOW DO YOU KEEP GUARDING AND GROWING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR WIFE, AND MAKE SURE THAT ONLY GOD COMES IN BETWEEN THE 2 OF YOU?
5. KIDS #3, NOT #1, NOR #20. THEN WE AS INDIVIDUALS, OUR JOBS, AND HOBBIES # 4. HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR PRIORITIES IN THE RIGHT ORDER? WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU DO PRACTICALLY TO GUARD YOUR PRIORITIES ACCORDING TO GOD'S?