

9/11/22 SENDING OUT YOUR ROOTS BY THE STREAM

(JEREMIAH 17:7-8) WHEN WE PUT OUR TRUST IN THE LORD, WHEN OUR HOPE AND CONFIDENCE IS IN HIM, THEN WE WILL BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE WATER. WHEN WE PUT INTO PRACTICE A FEW SIMPLE KEYS WE LEARN FROM THE LIFE OF JESUS, IT'S LIKE SENDING OUT OUR ROOTS TO DRAW FROM THE RIVER OF LIFE.

Psalm 25:3, Isaiah 40:31, Jeremiah 17:7-8, 1 Cor 2:9, John 10:10

- There is more of the life of God to manifest for each of us, because no eye has seen, no ear has heard nor human mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.
- Someone from a poor country who is used to limited food options cannot fathom the riches available to someone who lives in a rich country like ours. We only know what we know.
- Our lives are like that. We only know what we know. But Jesus came to give us more, to give us life abundantly.
- When we put a few keys we learn from the life of Jesus into practice, it is like sending out our roots by the stream.

I. THE MOST IMPORTANT AND IMPACTFUL KEY TO DRAW ON THE LIFE OF GOD IS TO TRUST THE LORD FOR THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOUL

John 17:2-3, Ephesians 1:17-19,

- Trusting the Lord for the salvation of your soul is like taking the river and putting it inside of you.
- You are united with the Lord, receive the Holy Spirit to live inside of you as a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance to come.
- The Holy Spirit is not a self-help guru like Dr Oz, and the bible not a self-help book.
- He is the Spirit of Jesus, He is our Righteousness, He is our Counselor, our Comforter, our Advocate, the Revealer, the one who guides us into all truth and so much more!
- The Word of God is Spirit and Life.

II. THE SECOND KEY IS TO LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, MIND, SOUL AND STRENGTH

Mark 12:28-31, John 17:4, John 17:8, John 17:10, Romans 12:2, Colossians 1:15

- Jesus trusted God to the point of death and resurrection. He leaves us examples of how He loved, honored and glorified God that we can apply to our own lives.
- We will learn these keys from the book of John chapter 17.

III. JESUS RECOGNIZED THAT GOD WAS THE SUPREME AUTHORITY IN LIFE

John 17:4

- Jesus lived to glorify God, not Himself.

- Jesus obeyed everything the gave Him to do.
- Jesus was faithful, which tells me that He recognized that God was the supreme authority in life, and that God’s WORD holds that same authority.
- If you waver in your obedience and faithfulness to God, getting this one thing straight will make your life so much easier.

IV. JESUS RECOGNIZED THE WORD OF GOD IS SPIRIT AND LIFE

John 17:8

- Jesus cultivated a listening ear to hear the voice of the Lord. He treasured God’s Word in His heart and it bore fruit in His life.
- He actively shared the Word of God, and it bore fruit in the disciple’s lives.
- Jesus spent time in God’s presence.
- Jesus represented God.

V. YOUR SURRENDERED LIFE GLORIFIES GOD

John 17:10, Romans 12:2

- Jesus is asking the same of us.
- As we do these things, growing in trusting the Lord, we will draw from the life of God and glorify Him. More of God’s life will be manifested in ours.
- When we do these things, the second part of the greatest commandment will naturally be fulfilled – loving others as you love yourself.

CONCLUSION AND ALTAR CALL

Luke 11:18, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23

- You can have as much of God's life as you are willing to receive and engage with.
- As I look back on my own life, I am a living testimony that as I have put into practice each of these things, the Lord has manifested His life in my own. It has been a truly amazing journey, and there is so much more to come!
- The Holy Spirit is the greatest give you will ever receive in this life. We need Him for this journey, and He is freely given to those who ask!