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SERMON REFLECTIONS OF JAMES

THE BIBLE STUDY OF JAMES

9-15-5

Study Time 7:00-8:00pm

## 10 A Disciple (p. 151-152; Discipleship)

\* Knows 'the importance of the Bible'

\* should 'express its' <sup>(from the Bible)</sup> teachings

\* need to be convicted by the Word

\* 'take' seriously what the Word of God instructs

\* must allow the 'holy Word (to)... permeate every aspect of the disciples' life'

\* Knows 'the standard for conduct in the Kingdom of God'

- Matthew 5 - Matthew 7

• Matthew 5:1-12: 'The Beatitudes'

⇒ 'the disciple of the Lord is able to understand that the purity of life and suffering are integral parts of the daily life of a disciple

⇒ **EIGHT CHARACTER KEYS THAT**  
'enable a disciple to apply spiritual truth to his life in Christ'

(1) Blessed are the 'poor in spirit'; They 'knows they have nothing of themselves, but have everything they need in God'

(2) Blessed are 'those who have a genuine concern about sin... grieving brings repentance and forgiveness.'



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③ Blessed are the "gentle" or "those who submit to the rulership of God"

④ Blessed are "the spiritually hungry" or "those who seek personal salvation, personal uprightness, and the triumph of God's cause"

⑤ Blessed are "the merciful"; for "a disciple is to express mercy for the sake of winning souls"

⑥ Blessed are the "pure in heart" (even though "no honest man can say he is pure in heart"; but "cleansing can show up in our attitudes, our opinions, our habits and in our speech and actions")

⑦ Blessed are "those who are makers of peace" for "when lost people observe believers at peace... that can lead to sharing of the gospel of peace"

⑧ Blessed are "those who are persecuted" and "who suffer for the Lord's sake"

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1:00 PM class

\* Addiction - a coping mechanism; counterfeit joy

- If you have been delivered, why  
can't you have another drink?

\* Christianity - a way of life

- the application of reading the Bible

\* 7:00-8:00 pm - Personal time

(spiritual; prayer)

\* What happened on Damascus road

\* Proverbs 13:3 (Memory Verse)

\* 2 Tim 2:15

\* Joshua 1:8 (Memory Verse for Wednesday)

\* Romans 4:17 : calleth those things which  
be not as though they were.

\* D. Discipleship pp. 153-157



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o Ephesians 6:10-20 [NIV]

\* 'Be strong in the Lord' (vs. 10)

\* 'Put on the full armor of God'

- So you can stand against the devil's schemes' (vs. 11)

- Struggle against:

① 'rulers'

② 'authorities'

③ 'powers of this dark world'

④ 'spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms'

- 'Stand firm with the:

① 'belt of truth'

② 'breast-plate of righteousness'

③ '(feet fitted) from 'gospel of peace'

④ 'shield of faith'

⑤ 'helmet of salvation'

⑥ 'sword of the spirit' (word of God)

\* 'Pray in the Spirit'

- 'Fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel'

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4:30 PM CLASS  
(George)

## Adversity (Tribulation) 15:1

\* Just because we became Christians doesn't mean all our problems go away.

\* John 15: 18-25: If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

\* 'No good deed goes unpunished'

\* Synonyms: Hardship; pain/suffering;  
strife/division; discord

\* Types of adversity: physical; economic;  
spiritual

\* Adversity is going to happen to everyone with different degrees (of adversity)

\* Biblical example: Job 31: 21, 24, 33-35;  
32:1; 33:1, 4-6, 8-27

\* In dealing with adversity, we have to accept the sovereignty of God

- Sovereign: stands alone

- Who are we to question God

- If adversity is not handled properly,

it can cause us: anger, remorse,

~~stress, doubt, envy, sin~~ stress, doubt, envy, sin

\* HANDOUT: Perfect Trust

\* Quote: Adversity affords unique opportunities to elicit superior performance from hidden talent that would otherwise remain dormant



\* James 1:2-4 (SEE HANDOUT): embrace difficulty

- Ephesian 4:11-14: tossed back and forth
- perseverance: stick it out

\* Romans 5:1-5 (HANDOUT): suffering produces

perseverance,  
perseverance (produces)  
character

- Phillipians 3:7-10: for whose sake I have lost all things...

Sharing in his suffering

\* You cannot fix a long-term problem with a short-term solution

\* Romans 8:28: in all things (in the most of all

things) God works for the good

of those who love him (HANDOUT)

\* Job 1:21, 23:10: The Lord gave and the Lord

has taken away (HANDOUT)

- 1 Peter 1:3-7: <sup>your</sup> sufferings, refined by fire,

may be proved genuine

NOTE: Repentance is changing my mind

about sin; God (who he is in my life)

NOTE: If you want to be encouraged, be an encourager

\* 2 Corinthians 4:8-9: We are hard pressed... but

not crushed... persecuted

but not abandoned (by God) (HANDOUT)

\* 2 Corinthians 4:16-17: renewed day by day -

light and momentary troubles (HANDOUT)

\* John 16:33 (Memorize verse)

## o Favoritism and Faith

### \* Favoritism

- James 2:1: 'Don't show favoritism'

- James 2:2-3: man in fine clothes (good seat) vs. man in shabby clothes (floor)

- James 2:5: Chosen poor (in world) but rich (in faith)

- James 2:8: Royal law: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'

- James 2:9: if you show favoritism, you sin

### \* Faith

- James 2:14: what <sup>is</sup> the purpose of faith, "if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds"?

- James 2:16-17: what is the purpose if one "does nothing about physical needs"

- James 2:17: 'faith by itself is dead'

- James 2:19: 'Even demons believe'

- James 2:22: 'His faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did'

- James 2:26: 'Faith without deeds is dead'



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\* 1 Corinthians 10

\* Redeemed is defined as being bought back

\* Colossians 1:9-10: asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will... increasing in the knowledge of God

\* God sees the end from the beginning  
- He does little things that don't make sense

\* Colossians 1:11-23: (He is Lord whether you called Him Lord or not)  
- Hebrews 10:25: don't forsake the assembly of the saints

\* 1 Corinthians 1:18: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise

\* Romans 8:1: no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus

\* Luke 4:16

\* Romans 8:27-34: he maketh intercession for the saints... all things work together for good... for whom he predestined... more than conquerors

\* 2 Corinthians 5:18-20: ambassadors for Christ

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\* Matthew 6:33

\* 1 Corinthians 2:9

\* Discipleship, p. 159-165

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Study Time

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### o The Tongue

\* James 3:5: "The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts"

#### \* ANALOGIES

- (vs. 5) "a great forest is set fire by a small spark"

- (vs. 3) "(putting) bits into the mouths of horses... (makes) them obey us, we can turn the whole animal"

- (vs. 4) "(large ships) are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go"

\* James 3:6: "The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil" "It corrupts the whole body"

#### \* ANALOGIES

- (vs. 6) "(The tongue) sets the whole course of life on fire"

- (vs. 8) "no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil"



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\* James 3:10: "Out of same mouth come  
praise and cursing... this  
(vs. 12) should not be"

- "Neither can a salt spring produce  
fresh water"

### o Wisdom

\* James 3:13: "Let him (who is wise and  
understanding") show it  
by his good life, by deeds  
done in the humility  
that comes from wisdom

#### \* ANALOGIES

- (vs. 15-16) "Such wisdom (e.g. you harbor  
bitter envy and self ambition)"

... is earthly, unspiritual, and  
of the devil... there you find  
disorder and every evil practice

- (vs. 17) "wisdom that comes from heaven  
is: pure, peace-loving,  
considerate, submissive,  
full of mercy, good fruits,  
impartial and sincere"

o The Tongue (James 3)

\* Proverbs 10:19: (he who restrains lips is wise)

\* James 3:3: horses, ships moved by little things (bits)

- the tongue is evil

- ~~ask~~ ask God to put a guard over my mouth

- It is far better to zip your lips than

to give them a piece of your mind until

you have the mind of Christ

• the tongue will create problems you do not know

(mental scars)

o Church meetings

\* Hebrews 10:25: Not forsaking the assembling  
of ourselves together

o A Practical Guide to Victory in Christ (Faith: God Fix)

\* Inner Peace

\* Faith

Self-Denial begins with understanding  
that there are two roads to heaven  
one left



## o Self-Denial

\* Ephesians 1:31-18: "He chose us in him before the creation of the world" ... he predestined us to be adopted as his sons

(v19): "his incomparably great power for us who believe"

\* If we have his power, what is the problem?

- Self-denial is the problem

- I have ~~turn~~ in to the music station in order to hear the music. ... You must turn in

\* There is power in living a victorious Christian life

\* John 16: The spirit does not speak on its own.

It carries messages

\* Rhema - God's specific word to you

\* John 12:24-25: "... If it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

- Self-Denial begins with understanding that there are two roads: heaven and hell

\* Self-Denial Handout

- Galatians 2:20 : "crucified with Christ... but Christ lives in me"... "live by faith"
- 1 Peter 2:11 : "abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul"

SUBMIT	RESIST
① GOD	DEVIL
② DEVIL	GOD

- Ephesians 4:22, 24 : "put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires... put on the new self"
- Romans 13:14 : "clothe yourselves with the Lord"
- Luke 9:23 : "deny himself"... "take up his cross daily (be crucified or sacrifice yourself daily)"

Note: Self-denial means give up my freedom

- Phillipians 3:1-7:

- 1 Timothy 1:12-13: "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy"

- Phillipians 2:1- : "do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves"





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Study Time

◦ Submission to God

\* James 4: 2: "You do not have, because you do not ask God"

- (vs. 1): "fights and quarrels... come from your desires"

- (vs. 3): "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives"

• (vs. 4): "friendship with the world is hatred toward God"

\* James 4: 7: "Submit yourselves... to God"

- (vs. 7): "Resist the devil and he will flee from you"

- (vs. 8): "Come near to God and he will come near to you"

- (vs. 10): "Humble yourselves before the Lord"

• (vs. 6): "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"

• (v. 14): "... You are a mist that

appears for a little while then ~~is~~ vanishes"



## Discipleship, "Applying Spiritual Growth"

### \* Beatitudes

\* - We don't always get a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance if we miss it

- ~~Matthew 5:1-12~~ Blessed are the meek (p. 157)

#### • Isaiah 58: Fasting

⇒ Fasting is almost always linked with prayer

(prayer is communication with God)

⇒ Fasting is ~~denying~~ denying one-self of

some pleasure

• You become meek by being humble

• We can go through motions, but

it won't do us any good

• Isaiah 58:23: "day after day

they seek me out"

... "Set on the day

of your fastings

(but) you do as you

please"

• Isaiah 58:6: "this kind of fasting I

have chosen to

loosen the chains of injustice"

• To know your purpose, spend time praying and fasting

• Grace is that that God gives to execute His purpose (His will for you)

• Wait for God to bless you - don't bless yourself

- Isaiah 58:10: "If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry... your light will rise in the darkness?"
- If you do something for someone else, <sup>will</sup> I have someone do it for you
- Joseph - from prison to the throne

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## o Rich

\* James 5:5: "You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence?"  
- (vs. 3): "... You have hoarded wealth in the last days?"

~ For example,

• (vs 4): "... The wages you failed to pay the work man?"

• (vs. 5): "... You have fattened yourselves?"

\* James 5:1: "... You rich people... weep... because of the misery that is coming upon you?"

- (vs. 2): "Your wealth has rotted?"

- (vs. 3): "Your gold and silver are corroded?"

- (vs. 6): "You have condemned and murdered innocent?"

• NOTE: (vs. 10): "(have) patience in the face of suffering?"



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o Peace

\* Peace with God does not depend on works

- Based on the acceptance of God's gift of Eternal life

\* 2 Corinthians 10:34 (memory verse) - by Wed

\* 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

'For though we walk in the flesh,  
we do not war after the flesh;

(For the weapons of our warfare  
are not carnal, but mighty  
through God to the pulling  
down of strongholds;)

casting down imaginations,  
and every high thing that  
exalteth itself against the  
knowledge of God, and bringing

'into captivity every thought  
to the obedience of Christ;'

o Confusion

\* 1 Corinthians 14:33: "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" [KJV]

- NOTE: [NEB - New English Bible] reads: "but of part for... God... is not a God of disorder." as in all congregations of God's people?

\* An unconfused God oversees people who are, at times, confused

- Daniel 9:7: "O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces" [KJV]

- Jeremiah 20:11: "But the Lord is with me... therefore my persecutors shall stumble... their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten" [KJV]

o NOTE: God words are not **for** confusion but his enemies ~~after~~ experience confusion

- Acts 19:32 [NIV]: "The assembly was in confusion! Some were shouting one thing, some another."



o Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness

o Your better than that

[ ] o Held in paradise

\* Ephesians 4:8 (Psalm 68:18): led captivity capt

\* 2 Corinthians 12:4

\* Luke 16:19 - 27: great gulf fixed

\* Matthew 27:52

\* 1 Peter

o Mercy

o Purity of heart

\* Holiness - spiritually perfect

o John 17:17: as thou art

## o New Command (2 John 1:5)

\* "Love one another" (2 John 1:5)

\* Definition of Love: "walk in obedience to his commands" (2 John 1:6)

\* "Walk in love" (2 John 1:6)

## o Deceivers

\* "do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh" (Definition: 2 John 1:7)

\* "the antichrist"

## o Continue / Not to Continue in the teaching of Christ

\* "Whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son\* Whoever does not continue in the teaching of Christ

- "does not have God" (2 John 1:9)

- "do not take him into your house or welcome him" (2 John 1:10)

- "shares in his wicked work" (2 John 1:11)

## o "Some brothers" vs. "Diotrephes" (3 John 1)

\* Some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth"

(3 John 1:3)

- "show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth" (3 John 1:8)

\* Diotrephes

- "who wishes to be first" (3 John 1:9)

- "gossiping maliciously about us" (3 John 1:10)

- "refuses to welcome the brothers - stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church" (3 John 1:11)



Doing Good vs Evil

\* "Anyone who does what is good is from God" (3 John 1:11)

\* "Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God" (3 John 1:11)

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Temptation

\* Ephesians 4:17: "walk not as other Gentiles walk"

- (vs. 18-22)

- the old man should not keep coming up

- (vs. 23-24): "put on the new man"

- (vs. 25-30) "let no corrupt communication"

proceed out of your mouth"

A Practical Guide to Victory in Christ (p. 193)

\* John 3:16

\* John 10:27-28

## ◦ 'Contend for the faith' (Jude 1:3)

\* Condemn men:

① 'are godless' (vs. 4)

② 'support immorality' (vs. 4)

③ 'deny Jesus Christ' (vs. 4)

④ 'destroyed though delivered' (vs. 5)

⑤ 'gave to sexual immorality' (vs. 7)

→ are an 'example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire' (vs. 7)

⑦ 'speak abusively against whatever they do not understand' (vs. 10)

⑧ 'blemishes at your love feasts' (vs. 12)

⑨ 'shepherds who feed only themselves' (vs. 12)

⑩ 'twice dead' &amp; 'without fruit and uprooted' (vs. 12)

⑪ 'are wild waves of the sea' (vs. 13)

⑫ 'wandering stars' (vs. 13)

⑬ 'gnawblers and faultfinders' (vs. 16)

⑭ 'follow their own evil desires' (vs. 16)

⑮ 'boast about themselves and flatter

others for their own advantage' (vs. 16)

⑯ 'scorners who will follow their own ungodly desires' (vs. 18)

⑰ 'divide you'



o Extreme Poverty and slavery

\* God commands us to not make slaves of the poor

- 'If one of your countrymen becomes poor among you and sells himself to you, do not make him work as a slave. He is to be treated as a hired worker or a temporary resident among you'. (worse!)  
Then he and his children are to be released, and he will go back to his own clan and to the property of his forefathers? (Leviticus 25:39-41 NW)

- God encourages property ownership and family inheritances (based on the previous scriptures)

- God endorses slavery and treating people as property (B) (Leviticus 25:44-46)

- God endorses repayment for injuries to slaves and freedom (for injuries) (Exodus 21:26-27)

\* 'The Lord sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. (1 Samuel 2:7)

- 'He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor'. (Ps. 113:7-8)

I See You Dying

- \* "Death I no longer fear"
- \* "Irreversibly ill organs"
- \* "Cannot swallow breath or handle food"
- \* "I see strangers"
- \* "My hospital bills records surpassed"
- \* "Sawing me with needles is cruel lie"
- \* "It takes in through nose, and butt"
- \* Artificial Hydration
- \* Assist suicide vs. prolonged death
- \* Jesus appears before ~~me~~ <sup>through a</sup> bright halo

- Thank but for my health.

- Humility

- Reduces my life goals to good health and  
perhaps minimum physical suffering?



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Studytime

## o Slavery (continued)

\* God endorses the enslavement of daughters (Exodus 21:7-11)

\* God endorses endured servitude of Hebrew servants and their children (Exodus 21:2-6)

→ When freed <sup>the</sup> endured servants (servants for six years): 'When you release him, do not send him away empty-handed. Supply him liberally' (Deuteronomy 15:13-14)

\* Rational Arguments for God's Existence

o Discipleship p. 167-168, 171

\* 2 Corinthians 4:8-12

\* Matthew 28:19

\* James 1:1-8

You cannot have faith and doubt at the same time

- faith
- hope
- love

\* God is faithful to those who are faithful to him

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

\* Definition of Disciple

A disciple is one who responds to Jesus' call, follows him, and imitates him.

- One must be ready to leave everything and follow Jesus (Luke 14:33)

\* Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be there and will bless them.



## o Forgiving Others

### \* Psalm 103:1-22

- O my soul  $\Rightarrow$  from the debts of me
- Psalm of forgiveness and compassion

### \* 1 John 1:5-9

- John is writing to believers
- we cannot have fellowship with God if we walk in sin. If we associate ourselves with believers (walk in the light), the coat will purify us from all unrighteousness.
- NOTE 4 different ways we sin:
  - $\rightarrow$  Eyes
  - $\rightarrow$  Mouth
  - $\rightarrow$  Mind
  - $\rightarrow$  Hands

### \* God is faithful to forgive confessed sins

- 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful - and will forgive our sins."

### \* Definition of Disciple

- A disciple is one who ascribes to (identity with) the teachings of a master, and seeks to follow and promote them.
- Our model for learning how to love is God's love.

### \* Luke 23:34 (SEE HANDOUT)

- forgive them

### \* Matthew 18:15-20

- brothers who sins against you

## \* Matthew 18:21-35

- forgive him 77 times
- 'wicked servant' (vs. 32) throws a fellow servant in prison after being forgiven by the master

\* You are not 'called' to be doormats; you are not asked to sacrifice yourself

## \* Luke 6:37-38

- 'forgive and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you'

## - Luke 27-36

• love your enemies... without expecting to get anything back' (vs. 35)

• 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful' (vs. 36)

## \* Mark 11:25 (forgive so that you can be forgiven)

\* Forgive us  $\frac{100\%}{100\%}$  as we forgive others  $\frac{100\%}{100\%}$

- Luke 6:38: 'For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you'

## \* Ephesians 4:32

- 'forgive each other, just as in Christ God forgave you' (Complete forgiveness)
- (see handout)
- compassion (Matthew 9:36)
- we can't stop our forgiveness because they don't forgive us.



o Submit to authorities

\* Romans 13:1: "The authorities... have been established by God"

- Romans 13:2: "he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against... God"

- There is no reason to rebel against authority if you are doing what is right (vs. 3)

- Romans 13:7: "If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if honor, then honor"

o Love

\* Romans 13:8: "he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law"

- Romans 13:9: "The commandments... are summed up in this one rule"

"Love your neighbor as yourself"

... (faint handwritten notes)

to you

\* (faint handwritten notes)

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## o Discipleship

\* 2 Corinthians 6:14-18: "do not be yoked

together with unbelievers

~~together with unbelievers~~

... I will be their God, and

they will be my people"

\* Matthew 5:27-28: "anyone who looks at a

(memory verses)

woman lustfully has

already committed

adultery with her in

his heart"

\* What and who does God say I am?

- die with

-(1 Peter 2:15)

[Romans 16]

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Study Time

o "Watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way" (Romans 16:17)

\* "By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people" (vs. 18)

o "Be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil" (vs. 19)

\* "The God of Peace will soon crush Satan under your feet" (vs. 20)



## Self-Discipline

\* Responsibility  $\Rightarrow$  Response + Ability

\* We cannot control people's behavior, but we have the ability to respond (on a daily basis)

\* We cannot blame the devil for our sins

\* James 1:12-15: "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life"

\* Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me"

- the older sinner no longer lives

\* James 1:14: "but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed"

\* James 1:15: "After desire has conceived, it gives birth to sins; and sins gives birth to death"

\* Ephesians 1:19

\* Ephesians 6:10-17: "Put on the full armor of God"  
(Armor of God)  
- belt of truth  $\Rightarrow$  the word

- sword of the Spirit  $\Rightarrow$  the word of God  
(most powerful weapon)

\* 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

- you cannot live a double life;

\* whom the Lord loves he chastens

\* Matthew 25:24-35: Thou shalt (humble you)

10-19-05

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(Ross)

o Galatians 5:1 : Stand fast, wherewith  
Christ hath made us free,  
and be not entangled  
again with the yoke  
of bondage.

\* 2 Corithians 5:17 : I am new creature

\* Memory Verse : Matthew 5:27-28 (old)

\* Memory Verse : 1 Corithians 10:17 (new!?)

10-20-05  
Homework

WHAT AND WHO DOES GOD SAY I AM?

God says I am chosen to be  
special part of His Kingdom. For,  
1 Peter 2:9 reads: "But you are a  
chosen people, a royal priesthood, a  
holy nation, a people belonging to  
God" (NIV). Furthermore, God says  
I am set apart from others. For,  
1 Corithians 6:11 reads: "you were  
washed, you were sanctified, you  
were justified in the name of the  
Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit  
of our God" (NIV).



◦ Nebuchadnezzar overtakes Jehoiakim in Jerusalem (1:1-2)

\* "The chief official" renames Daniel and friends (to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) (1:7)

\* Daniel and friends fast from 'royal food' and wine to vegetables and water (1:8, 12) and 'looked healthier and better nourished' than any other young man

- 'none equal' to Daniel and friends

(including Daniel's capacity to 'understand visions and dreams') (1:17, 19)

◦ Nebuchadnezzar has a dream

\* He orders 'magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers' to tell him the dream and interpret it, at risk of being 'cut into pieces' (2:2, 5)

\* After being told this was 'too difficult', he orders 'the execution of all wise men of Babylon' (2:11, 12)

\* Daniel (and friends) 'plead for mercy' from God and the 'mystery was revealed' to Daniel (2:18, 19)



o Daniel describes and interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream:

\* A 'large statue' (2:31) with a:

- golden head, which is Nebuchadnezzar (2:32,38)

(Babylonian)

- silver chest and arms, which is another

kingdom... inferior to (Nebuchadnezzar's) (2:32,39)

(Medes or Persians)

- bronze belly and thighs, which is a

'third kingdom' (2:32,39)

(Persians or Greeks)

- iron legs, and iron and clay feet (and toes),

which is a 4<sup>th</sup> kingdom that is 'divided'

(Greeks or Romans)

(2:33,40,41) such that 'this

kingdom will be partly strong and

partly brittle' (2:42)

- 'rock (that struck the statue<sup>and</sup> became

a huge mountain and filled the whole

earth') (2:35), which is a kingdom

set up by 'the God of heaven' that

will never be destroyed' but 'will crush

all those kingdoms and bring them

to an end' (2:44)

\* Nebuchadnezzar 'made him ruler over the

entire province of Babylon' (2:48) since

Daniel was 'able to reveal this mystery' (2:47)



o Presentations

\* Romans 6

- believer's death
- crucify ourselves (for death to sinful nature)
- Why do we have to go through this?
- 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature"
- Crucify ourselves with the word
  - Psalm 103:12: "As far as east is from the west, so far have our transgressions been removed from us"
- Romans 6:8: "Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God"

o Bring flesh under subjection

\* Romans 7:18-25

- Sin/sinful nature vs. mind / God's law
- We need power to overcome the sinful nature
- Roman 8:1-2: Set free from law of sin
- (vs. 7)

o 1 Corinthians 9:27: I beat my body and make it my slave

\* Religion is to rule of the heart  
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o 4 Disciplines



o Foundation of Our Faith

\* Autobiography in five short chapters (handout)

- Be responsible for our life

- 2 is better than 1 (Ecclesiastes)

o Plan of Salvation (SIX TRUTH'S HANDOUT)

① God created us to be with Him

② Our sin separates us from God

\* Romans 6:23, 3:23

↓ wages of sin is death      all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

③ Sin cannot be removed by good deeds



\* Religion ⇒ Do while Christianity ⇒ done

\* Phillipians 2:5-9

\* 2 Corinthians 5:21

\* The resurrection is what gives us hope



- ④ Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again
- ⑤ Everyone who trusts Him alone has eternal life
- ⑥ Life that's eternal means we will be with Jesus forever in heaven

\* GRACE

- GOD'S
- RICHES
- AT
- CHRIST'S
- EXPENSE

\* Justice = the scales are in balance

- the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23)
- getting what we deserve
- example (speeding tickets)

\* Mercy - Not getting what we deserve  
(the scales are not in balance)

\* Grace - Getting what we do NOT deserve

o NEXT WEEK: SAVING FAITH

\* How do I know...?

o Discipleship

\* Meditation (p. 179)

- Luke 21:14-15 (KJV): "Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer"

→ be tempered

- Luke 21:10-12 (KJV): "for my sake, you be brought before kings and rulers"

- 1 Timothy 4:11-15: "Meditate upon these things"

- Joshua 1:8 (KJV): "Meditate therein day and night..."

then thou shalt have good success"

- You can meditate on anything; we are interested meditation on God

→ it is not prayer; instead it is reflection

(COMFORT)

- Psalm 18:12 (meditations expressed by David)

- Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy"

- 2 Timothy 2:15

- Proverbs 8:33

- Hebrews 11:6

- 2 Timothy 3:16

- Revelation 2:12

1 Tim. 2:15



10-26-5  
1:00 PM class  
(Law's)

\* Isaiah 43:1-2 : "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee."

\* Isaiah 26:3 : "I will keep him in perfect peace who eyes are stayed on me."

\* Meditate on God's words and soar like an eagle.

\* If you line up with God's word (God's will for your life), God is duty-bound to back up anything you say.

10-27-5

2:30 PM class  
(Russ)

\* Jeremiah 29:11-14 (He is able to give you a hope and a future)

seek and find him whom  
sought for him with all your heart

\* We need to reproduce ourselves.

o Trust

\* Psalm 44:6-7 : "I do not trust in my bow (weapons) - but you give us victory"

\* Psalm 49:16-7 : "wicked deceivers - those who trust in their wealth"

\* Psalm 146:3 : Don't put your trust in princes.

\* Jeremiah 17:5 : Cursed is the one who trusts in man  
(man)

\* Jeremiah 48:7 : You trust in deeds  
(works) on you too will be taken away

\* Psalm 33:21 : Trust in his holy name  
(his name)

\* Psalm 119:42 : I trust in your word  
(his word)

\* Matthew 12:17-21 : the one of these eyes  
(the word)

\* Provisions (Benefits)

- Psalm 37:1-4 : "Trust in the Lord and do good"

\* - Psalm 56:4 : "in God I trust"

- Isaiah 57:13 : "makes me his refuge will inherit the land"



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2:50 PM class  
(Russ)

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- o Overcomers Book (p.134)
  - \* eternal life - Jesus Christ can give it to you  
- John 4:19 (streets of gold)
  - \* Your attitude determines your altitude
  - \* Christ in us - the hope of glory  
(Colossians 1:27)
  - \* Colossians 1:23-27: the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Page 1 of 3

11-01-05

2:30 PM

(George)

o G-O-S-REL Acronym (Handout)

- \* Genesis 3:17-19: "to dust you will return"
- Physical Death due to sin
- 2nd Death (Revelations)

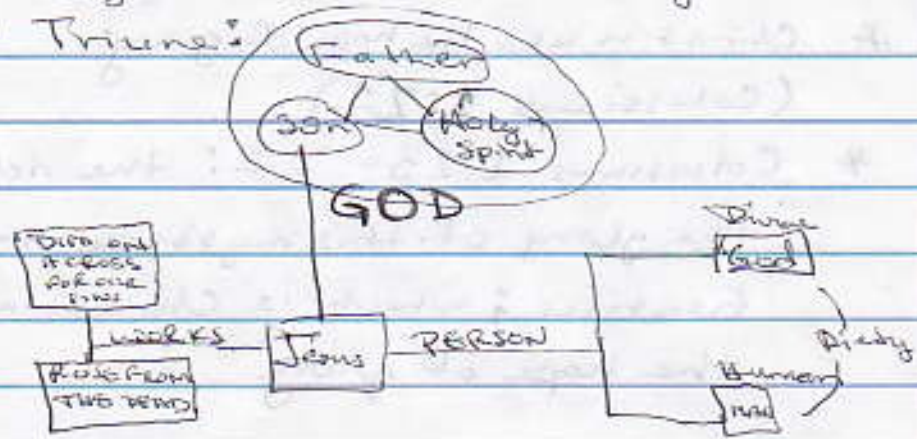
\* Romans 3:23 : <sup>all...</sup> fall short of the glory of God

\* John 5:24

o How can I be sure of my faith?

\* Saving Faith involves knowledge of who Christ is

- Trine:



- Phil. 2:5-9 : 'being made in human likeness'

- Deity

- 1 Tim 2:5-6 : there is one God and one mediator between God and man

- 1 Corin 15:3-4 : Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures

\* Saving Faith involves Acceptance of what he did

- Four types of soil : rocky ground, soil with no depth (no root), the thorny soil, and good soil (yield a crop)

- Doctrine of election : God chose

you before you were born  
Hebrews 11:1



- John 14:1-3: I will come back  
- Luke 21:28

~~John 14:1-3~~

- Believe: to accept something as being true

• It is possible to believe and not trust

- You cannot do enough good to earn his love, and you cannot do enough bad to lose his love

\* Saving Faith involves trust in Christ alone

- Ephesians 1:13-14: Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal

- Ephesians 2:8: For by grace you have been saved through faith

(Faith is the vehicle to salvation)

- Romans 5:2: gained access by faith

- Getting into Heaven is a matter of trusting someone

\* Saving Faith involves repentance is essential to Salvation

- Repentance: changing one's mind about God

- Titus 2:12-14: gave himself... to redeem us... and to purify

(Titus 2:12-14)

1:00 PM

(Elevis)

## o Meditation

\* One can meditate on anything and everybody meditates on something

\* One can meditate leading to obsession and possession (or being taken over)

\* Every Christian ought to be consistent in meditating on things of God; we can become hearers only and not doers.

- When people try to focus on God, but things try to distract us (i.e. TV)

- NOTE! People don't like <sup>to be</sup> quiet because people don't want to hear (from God)

- We picked up a lot of life's habits along life's journey; make meditation a part of your walk (to eliminate those habits)

\* Meditation is intertwined with prayer

\* Meditation also passages and terms (p. 181 Discipleship)

\* Meditation can prepare you for prayer

## o Conclusion (p. 182 Discipleship)

\* A healthy self-image is needed to listen effectively

→ Proverbs 23:17: "As a man thinketh, so is he"

- Self-image is a by-product of what you have been hearing



- You can be a nobody outside of church and  
a somebody inside the church

pride

\* Proverbs 11:2: When pride comes, then comes  
disgrace

\* Proverbs 16:18: Pride goes before destruction

\* Proverbs 29:23: A man's pride brings him low

\* Romans 12:1-3: Do not conform any longer  
to the patterns of this world

- Physical, mental, and emotional sacrifice

\* Spiritual maturity costs:

- Self-righteousness

- sins

- watching your conduct

- love of the world

\* Sacrifice morally, mentally and motivationally

\*

\* Start Journaling in Composition Book

\* Psalm 23 : 1-2 : "The Lord is my shepherd

... he leads me beside quiet waters"

- Is this life (life in Christ) is the abundant life?

\* 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 : "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal

but mighty through God to the pulling

down of strong holds"

\* Matthew 26:50 : "snatch off his ear" (Peter)

... "they that take the sword

shall perish with the sword"

→ Revelation 10:13

\* Have you presented your body to Christ? Dedication p. 182

- the pattern's whole attempts to fix character

defect in our lives

- Romans 12: 1-3 : "offer your bodies as living sacrifices"

holy and pleasing to God

"do not conform to this world"

- 1 Corth. 6: 9-11 : "but ye were washed"

"But not deceived"

note: "wash by the water of the word"

\* (look it up)

- Philippians 4:8:

- 2 Corinthians 10:5 : "Laying down imaginations"

... "that exalteth itself

against the knowledge of God"

... "bringing into captivity every

thought to the obedience of Christ"

\* Colossians 3:1



11-8-5

2:00 PM class  
(George)

o God Plan of Salvation

\* Saving Faith

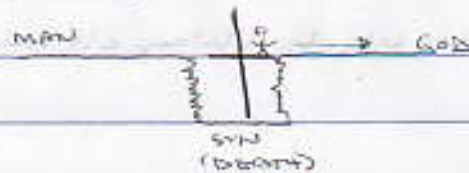
\* Trusting God and what prevents us from Trusting God

o Trust in God



\* Romans 1:18-20: clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse (intelligent design)

\* God designed us to have relationship with him; but sin separates us from God



- there is always a penalty for sin but Jesus paid for that sin

\* Two dimensions of Christ ( deity ) - human (man) and divine (God)

- Philippians 2:5-9

\* Acceptance of his person and his work -

- died on a cross and rose from the dead (defeated sin)

NOTE: New Testament was written within 30 years

- Luke 1:1-4: were eyewitnesses and servants of the word

\* Trust in Christ alone

- We are righteous in Christ

\* The cross is offensive to man - it says you are incomplete without Christ

- No founder of any other religion claimed to be God

- 1 John 1:5-10

- If you love me, keep my commandments

- Romans 12:1-2 'a living sacrifice'

- 1 Corinthians 6:19

→ honor God with your body

- 1 John 1:9 'Confess our sins'

- Psalm 51:1-12: Have mercy on me,

© God according to your great compassion

... Wash away all my iniquity



11-9-5  
1:00 PM Class  
(Lewis)

### Self-image

- \* There is indication God would replace you
- \* God does everything with purpose
- \* Hebrews 10:6-10: "I came to do thy will"
- \* Tied up on your purpose is timing
- \* The enemy parrots things of ~~the world~~ God
  - i.e. Drug dealer
- \* 2 Corinthians 5:17: "he is new creation"
- \* We can not put it together without God

11-10-5

2:00 PM Class  
(Row)

### \* Memory Verses

- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- 1 John 1:1-10

### \* What do you do when tempted?

- \* 1 Corinthians 6:18 - flee from sexual immorality
- \* 1 Peter 5:8
- \* Job 2:25: "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten"
- \* 2 Peter 1:2

20-3-11  
Wed 11:00 AM  
(Wed)

o Why do we go to Church?

\* to hear the word, rightly dividing the word of ~~the~~ <sup>truth</sup>

\* Luke 4:16

\* Hebrews 10:25: Not forsaking the assembling  
of ourselves together, as the  
manner of some is; but  
exhorting one another

NOTE Luke 4:1-13: Temptation of Jesus

Wmck

\* Journal

\* 1 Corinthians 1:18-19: For the preaching of the  
Cross is to them that perish  
foolishness... I will destroy  
the wisdom of the wise.

Apr 6-12  
Disciplinship  
class

(verses 20-31): word hath shown the  
foolish things of the  
world to confound the wise

- 1 Corinthians 2:9

Wmck

o Disciplinship p. 3

with  
Sun

o Overcomer's Book p. 131

o Memory Verse (enough I dash my foot)



11-15-5  
2:00 PM Class  
(2025)

o Deere's Book p. 135

\* Roman's 10:17: Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of God

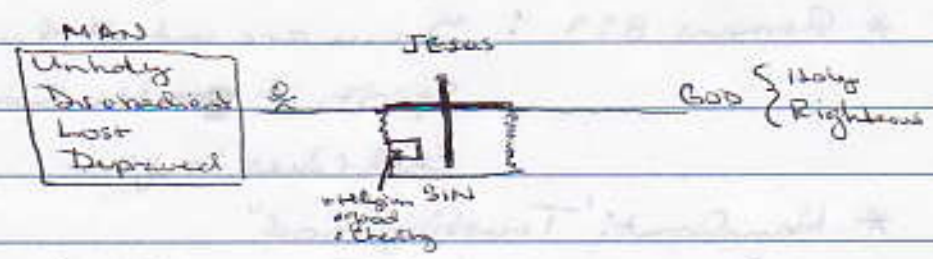
\* Being born again

- John 3:3,5: be born again

(Being born once is being born of the flesh;  
Being born again is being born of the spirit)

11-15-5  
2:30 PM Class  
(Georgia)

o Trusting in God



\* We evolve from a state of order to a state of disorder  
(not vice-versa)

\* Sin is ~~not~~ violating God's law

\* the greatest thing you is the servant of all

\* trusting Christ restores our relationship with God

(after we sin)

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(I want all believers/saved to be in heaven with me, Jesus)

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- Psalm 34:7,9 : The Lord encamps around those who fear him



- Psalm 145:19: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him

- Proverbs 1:7, 9:10: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge

- Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth (Proverbs 22:4)

• If we have accomplishment we point to Jesus (humility); pride is the opposite of humility

\* We are preserved for a purpose

11-16-5

1:00 PM class

(Ross)

## o Love

\* A gape Love (Agape Love) E.g \*

- speak faith filled words

\* Ephesians 4:25-26: 'Be ye angry and sin not, let ~~not~~ the sun go down upon your wrath'

- God's called us and he wants to make us higher in him

- Have an expectancy

- Speak those things as though they are

\* Hebrew 12:14: 'Follow peace with all men'

\* Matthew 5:22-24: whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment

o The Calling of the Twelve p. iii

\* you are being built together for a habitation of God  
\* Isaiah 53:1-5: He was wounded for our transgressions... with his stripes we are healed (vs. 5)

\* Friday (19:20-21)  
- Rayburn  
- Parking  
- Study table  
\* Saturday (19:20-21)  
- waiter

**Annex**

\* Paul preface and Peter

o Discipleship

\* Spiritual Growth

\* Messiah - son of God (Acts 3); Emmanuel

branch, cornerstone

- introduces the new covenant

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**Annex**

\* p. 3 (oral report)



11-15-5

2:00 PM Class  
(Ross)

Overcomer's Book p. 135

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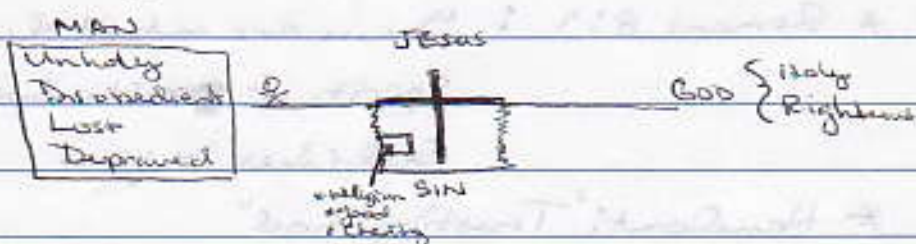
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Confessions

God is standing up because what is going on on Earth

\* Psalm 102

\* Psalm 1:3: "be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters"

→ A man of God has to get his feet back together

→ Get your foundation straight

→ Get the mind of Christ (use spent all of

our lives working the ways of Satan)

- let God put our lives back together

\* Galatians 4:19: My little children, of

whom I travail in birth again until

Christ be formed in you

→

\* Oracles - divine revelation

- Acts 7:38

\* Earthen vessels (jars of clay)

- 2 Corinthians 4:7: But we have this

treasure in earthen vessels, that

the excellency of the power may

be of God, and not of us

\* Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28

- Satan cast out of heaven (took a 1/3 of kingdom)

Discipleship

\* A <sup>two</sup> paragraphs ~~was~~ about the apostles <sup>paper</sup> (6 sentences for paragraph)

Frank

o Overcomer's Book

p. 136 (E.1.)

\* 1 John 3:9-10

\* Proverbs 13:22

read \* Isaiah 51:1-2

\* What you desire is what you are going to do

\* John 16:33

\* Proverbs 3:5

\* Hebrews 11:1

\* Solid Rock

\* John 16:13

Prayer



Have you ever wondered about how some guys become leaders? Who are they to be telling anyone what to do? Why doesn't God put some leaders in check? What do you think about George Bush or Bill Clinton? Has God dealt with them justly?

Well let's take a look back at a leader who was a king and how God dealt with him. Let's look at how Nebuchadnezzar was treated by God. Nebuchadnezzar was King between approximately 604 - 570 BC, King of Babylon [Daniel 1:1].

During his reign; God gave Nebuchadnezzar dreams about his kingdom and his reign

as King while Daniel, a young man from Judah

[Daniel 1:6] with an 'excellent spirit'

[Daniel 6:3, KJV], interpreted his dreams.

• (see 10-20-5; 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet)

• Nebuchadnezzar sees a tree in his dream

\* [Daniel 4:20-26] Daniel tells the King;

\* [Daniel 4:33-34, 36]

The experience of Nebuchadnezzar

shows that God is in charge of governments

and leaders of Gov't. Without a proper

relationship with God, whether strong or weak, we

are subject to God's correction.



## \* Discipleship

### \* Peter

- Bold, impetuous, quick to act/slow to think
- Would you choose Peter to be on your team?
- 'What I heard and what I saw are two different things'
- Motley - mixture of most unlikely
- If we had to write a resume to be a disciple, what would say? (Job description: loyal, dedicated, committed, won the world for Christ)
  - No one qualifies but God has called the most unlikely people for discipleship
  - He knows not only what you have done, but what you're going to do.

### \* Discipleship is a process

But - Judges: every body was doing what <sup>was</sup> right in their own sight?

- Every victory helps you build confidence

### \* Peter

- Luke 22:32: 'But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not'

\* John 14:14-18; 16:13 - 'I will not leave you'

- God is the aftercare program

\* The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)

## o Trusting Christ

- \* we need a savior & apart from God, we are helpless
- \* He will convict the world

## o Saving Faith (involves)

- \* Knowledge of who Christ is

- he was God (divine) and man (human)

- Father



- How did I get here?

- Creation

- purpose - The chief end of man is to glorify God

- destiny - The end is eternal life

- 2 Corinthians 5:20 & 1

- Our destiny is changed because of Christ

- \* Acceptance of what Christ did for us

- accept his holy word

- \* Trust in Christ alone

- The evidence of trusting is obeying (small use) (obedience)

- Christ is Lord

- disciple - ascribe to a teaching and following

- Evidence that you are a Christian is inward check back

- There needs to be a display of our trust

- Learn to, Plate my sinful behavior

- \* Matthew 7:13-23 : narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life



12-1-5

1:30 PM class  
(Ross)

- \* 211 years of kindergarten (STP 3 Students)
  - Goal is saving us so that when <sup>we</sup> go back to our communities we will have something to say to help someone find their way out the madness
- \* Israelites wandering in the wilderness
  - complaining / murmuring
  - ⇒ Make your requests known to God

### Overcomer's Book

- \* Matthew 18:33 : compassion on thy fellow servant
- \* Colossians 3:13
- \* Finish Goal Six by ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday
- \* Finish Goal Seven also

12-5-5  
1:15 PM class  
(Ross)

o "What a mighty God we serve"

o Confessions

\* I am somebody

o What do you think God is going to have you do?

\* Matthew 28:19: "Teach them"

o How do you become a child of God?

\* Have a change of ownership

\* You must hate ~~love~~ and love the other

\* There is a peace you obtain when you become  
a child of God

o Proverbs 3:5-6

\*

= Heaven and Eternal life is the goal

o Discipleship



12-51-51  
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Sweet

12-6-5  
1:00 PM Class  
~~12-6-5~~  
(Lewis)

- o Luke 4: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
- \* If you did not have the word, what would your belief system be based on?
- \* Knowing God and the Bible is a process
- o He that have an ear, let him hear.
- \* Remain teachable
- \* if you (profess) to know (enough), you are cutting off God
- o You have more than one way to receive the Word of God
  - \* eye-gate
  - \* ear-gate
- o A wrong decision will cost you something
- o Joel: your old men will dream and your men will see visions
- o Discipleship p. 18
  - \* Romans 8:2
  - \* 1 Corinthians 2:16
- o The question is "Does the Holy Spirit have you?"  
not "Do we have the Holy Spirit?"
  - \* You can't get close to God because of your rebelliousness and disobedience
- o If a fine woman walked in the room, would it be worth it to fornicate with her and give up your current relationships and assets.
  - \* When you think about sinning, think about what it's going to cost you
  - \* Job: Your latter end is going to be better than your beginning
- o Deuteronomy 26 (It's a promise we need to see that cuts)

12-12-5

1:00 PM  
(Lewis)

Discipleship, p. 13

\* If you will do what he tells you to do,

God is obligated to honor your words

\* "Thou shalt not make no other Gods before me"

... nothing before Gods

\* "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image"

... money, etc.

\* "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain"

- John 17:2-3

- You can't do his will unless you know his will for you

- ~~But~~ Rather <sup>than</sup> seeking God's acceptance, we seek the praise of men

⇒ Seek the praise of God

⇒ The Lord's Prayer

\* The Bible reveals God to us

\* Whatever God wants to do: you'll never find out the next piece until you do the first piece.

\* After you hunger and thirst after the Bible, you will do his commandments.

\* Luke 1:5-6

- Zechariah and Elizabeth: "blameless"

- a blessing delayed is NOT a blessing denied

\* Luke 1:30: you have found favor with God



2-19-21  
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(cont)

- \* What were you doing before you got here?
  - What would you do if you were not here?
  - do more than the assignment

\* 2 Timothy 4:9-11

- Things can distract you from the work of God

\* Too many people get the credentials and leave God outside the door

\* What difference does it make if people know who you are and you don't know who you are

\* When you don't experience God, your life is like a gerbil spinning around a steel gyroscope

12-14-5  
2:00 PM  
(Lewis)

o D. & P. p. 14-15

o Process: Identified

\* Maturing characteristics

- willingness

- obedient

o Prayer

\* Hebrews 7:25

\* Romans 8:26

\* Hebrews 4:16

\* Simple conditions of prayers

- Spreading out of our helplessness and that

① of others in the name of the Lord Jesus

- don't adopt a short cut attitude

- we come to him because he is a rememberer

② of those who diligently seek him

• Roman 11:6

- helplessness

• 'I can't fix anything'

• did the same thing again

- pray for others while they are doing good too

• to be sure that you stay strong (prepared up)

• pray that they be hungry for things  
of God

- what gets us in trouble is not realizing  
that we have a problem

• our responses to situations would be

different if we recognize we are truly  
helpless.



\* Matt. 11:28

\* 1 Peter 5:7: Cast all your anxiety (cares)  
on him (through prayer) because  
he cares for you

- as soon as some (they) let go, God began to work

\* A common position (found unacceptable) position

for prayer is on your knees and/or prostrate

- it humbles you and puts you in the proper  
perspective mentally as to who you are

\* Secret of failure in the life of a Christian

- prayerlessness

\* Genesis 3:1-13

- most of us know what is right and wrong

- pray before you make a decision

\* Genesis 16:1-4

- Abram did not discuss this (pray about this)

with God.

• "I'll fix it"

\* Prayer!

- keep trying again (like learning to swim)

\* Acts 15:36-41

\* Sometimes we come with our own agenda

- allow his will be done

- have you talked to someone without getting a response?

• Why do talk to God and not expect communication?

• Prayer is talking to (and hearing from) God

• Don't have to learn God's voice

• Real prayer is God's answer

\* 1 Peter 1:22

- obeying the truth
- purifying your souls
- loving one another from the heart

\* 1 Peter 1:23-25

- the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever

\* Psalm 23:1-6

- (vs. 1) The Lord is my shepherd
  - shepherd leads, guides, tends, protects flock
- ... I shall not want
- (vs. 2) He makes me lie down
  - slow down and focus on the Lord
- (vs. 3) he restores my soul
  - He guides me
  - for his name's sake
- (vs. 4) Walk through the valley of the shadow of death
  - ... fear no evil for you are with me
- (vs. 5) anoint my head with oil
  - Psalm 133 - Aaron - first priest and brother of Moses
- (vs. 5) ... my cup overflows  
(I lack nothing)
- (vs. 6) surely goodness and mercy (love) will follow me

\* Hebrews 13:11-12 (I dwell in the house with the Lord  
36 Jews also suffered outside the city gate)



\* Joshua 1:6-7: Be strong and of good courage

- he is the author and founder of our faith

Work

\* Hebrews 13:1-2, 17

- Hebrews 13:17 (Memory verse for Wednesday)

• Obey, submit yourselves, & keep watch over you

\* Peter

\* 14

- holding back to men

- over analysis

Work

\* Andrew, The Calling of the Twelve

o Prayer

\* Communication with God, worship

\* talking and listening to God

\* intercession for us

\* access to God

- Hebrews 2:25; 4:16

- Romans 8:26

\* instructions from God

\* talk to God when you don't know what to do

\* Luke 18:1-8

\* Psalm 55:16-17

\* Acts 6:4

\* work through p. 25

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Overcomer's Book p. 139

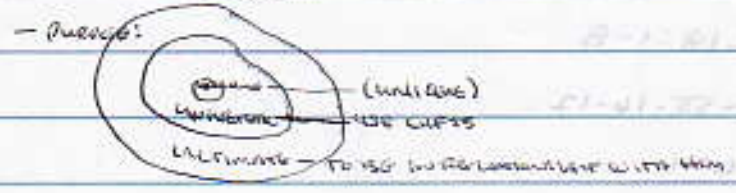
- \* forgiveness - pardon
- \* How do we know what forgiveness is? If experience, God's word (by faith)
- \* Forgive - mercy on your fellow man  
- absolution

NOTE: What is respect to one is not respect to another

- \* wages of sin is death
- \* Colossians 4:15 - make the most of every opportunity

12-20-5  
4:00 PM class  
(George)

- \* God created us in his image
- \* Omnipotence (all knowing), omnipresence (everywhere), omnipotent (all powerful)



- \* Our sin is evidence that we are a sinner
- \* 'The cross is an offense to the world' - Billy Graham
- \* Luke 6:46-49: Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I say?



\* Roman 8:30: "Whom God calls, he saves... justifies... glorifies"

\* Isaiah 7:14

\* Isaiah 9:1-6, 7: For to us a child is born

\* Matthew 1:18-21: give him the name Jesus because he will save  
his people from their sins

Christmas  
Story

\* Luke 1:26-36

\* Luke 1:57-62, 64

\* Luke 1:5-20: Gabriel silences Zechariah because he  
did not believe

\* Luke 2:4-14, 15-18, 21, 25-32

\* Romans 1:18-20: so that men are without excuse

- Jesus = Joshua = the Lord-saves

\* Jeremiah 29:11-14

\* Luke 2:7

- no room for them in the inn
- people aren't going, make room for you
- you're at a birthing place; do not be defined by your starting place

o Jesus =

- What he came to do? what people he met?
- Soldier for Christ!

o To be called upon

\* Communication model: sender - receiver - feedback

\* Romans 8:18-32

o Overcomer's Book 2, p. 199

\* Forgiveness

- Grace - mercy

HW

o Write a paragraph of what John 3:16 means to you?



- \* How much time have we spent with him?
- \* He knew you before you formed in your mother's womb.
- \* God will give you a word that you need to report to others.

- \* He will set you apart
- \* Zechariah 2:10: for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye

(Sin)  
\* Dishonesty separates us from seeing of God

\* 1 John 1:5-10  
(vs. 9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

- True repentance: turn 180° and don't return to sin

\* Dishonesty is the act of concealing that which we know to be wrong

\* James 1:13-15

\* Acts 13:22-23: I have found David... a man after my own heart

\* Romans 3:23: all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

\* Psalm 51:1-7, 11-13

12-27-5  
4:00 PM  
(George)

\* In order for our relationship to grow with God,  
we have to be obedient

\* Isaiah 40:1-31

- Isaiah was a prophet that predicted the  
coming of the Messiah

- Chapter: God is a God of mercy

- There is nothing wicked when Jesus comes

→ no classes of people

-- God's glory is 'grass' and 'flower' of the field

\* Isaiah 41:1-9

\* Isaiah 42:1, 6-9

\* Isaiah 53:1-6, 7-12

\* Repentance - changing my mind about God

\* Philippians 3:4-7, 8-10

\* Our faith in Christ puts us in right standing with Him

\* 1 Timothy 1:12-13: Even though I was once a  
blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I  
was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance  
and in belief

\* Read Luke 2 and 3

\* Matthew 25:31-40: Whatever you did for one  
of the least of these brothers of mine, you did  
for me

\* It is vital to our health that we have a genuine  
relationship with Jesus Christ



\* Proverbs 2:1-15

\* Who Are You Following? (SEE HANDOUT)

- Qualities of Fall models

① Be transparent (what's on the inside should be shown on the outside)

⇒ Are you going to allow the world to conduct you or are you going to conduct the world around

② Develop an uncompromised love for the Lord

⇒ Proverbs 2:1-5

note: uncompromised - not yielding, inflexible

⇒ Developed through staying in His word

• The more you read it, the more you are going to want to read it

③ Diligently hunger after God's word

⇒ Matthew 6:19-21: Where your treasure is, your heart will be also

④ Commit to obey God's word regardless of the power or the popularity of those who disagree

⑤ Acquire an understanding of both the works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit

⇒ Proverbs 29:20

- It is not wise to speak without first thinking

- words are to be used to impart wisdom

⑥ Cultivate sensitivity to the voice of the Lord  
and a desire for what pleases Him

⑦ Never touch the gold or the glory,  
- Humble yourself at all times

⑧ Observe what you dislike in others and make  
a decision to refrain from doing it  
→ think about and pray on

⑨ Acknowledge that you are predestined to be  
conformed to the image of God's Son  
~~sometimes~~

⑩ Honor anything or anyone who is unwilling  
to support you in your commitment to the  
other nine

- acknowledge elders
- Matthew 7:13-14

\* Return what is good, throw away what is bad



12-29-5  
1:30 PM CLASS  
(Sermons)

Overcomer's Book p. 142 (C.S.)

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- Ephesians 4:14-16

- Rev 20:12-15

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- Forgive yourself

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HW \* Fridays (House Meeting)

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• Overcomer's Book p. 147 (Good Seven: Summary)

1-3-6  
7:30 on class  
(Rev)

\* Acts 12:1-10 (TD JAKES)

\* Chicken and the eagle

\* Come to him empty, so he can fill us up

\* While I was trying to figure it out, God  
was working it out

\* Overcomer's Book, p. 142

\* Your broke... he is trying to fix the problem

\* When you take care of his business... he will  
take care of your business

\* Set free by accepting Christ and obeying his law

Memory  
verse

\* Galatians 5:1 [KJV]

\* Crucifying the deeds of this flesh

\* John 8:36



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• Overcomer's Book p. 147 (Goal Seven: Surrender)

\* Prayer is usually the last thing people do when they have exhausted everything else, instead praying first

- Prayer is communication with God and expecting an answer

- Effective communication seeks a favorable response

- A lot of people confuse meditation with prayer

• Meditation is to reflect, deep thinking and continuously • Having a deep thought is not the same as having communication with God (prayer)

- Romans 8:9: You know not how to pray as you ought

• Prayer is done through you with God

- Immerse yourself in the things of God; as soon as he gets strange enough, he takes over

• The Holy Spirit kicks in and takes over

- Your real problem is in what you don't know

- Hebrews 11:6: 'those that come to God must believe that he is and he is rewarder of those that diligently seek him'

- When no one else will give you anything (God will step in)

\* What does he want you to do?

\* James 1:5: If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault

\* Pray continuously



\* Desire to be God-conscious, God-focused

\* 2 Corinthians 5:7: we walk by faith, not by sight

\* They didn't see the change but they kept on praying

\* The only thing holding you back is you

\* Fun is being in communication with the Creator of the Universe; It's impossible to experience it without God

\* Only by the spirit can you get into the Kingdom

1-5-6

11:30 PM class

(Ross)

\* Psalm 100

- (vs. 3): Know that the Lord is God

- (vs. 4): Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; praise (bless) his name

\* Psalm 27:14

- (v. 14): Wait for the Lord

\* Lamentations 29:5

- Wait on Faith

o Owen's Book, p. 148, B. 2.

\* Romans 6:13

\* If you don't sow, you reap a harvest

\* We have to please God...