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Thursday Night Bible Study Call 8:00 – 8:45 p.m "End of the Season – Tips and Ideas"

Bible Study Notes

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Tips to and Ideas towards an increase of faith:

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NOTE: Please note that these tips and ideas are from experience. These Tips and ideas are what helped and continue to help increase my faith, love and knowledge of Jesus Christ. There is no cookie cutter way to the God except by Jesus Christ. I encourage you to find what ways the Lord is calling you into intimacy with Him. When you find it, stick with it, and GO HARD for the Lord your God.

I pray these tips and ideas help bring a spark and fire to your walk and relationship!!!

Tip 1:

I cannot stress this tip enough!!! There is no better way to get to know the Father, who He is and what He desires of you then to...... **READ HIS WORD**!!! Joshua 1:8 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- If you do not have a bible, get one! If you do not have a way of getting one please let me know and I will get one to you!!
- Just like a boyfriend/fiancé or a husband the way you began to know who he is, is by finding out about him, by searching him out to see if he is worthy of your time.
- ^^^ That is the same thing we must do with the Father, search Him, seek Him and find out about Him through His word!
- To be able to pour His goodness and all that He has for you, you must already have it inside of you!

"you cannot meditate on His word without first reading it" – Jack Wellman

IDEA:

- 1. Download the bible app and either 1. Start a plan or 2. Browse different chapters and read as you plan
- 2. Go on YouTube and while you are; driving/commuting, showering, or getting ready to start or end your day, listen to a book in the bible (I love to listen to the same book of the bible that I have either read for the week or plan on reading to really allow it to stick in my heart and mind)
- 3. Partner up with someone and do a partner read. This method was a huge help for me when I was beginning my walk with and Faith with Christ. To be able to hear and get a different perspective about the Word of God opened my eyes to a deeper and clearer understanding of His Word Let me know if you wish to partner up, and read!! I'll read with you! (3)

Tip 2:

I love this one!!! The bible speaks on this one very plain and clear! – **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING** – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- As you begin to read His word, you'll understand the importance of praying and interceding on behalf of your life and the lives of others
- Prayer is the way you connect with the God you hear and read about
- Praying strengthens you in faith and matures you as a believer

IDEA:

- 1. I remember a few years ago, I wanted to pray but it seemed as if every single time I went to pray I either; forgot what I wanted to pray, didn't know what to pray, or fell asleep. To prevent that from happening, I used to bullet my prayer point and pray from my list points. Doing this method has strengthened my memory mass **and** it allowed me to really be able to pray and intercede for those around me.
- 2. Sometimes, When I 'can't' pray, I write out my prayers. Writing out my prayers is something I do now. I don't always pray on bended knees. I began to write out my prayers because at one point in my life I realized that A LOT of my prayers were getting answered and I wanted something to show and document when a prayer was getting answered. If you like the idea of seeing God work through your own answered prayers I encourage you to grab a journal and write your prayer and DATE, your prayers. Once I realized that God heard my prayers, this encouraged me to pray more, not only for myself but for others.

Tip 3:

INTIMACY!!!! God is a jealous GOD!! He wants no other god before Him. He wants you and YOUR TIME!!! *Exodus 20:5*

- There are many ways to God, however, the end results in intimacy!!!!
- The more time you spend with Christ, the more you'll develop ways of intimacy with the Father
- The more intimate you are with the Lord the deeper a relationship you'll be able to develop with Him
- A deeper relationship is a result of spending intimate, intentional time with The Lord your God.

IDEA:

1. Pretty much everyone knows that I love, love, love!!! To spend time with the Lord. My favorite thing to do is the have a little Father, daughter date! My ideal date with our

Father is to go to Panera Bread, order some food, play some music, read the bible and take notes on what I have read. — this is a really cool way that I like to spend time with the Lord. ** let me tell you, if I do not get to go to Panera or I get distract while I am in my intimate time, GIRL!! I get highly upset! lol ... ** If you try this let me know how it goes.

Tip 4:

Journal, Journal, Journal!!! – So, the reason why we have a bible is because the workers of the Lord took time out and to journal and write on scribes. I can only imagine that when they were writing they had no intent or the full knowledge or vision of producing it to the masses, they were writing as the Lord revealed to them. I always encourage everyone to get a journal and document your life and journey, keep track of your testimony, and watch your growth. *Habakkuk 2:2 & 2 Corinth. 3:2*

- Journaling can help you remember the goodness of the Lord over your life
- Journaling, like writing your prayers down can help you track your answered questions and thoughts
- Journaling can help you show in what areas you've grown and what areas you still need to grow in

IDEA:

I started off with one journal and one highlighter and my bible. As I read I wrote about my thoughts and my questions, and highlighted the scriptures to match my thoughts. As I began to turn journaling into a habit I began to make journaling fun and creative. I got to multiple colored highlighters and colorful pens, I also got 2 journals. One journal was for my thoughts on scriptures and the other is for my thoughts and experience on life and my desired areas of growth pertaining to my walk.

Tip 5:

So, once we come into the knowledge of Christ, we must literally attach ourselves to the BODY of Christ. My next tip is to **GET CONNECTED!** *Hebrews 10:25* Tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together! – The Lord wants and desires us to be connected and a part of a body of believers. One thing that is prevalent in the Christian/ Of Faith community is that we isolate ourselves and draw away from other likeminded believers. I said this before and I will say this again. Satan wants you to think that you are all alone and have no one to connect with in the Walk of Faith – that is a lie from the pit of hell! There are so many people around us that share the same beliefs and thought and would love to connect, open your heart and allow God like fellowship to be amongst you

IDEA:

- Join a small/life group. You can find small/life group in either your local church or the nearest ministry! – joining a group will keep you connected with others as well as help keep your fire burning.
- 2. When I started in my walk, I was in college. The nearest church was about 30-40 min. away, however, if I missed church, I joined ministries. The ministry that I went to was every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, however, I went for most of Thursday and I went for every Friday gathering. Joining these ministries showed me that there are other believers that were around my age and in different stages of their walk. In my opinion, I preferred going to the small groups and ministries because it allowed me to really connect with others which resulted in me really being able to relate the Word of God into my life.

Tip 6:

One thing that always seem to be consistent when it comes to increasing your faith and developing a relationship with Jesus Christ, is distractions! **Reducing your distractions** will ensure that you receive the revelation that God desires of you. With our world is developing so rapidly and pulling us in all sorts of directions, here are some ideas on how to **REDUCE** your **DISTRACTIONS**: 1 Corinth.7:35 & Mark 4:19

IDEA:

- 1. Turn off or place your phone on silent while reading.

 if you must keep your phone on turn your notifications off and restrict your calls to only your 911 emergency/important callers such as, mom, dad and children
- 2. Block out your time that is dedicated only for the Lord
- 3. When you wake up in the early mornings, don't scroll on social media, instead scroll on your bible app and read a chapter or open up your bible and read and/or journal

Tip 7:

All over the world Christians have their own shares of worries that they deal with on the day to day basis. When coming into the body of Christ, your troubles, and cares of this will not go away. However, you know obtain the answer and redeemer of it all, Jesus. Everything you need to be able to conquer this world in in the gift of GOD. Cast your cares on Him and **REMAIN POSITIVE AND HOPEFUL!!** Remaining positive and hopeful goes a long away. The enemy will do everything in his power to snatch the Joy of the Lord form you. You must tap into the power of Christ and remain positive despite your daily issues and concerns. *John 14:72 & Hebrews 11:1*

IDEA:

- 1. Speak Life into yourself. When the enemy comes in like a flood, raise up a standard! Speak the Word of God over your life!
- 2. Meditate on His words
- 3. Ask for prayer
- 4. Affirm yourself with His Words
- 5. Dive deep and hold on tightly on what He has told and called you! You are His child, He is your Father and He desires to give you good gift and the gift of peace is something that he wants you to have. hold onto it!!

PRAYER:

MY PRAYER IS THAT YOU CONTINUE TO SEEK THE LORD MORE THAN EVER. HIS WORD TELLS US IN, HEBREWS 11:6 THAT GOD IS A REWARDER OF THOSE WHO DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM. I PRAY THAT HE REVEALS HIS WORDS PLAN INTO YOUR LIFE. I PRAY THAT YOU CLING ONTO HIM, LIKE NEVER, BEFORE. JESUS IS REAL AND HE WANTS TO BE REAL IN YOUR LIFE! OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS COVERING AND GUIDING YOU!! IN JESUS' NAME, I PRAY I PRAY FOR YOUR INCREASE. ~ AMEN

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"Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" - 1 Peter 1:16