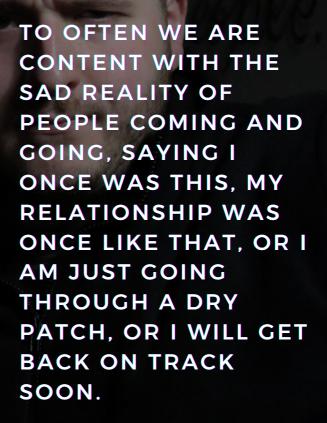




IN THIS STAGE WE WANT TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN NOT **ONLY SUSTAIN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. BUT INSTEAD THRIVE IN OUR** RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. HOW DO WE GET OUT OF THIS FAITH OF CEMENT OR PROCRASTINATION, LIKE THE **ISRAELITES IN THE WILDERNESS. WE NEVER WANT** TO BE IN A 'WILDERNESS STATE,' WHEREBY WE FORGET THE GREAT SALVATION AND WORK GOD HAS DONE IN THEIR LIVES. WE NEVER WANT TO BE IN A POSITION WHERE WE ARE SLOWLY AND PAINFULLY REGRESSING IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, NOR DO WE WANT LONG SEASONS WHERE WE DISTANCE **OURSELVES FROM GOD.**









WE WANT AN ALL OUT RELATIONSHIP FOR GOD. WHEREBY LITERALLY EVERYDAY YOU ARE COMPLETELY **RELENTLESS AND RADICAL IN** YOUR PURSUIT FOR CHRIST. **GOD IS LIMITLESS AND** IMMEASURABLE, SO ALTHOUGH GOD CAN NEVER BE FULLY KNOWN, GOD CAN BE **SUFFICIENTLY KNOWN! WE ALSO** WILL NEVER REACH THE LIFE OF JESUS IN HIS PERFECTION, SO WE SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE THE **MENTALITY THAT THERE IS BOTH MORE TO LEARN AND** MORE TO GROW IN! WHILST BEING CONTENT THAT JESUS IS THE PERFECTION AND GRACE WE LIVE IN.



GROW IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST! PHILIPPIANS 3. 10 'I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST-YES, TO KNOW THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND PARTICIPATION IN HIS SUFFERINGS. BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH, 11 AND SO, SOMEHOW, ATTAINING TO THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.12 NOT THAT I HAVE ALREADY OBTAINED ALL THIS. OR HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED AT MY **GOAL. BUT I PRESS ON TO TAKE** HOLD OF THAT FOR WHICH CHRIST **JESUS TOOK HOLD OF ME.13 BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I DO** NOT CONSIDER MYSELF YET TO HAVE TAKEN HOLD OF IT. BUT ONE THING I DO: FORGETTING WHAT IS BEHIND AND STRAINING TOWARD WHAT IS AHEAD, 14 I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL TO WIN THE PRIZE FOR WHICH GOD HAS CALLED ME HEAVENWARD IN CHRIST JESUS."





OUR INTIMACY WITH GOD IS CONTINGENT ON OUR EFFORT AND FAITHFULNESS TO OBEY THE COMMANDMENT TO READ GOD'S WORD.



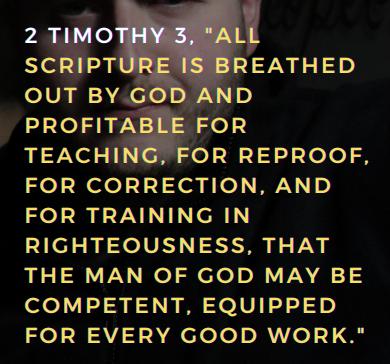




WE SHOULD PANT FOR GOD'S WORD THE SAME WAY A DEERS PANT FOR WATER, IT SHOULD BE THIS ONGOING THIRST, THIS COMES FROM DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT EVERYDAY - NON-STOP (PSALM 42).











THE HOW

"THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL
NOT DEPART FROM YOUR MOUTH,
BUT YOU SHALL MEDITATE ON IT
DAY AND NIGHT, SO THAT
YOU MAY BE CAREFUL TO DO
ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS
WRITTEN IN IT. FOR THEN YOU
WILL MAKE YOUR WAY
PROSPEROUS, AND THEN YOU WILL
HAVE GOOD SUCCESS."

"LEARNING YOUR WORDS GIVES WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING AND SELF-CONTROL." MEMORISE GOD'S WORD SO YOU HAVE VERSES THAT YOU CAN RECOLLECT LIKE JESUS DID AGAINST SATAN (LUKE 4).

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THE RESULT

PSALM 1,
'BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO
WALKS NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF
THE WICKED, NOR STANDS IN
THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SITS
IN THE SEAT OF SCOFFERS; BUT
HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF
THE LORD, AND ON HIS LAW HE
MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT. HE
IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY
STREAMS OF WATER THAT
YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN ITS SEASON,
AND ITS LEAF DOES
NOT WITHER."

PSALM 119
"THOSE WHO LOVE YOUR
INSTRUCTION HAVE GREAT
PEACE AND DO NOT STUMBLE."



PRAY

THERE ARE SO MANY
FRAMEWORKS GIVEN FOR US TO
PRAY! BUT JESUS OUR KING
LITERALLY TELLS US HOW TO
PRAY.

MATTHEW 6:9-13. 'THIS IS HOW YOU SHOULD PRAY, OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN **HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY** NAME: THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE: ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST **US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO** TEMPTATION: BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN."



A= ADORATION, PRAY TO GOD WORSHIPPING WHO GOD IS, WHAT GOD HAS DONE AND WHAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO DO.

C= CONFESSION, COME AND STAND
BEFORE GOD INNOCENT, THE PSALMIST
DAVID WROTE, 'IF I HAD NOT CONFESSED
MY SIN GOD WOULD NOT HAVE HEARD
ME.' WE NEED TO STAND BEFORE GOD
INNOCENTLY WHEN WE PRAY, BRINGING
OUR GUILT, SHAME AND SIN BEFORE THE
THRONE ROOM OF GOD.

T= THANKSGIVING, WE ARE CALLED TO OFFER UP OUR GRATITUDE AT THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE AND NEVER CEASING GOODNESS AND KINDNESS OF GOD, OUR GRATITUDE SHOULD BE AS UNCEASING AS THE UNCEASING GENEROSITY OF GOD.

S= SUPPLICATION, WE SHOULD OFFER UP OUR REQUESTS TO GOD (LUKE 18: 1-8), THIS PARABLE ILLUSTRATES THAT OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS A LOVING FATHER WHO DESIRES TO GIVE THE DESIRES OF HIS CHILDREN'S HEART (PSALM 37.) SO CONSTANTLY PRAY, CONSTANTLY ASK, WHOEVER SAYS AND DOES NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART WILL HAVE WHATEVER HE SAYS.



MAKE SURE THAT WE FORGIVE PEOPLE AND HAVE NO ANGER WITHIN US WHEN WE APPROACH GOD,

2 CORINTHIANS 10, "FOR OUR WEAPONS ARE NO CARNAL, BUT MIGHTY IN GOD FOR PULLING DOWN STRONGHOLDS.

UTILISE THE AWESOME GIFT AND POWER OF PRAYER, THIS IS OUR WEAPON OF CHOICE WHEN FACING THE ENEMY WHO PROWLS AROUND LIKE A ROARING LION (1 PETER 5).

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