

PART VII: The Credibility of the Word of God

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LAST WEEK'S PRACTICE.

Last week's practice was to pray based on The Lord's Prayer in our personal prayer times. And also, continue filling the calendar with the three practices we are doing; Lectio Divina, praying (based on the Lord's Prayer) and the strategy to meditate on the word of God. And, we encouraged those who had not done so last week to memorize 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (and those who had done so, memorizing Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

- Who would like to say the verse 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- Who would like to share how this week's practice went? How did having a guide, like the Lord's Prayer, help you when praying?
- Who has been able to see growth during the last few weeks in their intentionality with the practices? What have you seen that has changed in you?
- For you, how does prayer help you depend more on God?

Note: Remember that the calendar, memorizing the verse and the other practices are simply to help you be more intentional about being with Jesus. If at any time you feel like it's a straitjacket, and it's affecting you more than it's helping you, don't feel forced to do it. The goal is not to seek perfection, but to practice. Let the goal be to get closer to Jesus and not feel guilty

SUMMARY.

When Adam and Eve were connected to the source of power they could see, and understand. But there was something that could turn off that fountain and God had warned: The day you eat from that tree, you will surely die. When Eve lost trust in God and in his Word, it was the beginning of their disconnection from God. And although they did not stop being living beings, they certainly died, they were disconnected from God. They no longer saw, nor perceived. They stopped relating to God and no longer recognized his voice. In the same way it happens to us today that, although we read the Bible, we do not understand it and we do not recognize it. But there is hope, that you will be regenerated and transformed to connect, once again, to the loving source of God; For it is through a relationship, communion, as it was in the Garden of Eden, that man is once again connected to God

SUNDAY'S TEACHING.

- What did the Holy Spirit speak to you (or got your attention) about Sunday's teaching?

John 8:39-49

- What stands out to you most about this passage?
- How do you think these people who listened to Jesus lost their connection with God, and therefore they did not recognize or follow Jesus?
- What is a concrete step you can take to connect to God once again?

PRACTICE IN COMMUNITY.

Our community is built around the idea of practicing Jesus. It is important to go to church on Sundays and listen to the teaching, but if you stay there it is not of much use. In the words of James, "Don't just listen to the word of God; They have to put it into practice. Otherwise, they are only deceiving themselves. (James 1:22)" That is why our goal should not be just to read the Bible, but to put it into practice

After almost two months with our practice Training With Effort, today you are going to take some time to slow down, reflect on how far you have progressed, and see what changes you can implement to continue growing

We are going to have some reflection exercises and then share. We are going to do our best to ensure that everyone answers and that no one answers more than once, to give everyone the opportunity to participate

First, take a few seconds to think about how you have grown during this practice, no matter how small it may be. Maybe before you didn't read the Bible, and now you do it a couple of times a week. Before, you read the Bible and prayed but you were inconsistent, and now you are being more consistent. Or maybe you were very distracted before and now you are more conscious of meditating on the word of God during your days and weeks. Or if you think you haven't grown, be honest too

Write in a notebook you have (this is what we recommend) or on the back of this paper

- One or two people who would like to share what their growth has been

Second, write what has been the area that has exposed the Holy Spirit the most in which you must grow. Some ideas may be: in your distraction, in the lack of discipline, in consistency, in the worries of life, in that you do not put the word of God into practice. A good idea is to review your notes from the teachings and remember what caught your attention

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Write in a notebook you have (this is what we recommend) or on the back of this paper

- One or two people who would like to share what their growth has been

Now, write down what has been the biggest obstacle to your training with effort and why. Some obstacles may be: time, priorities, your dependence on money, laziness, distractions, etc. Make sure you are specific about what that major obstacle has been, and why

Write in a notebook you have (this is what we recommend) or on the back of this paper

- One or two people who would like to share what has been the biggest obstacle they have had so far and why

Fourth, write down a concrete step you are going to take to overcome the obstacle

Write in a notebook you have (this is what we recommend) or on the back of this paper

- One or two people who would like to share what specific step they are going to take to overcome their obstacle

Finally, think about the three practices we have been emphasizing, lectio divina, prayer, and meditation on the word. Think about what has worked and what hasn't worked during these weeks and what you can change. Maybe, the time you do it, not having a reading plan, or not having a specific time, etc

In other words, what can you do to continue being more consistent in these practices?

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- One or two people who would like to share what changes they are going to make to be more consistent
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THIS WEEK'S PRACTICE.

The practice of the week is to implement these changes that you wrote about today. Be aware of what has been the biggest obstacle during this season and do what you can to overcome it, be intentional in the area that The Holy Spirit has shown you to grow, and continue to grow in the three practices that we have been emphasizing, lectio divina , prayer (based on the Our Father) and meditation on the word of God. And if it helps you, we encourage you to continue filling out your calendars, and memorize another passage from the Bible