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The Reason Why

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The Forgotten Stewardship

We all have things we must do every day so that our lives don't become a jumbled mess of chaos. We pay our bills, work, take care of the family, go to church, spend time with friends, etc. We do them all the time and think nothing of it. It's just normal living, right? Nothing extraordinary about it. After this kind of consistent living we consider ourselves responsible, well established individuals.

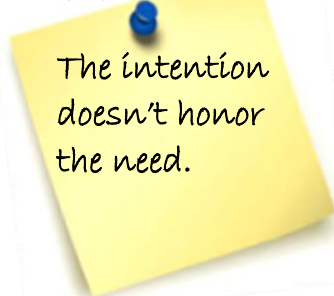
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Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:

- Kyle Spragins Apr 3, 2017
- Wayne Winter Apr 3, 2017
- Paul Charles Apr 10, 2017
- Champ Johnson Apr 10, 2017
- Scott Switzler Apr 17, 2017
- Daniel Busch May 30, 2017
- Chad Allen May 31, 2017
- Kevin Headlee Jun 12, 2017
- Kevin Murphy Jun 12, 2017
- Paul Cunningham Jun 21, 2017

Pray that our recent graduates will walk in their God-given talents for His glory:

- Johnny Parsley Apr 15, 2017
- Randy Eyre Jul 5, 2017



What If?

What if it was really true that we would do greater works than Jesus did like He said we would? ("Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." - John 14:12) Would we allow the Lord to take us beyond our wildest imagination into great fetes for His glory?

What if instead of praying for the sick, we could heal the sick (and raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, and drive out demons) like Jesus told us to? ("Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." - Matthew 10:8) Would we walk in that authority and pour out the fullness of His power and grace into the lives of the desperately

needy around us?

What if our hearing of the voice of the Lord was as common as sheep hearing the shepherd's voice? ("My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." - John 10:27) Would we want to hang around longer to hear what He wants to share with us?

What if we did seek first His kingdom and righteousness and all these things we pursue and exhaust ourselves for were given to us? ("But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." - Matthew 6:33) Would we find rest as we utilize the endless resources of the Kingdom to make known His grace to those who don't know Him?

From the Father's Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

What Can I Say?

"Order my steps, Lord!" Many a day starts out with this simple but profound prayer request. And really, every day should! You've probably all heard how to make God laugh, right? Make plans...



When I share with someone that I'm in full time ministry it typically conjures up as many different images as there are people to imagine such an unpredictable life. Whether I have a list (or two) of things to do, or a blank canvas for the day, I promise you, I will always fair better trusting God for ordering my steps. And, not only my steps, but my mind, and my words too. It all begins with our thoughts friend, good, bad and indifferent (if there is such a thing). So, let's not give our enemy any opportunities to blindsides us or take advantage of our poor planning or short sightedness. Let's let the Lord order



our steps, our thought life and words over others and ourselves so we can both (Father and Son) have a good laugh when it's all over, and hopefully before. Most of you have likely seen or heard the well-known footsteps in the sand story. There's another dynamic to the reality of our God's faithfulness to His wayward wingnuts. Those of us unable, or unwilling, to walk with the Lord, leave our heel marks in the sand either being drug or pushed to our destiny. Trust me friends, having been drug, pushed and carried by God's grace more than I probably know, I'd much rather have Him order my steps and lead me in the Ways of righteousness. I hope you'll join me in seeking His guidance, step by step.

Pr 3:5-6, Rom 12:2, Isa 55:8 & 11, Rom 10:11

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Considering all the stated facts you could be right. However, what if I were to tell you that there is something deeper than this. That in Kingdom living that “doing the right thing” is only half of what we are called to do. In fact, this other half is what you will be rewarded for now and in eternity. It’s called “The Why”.

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BUT WHY
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Everyone has motives. Some bad, some good. They are the driving force behind every decision we make. Sadly, many of us don't take the time to think, much less do any kind of real self-examination of motives. We just want to do things, not really understand them. We will leave all the examination and study to the scholars or the nerds. Let the preacher tell us about it, read a book about it, maybe even try it a couple of times; but, we don't want to spend the time or energy. Come on, let's face the truth. Self-examination, real self-examination, is scary. Maybe we don't want to know what our true motives are. What if we find out that we are just like the hypocrites we love to judge? What if we actually need to change something about us that we have come to accept as a part of who we are as a person. It's our identity after all, who will we be if we have to remove something we find wrong with it? Yes, it's a lot of questions, but we have all asked them one way or another at some point. However, our motives, our “reasons why” impact us on the most fundamentally important level of our lives, our soul.

The soul is the most valuable asset we have as humans
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besides our spirit (which belongs to and is protected by God). Souls are the seat of our will, emotions, and intellect, and have been given to us at our rebirth to exercise stewardship over. We can, by our choices, save or destroy them (Deut. 4.29; Jer. 6.16; Eke. 18.20; Mat. 16.26). Yes, even “good Christians” can destroy their souls.



The first way this happens is by neglect. If we fail to nurture and cultivate our soul it will be overrun by weeds of insatiable desire for something to comfort it. Ever find yourself in discontent? Wanting? Seeking for more? Lacking joy? How about empathy, motivation, or peace? This comes from a dissatisfied soul. Whatever you have allowed into you by means of the eyes, ears, or entertained thoughts will be the food or poison of the soul. There have been well intentioned believers who have slaughtered their own souls by just neglecting to guard themselves from the worldly passions.

The second, and probably the most common way, this happens is through compromise. I don't mean the kind of compromise done in healthy relationships where you are considering other's interests above your own. I'm speaking about the compromise of



integrity. We say, “I only lied to you to protect you”, “I said those things to make a point, I didn't really mean them”, “It was only one time”, “I won't go too far”, and the list can keep going. We think that the “white lie” or the “seemingly unimportant decision” will not make much of a difference in the scheme of things. In therein lies your soul's demise. The soul will be chipped at, nipped, and slowly faded into something dark, cold and calloused. We

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must be upright in all we do, learning from the grace of God “to say no to ungodliness” and all that will poison the soul (Titus 2:11-14). Of course, you might stand out, be different, or called radical. But who cares? This is what you have been called to face and endure. Great will be your reward in eternity.

The third way our souls can be assassinated is through direct purposeful rebellion. This is probably the quickest way to shut the coffin on our precious commodity. I personally know how this is done. I, like many of you, have been in a place where I was faced with the ugly truth of myself. I was given the choice to listen to truth or reject it. I was caught between what I knew about God and what I truly believed. I chose to rebel from the perceived notion that I was some pawn in some cosmic Chess Game where God and Satan battled to be Champion. I dove



head first into sin and destruction, hoping to fight for the peace that wasn't being given to me. I was so sorely beaten I no longer cared about the health of my soul. I just wanted to be left alone. Anyone ever feel that way? It doesn't end well. I got exactly what was coming to me. Death is not a fun friend. I lost my dignity, self-respect, hope, and most importantly I lost my identity. My soul had been murdered by my rash angry choices. Thanks be to our faithful Father that He loved me too much to leave me there. It was His healing hand of chastisement that brought me back to where I truly live. This is not a path I want anyone else to experience.

As always...

We appreciate your continued prayers and financial encouragement for this ministry. Our current needs include financial support for administrative staff, gainful employment for our men, and more bed space & staff for expansion. Please join us in declaring supernatural debt cancellation and for a mighty move of the Spirit's freeing work in the lives of His precious ones.