

Saturday & Sunday, October 7 & 8, 2017 - "Walk the Walk" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Colossians 2:6-15, John 3:16, Jeremiah 17:7-8

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- When we get our vertical relationship correct, all other relationships fall into place
- v6-7: the heart of Colossians
- As you received Christ Jesus the Lord...
 - Full/purposeful/abundant life starts here
 - Not just about belief or respect in Jesus BUT making Jesus the Lord of our lives
 - John 3:16
 - in = into (believe into Jesus)
 - Whoever puts there life INTO Jesus
 - We have to allow Jesus to rule in our lives
- Our salvation is secure but we want the abundant life and at times there is chaos and confusion
- To walk in him...(walk with him)
 - v7: not just what to do but how to do it
 - 4 STEPS (all coming together to walk with Him; like a dance)
 - 1) Rooted (agricultural term)
 - Jeremiah 17:7-8
 - Deep roots are the battle ground against fear/anxiety
 - John 15 (remain in Him...in the vine)
 - 2) Built Up (construction term)
 - 1 brick/stone at a time
 - There's no magic pill but God's revelation is like bricks/stones that we can build upon
 - 3) Established in faith
 - Becoming stronger and stronger
 - We don't ever "arrive"
 - ***3 steps above are something that HAPPENS TO US***
 - We can't MAKE it happen, but we can KEEP it from happening
 - 4) Abounding in thanksgiving
 - A way to be proactive
 - **ALL OF OUR SIN IS BASED ON INGRATITUDE**
 - If Eve had been grateful...
 - 40 Days: Get up and journal 3 things that your thankful for from the day before
- v8: this will keep you from being "bamboozled"
- Keep you from being taken captive by philosophies of the world...
 - Prosperity (balance the idea of God's blessing and Him wanting to grow us)
 - Relativism (the Bible is true or it isn't)
 - "I am my own provider" (tithing/sabbath → to teach trust)
 - Sex with someone who is not our spouse
 - Disdain for someone who voted different than you
- There is an invitation to the fullness of God and life in walking with Him

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How have you seen God work out your earthly relationships after you get your relationship with Him in order?
2. What have you learned about continuing to make Jesus the Lord of your life?
3. What does it mean for you to be abounding in thanksgiving
4. What are some of the "philosophies of the world" that have the potential to take you captive?
5. What is God asking you to let go of?
6. How is God calling you to make him the lord of your life this week?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: John 11 Tues: John 12 Wed: John 13 Thurs: John 14 Fri: John 15