

Sunday, August 5, 2019 - "Get Fit - Week 6 - Devotion" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: 2 Chronicles 14, 2 Chronicles 16:7-9

- 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

- 2 working principles
  - 1) The condition of our heart (devotion) is always changing
  - 2) While always changing, with the Holy Spirit and intentionality, it can be less erratic
- 2 Chronicles 14: Story of King Asa
  - 4 generations after king David
  - King Asa started so well (v 11: shows his devotion and dependance → God moves on their behalf)
  - v15: they sought with all their hearts → 30 years of peace and prosperity
- 2 Chronicles 16:7-9 - How can the same king be so devoted and THEN not?
- 3 Lessons from King Asa
  - 1) Perceived need dictates devotion
    - In the first situation Asa had no doubt of his need for God
    - We are desperately in need of God..but are we aware? Do we perceive that need?
    - Your prayer life is a good indicator of whether you perceive your need for Jesus, for God to move
  - 2) Prosperity breeds complacency
    - It can give a sense of control
    - We can forget how desperate we are for God...we forget that he is our very breath
  - 3) Devotion deepens intimacy...and intimacy depends devotion
- God is searching for someone to "give strong support, to show himself strong"
  - God will show up
  - God will be with us
- Combining a few different translations of 2 Chronicles 16:7-9 → He shows himself strong to those who are fully, devoted, fully committed to Him, blameless towards Him, completely His
- The questions is "Am I fully devoted?"
- "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to Him" - D.L. Moody
- As if God is saying.., surrender to me and I will show up in ways that you never thought, asked or imagined
- What's keeping you from being fully devoted?
- Devotion is the heart of all of the essentials

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

1. What stands out to you about King Asa's story and journey? How can you relate?
2. Do you perceive that you are desperate for God? How does it play out in your life?
3. If someone heard or read your prayers would they gather that you are desperate and devoted to God? Why or why not?
4. In your own words and for your own life, what does it mean to fully devoted to God?
5. How is God calling you to engage in being more fully devoted to him? What's keeping you from being completely His?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

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

Mon: Nehemiah 1 Tues: Nehemiah 2 Wed: Nehemiah 3 Thurs: Nehemiah 4 Fri: Nehemiah 5

Songs from the weekend: [Lion and the Lamb - *Bethel Music*] - [Praises (Be Lifted Up) - *Josh Balwin*] - [You Are My Joy - *Will Reagan & United Pursuit*] - [Waymaker - *Sinach*] - [Only Jesus - *Brian & Jenn Johnson*] - [The Way - *Pat Barrett*]