40 Days of Prayer for the Nazarenes meeting in Urbana, Ohio

Week Six October 17-21, 2022

Day 36 - Monday, October 17

"God, our God! God the one and only! Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got! Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you..."

Why did Moses encourage the Israelites to get the commandments inside of them? Like David suggested, "I have banked your promises in the vault of my heart so I won't sin myself bankrupt."

God's word is powerful. Absorb it daily and let it permeate you completely. It will impact you in ways you are not expecting. Read it and ask God to let it will impact you deeply.

Day 40 - Friday, October 21

"Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)

Have you ever heard someone pray who has such familiarity with God, it seems like they are talking to a good friend? Jesus' prayers were so different from the disciples' prayers, that they wanted to know how he did it. They asked him to teach them to pray. Not to preach or lead or to disciple. They wanted to learn to pray.

Changing how we pray changes how we work, how we parent, how we live. It changes our priorities and how we strategize. It changes how we think, what we say, how we feel. Prayer changes us from the inside out.

Prayer is not about outlining our agenda to God but about getting into God's presence and receiving God's agenda for us.

Continue to seek God through regular prayer. Start with His Word. As you read, He will speak. That is when you stop reading and start praying. Prayer is the difference between regular appointments and divine appointments. It is the difference between the best we can do and the best God can do.

Day 37 - Tuesday, October 18

"Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night." (Deut. 6:6-7)

Once you allow God's Word to impact you, it will easily impact your family as well. Through regular teaching, mentoring, and love, God's Word flows into our families because it flows out of us.

Are you so full of God's Word that it oozes out of you? Seek to love God by studying His Word and getting it inside of you and your family.

Day 38 - Wednesday, October 19

"Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Chris, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners, from Jesus for you...If you only look at us, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us. As it is, there's not much chance of that. You know for yourselves that we're not much to look at." (2 Corinthians 4:5, 7-8)

As we and our families are filled with God's Word, we become messengers to the people around us. Through love and service, we can impact our community by allowing the brightness of God's Word to shine.

Ask God to lead you to where you can allow your light to shine and impact the Champaign County community!

Day 39 - Thursday, October 20

IT seems insurmountable. IT seems unrecoverable. IT can't be healed. IT can't be undone. IT causes lost sleep, lost time, lost peace. But IT isn't too much for God. Your unbelieving relative isn't too far for Jesus to reach. Your financial crisis, it's too much for Jesus to recoup.

Your family, your church, your work...the things your heart beats for, Jesus loves them and cares for them more. Keeping all that God does for us in mind, we can easily love God. With His love, we can love others as well.