Stay Positive: Get Your Passion Back

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1 Corinthians 15:57-58 English Standard Version (ESV)

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Discussion/Journal Questions

Share with your group something you are especially enthusiastic about. It may be a hobby you enjoy, a book you recently finished, or even a favorite food.

Take a moment and reflect on what that enthusiasm feels like? Does it quicken your pulse? Do you sit up straighter when you talk about it? What else happens when you think or talk about something you are enthusiastic about?

What effect does someone else's enthusiasm have on you?

Honesty time. Are you enthusiastic about King Jesus? If not, why not? What are some of the reasons why our enthusiasm for Christ wanes?

In the sermon, John shared three things that David did daily that stoked the fires of his enthusiasm for God. What were they? Why is it important that these were *daily* habits? (If no one remembers: David trusted God daily, walked with God daily, and worshiped God daily.)

Reflect on what you know of David. How did David's enthusiasm for God manifest itself in his life.

What happened in David's life when he stopped pursuing God as he should?

Read Psalm 51:1-19. How did David respond when God sent Nathan the prophet to confront him?

Read Revelation 2:1-7. For what did Jesus commend the Church at Ephesus? For what did Jesus criticize the Church at Ephesus?

Is there anything in your life that is standing between you and Jesus? Is there anything for which you need to repent?

How can your group support you?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?