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## Summer Decisions



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### Series Recap

#### Wk. 1 START

- We all want to be an overnight success but never forget that behind every story, there is another story. (story of Daniel, King Darius)
- Once you recognize the negative influence from the past, you can make a better choice in the present.
- What discipline do I need to START practicing in order to start heading towards the story God wants for my life?

#### Wk. 2 STOP

- Who we are tomorrow might just be due to what we STOP DOING today.
- If I go down this road, what story will I end up telling?
- What are you doing TODAY that is NOT good for your story?

#### Wk. 3 STAY

- God wants you to be a finisher, not a quitter.

- Your sustaining power comes through your connection to the Holy Spirit!
- Based on what God wants you to want, what course does He want you to STAY on?

#### **Wk. 4 SHARE**

- Personal evangelism, sharing your faith, needs to be more of a priority within the Church today.
- In the church there is “Too Much Talking and Not Enough Fishing”
- One of the primary ways the Gospel will advance is if we all commit to simply share our faith, building relationships with others, when given the opportunity.

#### **WK. 5 SERVE**

- Serving goes against our natural tendencies.
- One of the quickest ways to forget about God is to be consumed with self.
- Martin Luther King Jr. said, “The only requirement to serve is a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.”

#### **WK. 6 TRUST**

- Praying with passion and frustration is normal.
- Will you trust that God is good even when life is not?
- Rest in the knowledge that God loves you and you are not alone in your storm.

## **Today's Topic: GROW in faith**

*Colossians 2:7, Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.*

### **FEED MY FAITH**

- *2 Peter 2:2, Desire God's pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation.*
- Faith begins where the will of God is known.
- *Psalms 34:8, Taste and see that the Lord is good.*
- The Bible is nourishment for our souls

### **EXERCISE MY FAITH**

- Your actions should be a reflection of what you are feeding your faith.
- *Psalms 119:5, Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees!*
- *James 2:22, You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete.*

### **HYDRATE MY FAITH**

- A lack of spiritual hydration puts oneself in a state of spiritual dehydration.
- Spiritual dehydration can lead to things like:
  - Mental, Emotional, and Physical Fatigue
  - Lack of motivation
- Spiritual dehydration comes when we are trying to get by on too little of God.
- John 7:37-39
- Not being thirsty for the things of God is a problem.

### **Seventh Summer Decision**

*Today, I make the decision to GROW in my faith!*