

Relentless Love
Week 4 – We Invest
November 19/20, 2016

Main Point: Sacrifice is the means to the fullness of life. When we give life and hope to others we ourselves are filled.

1. Pastor Ken shared 3 types of “life”. What were the definitions?
 - a. Physical life -
 - b. Good life -
 - c. Full life -
2. Read John 10:10.
3. When you meet someone that you would consider a “mature” Christian – how do you think their life is different from someone who is new in their walk with Christ? Sometimes it isn’t different – how can this be true?
4. Pastor Ken drew a diagram of a spiritual path. What does the comfortable life prevent?
5. Continuing up the path of obedience, what conversations take place when you are living a “challenged – I can do that” life?
6. Read 1 John 3:16-18
7. How is sacrificial living different from a comfortable and challenged life? What role does faith play in our daily living?
8. Why is walking the path of obedience the best path? Draw your own life diagram using comfortable, challenged and sacrifice as your path markers. Where are you on your spiritual path? Are you at the same place or different places in different parts of your life? Relationships, finances, pursuit of God’s purpose, etc. Keep in mind, “You can’t have faith and control at the same time”.
9. Have you ever found once you take a stretching step of challenge or even sacrifice, after a while even it becomes “normal”? I know this has been true in my own life when it comes to finances and honoring the Lord. At first it was a stretch to tithe, then it became normal. Then the stretch was to offer the Lord an offering, an above and beyond. Are there other examples you could share

10. The decision is yours – are you willing to take that next step on your spiritual path? God is asking us if we will trust Him and make a bold sacrifice that we may experience the fullness of life and pave the way for generations to come. Generations beyond 2016.

11. Remember the C.S. Lewis story from Screwtape Letters? Screwtape's, (devil) advice how to discourage a new believer in the Lord was to "let him do anything but act". Are you ready to take action? Are you ready to step out of your comfort zone? What does that look like in your life?

This week's daily guide uniting us in prayer for the future of our church, communities and our country.

Relentless Love Gives Life to the Cause

1 John 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Daily Prayer Points and Scriptures:

Sunday

Praise and Worship God for Who He is and all He has done for us.
Psalm 96:1-9; Psalm 150:1-6

Monday

Pray for transformed hearts so that we may love as Jesus loves. Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 4:20

Tuesday

Pray that as the body of Christ we are united as one, in love not compromising truth but showing a genuine concern for one another.
Colossians 3:12-14

Wednesday

Pray for those who are hurting, young and old alike, from broken or lost relationships. Psalm 34:17-18; Psalm 147:3

Thursday

Pray that we may be salt and light in a very dark and desperate world.
Matthew 5:13-16

Friday

Pray for those who are working through hurts, habits and hang-ups; that they may feel and see the loving power of Jesus Christ through our Celebrate Recovery Program. John 16:33; Philippians 4:6

Friday, Fast Day! Every Friday during these days, commit to fasting one meal and take that time to pray and listen to what God may have to share with you through his Word and by his Spirit and do it. Luke 18:9-12

Saturday

Ask God to help you listen to him and to pray as Jesus taught so that his will may be done through you as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:5-14; Luke 22:39-46