



Summer ROAD TRIP

Pt. 2: Fill 'Er Up

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 Hebrews 12:1 talks about a cloud of witnesses that are surrounding us in the life of faith. There was Abel that, through his offering, showed he was righteous. There were Noah and Abraham, two big fathers of the faith. There was Sarah who gave birth in her 90's. They are all people whose lives represent great faith, and because of their great faith, they had incredible lives. You have that same opportunity. You are no different than they were. Your faith can make your life an amazing adventure. Choose one of these people and study them further. Dig in today and find out more about the cloud of witnesses that surround you.
- Day 2 Read James 1:12. The ability to keep going is one of the most under-rated qualities of Christian life. Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback church in California says, "Becoming like Christ is a long, slow process of growth." It can be likened to getting in shape. You have to persevere through the first step, all the way to the finish line. The good thing is, you only need to know the next step. You don't have to have the entire route mapped out for you, you just have to take the next step. No matter where you are today, ask God what's the next step you need to take. Then take it!
- Day 3 Read Galatians 6:9. When the whole world seems to be falling in around you, it only takes one good reason to stay. Jesus is the reason to keep on keeping on, to not quit, and never give up. Jesus isn't just there to set the example, He's there to help. When you have a million reasons to stop, let Him be the one reason to persevere. You will reap a harvest of blessing if you don't give up. Don't get tired of doing good, keep going! Your blessing is just around the corner.
- Day 4 Read James 1:2-4. When you get bad news, become ill, or maybe your finances collapse, it can make you want to give up. Rarely is your first reaction, like James says, to consider it pure joy. Usually it's anger, despair, or bitterness. But, that's exactly the point James is trying to make. Christians hate the process that makes us like Christ because it involves pain, sorrow, stress, and upheaval. Yet, we all want the product: spiritual maturity. James is telling you not to try and wiggle out of the hard times too soon. If you do, you will short circuit the process and remain spiritually immature.
- Day 5 Philippians 4:13 should be a mandatory memorization verse. It's short and sweet, but packs a punch. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." It can be personalized to any situation. I can overcome this addiction through Christ who strengthens me. I can become debt free through Christ who strengthens me. I can save my marriage through Christ who strengthens me. I can overcome this loss through Christ who strengthens me. Ask yourself today, what can you do through Christ who strengthens you?

What's New?

Father's Day is next Sunday, June 18!

It's going to be a great day celebrating the guys that mean so much to us!

Don't miss it!