

The Journey

Let's Go

The Journey.... Take the first step

Lessons from India

1: Set your expectations! You get what you put in.

Sometimes we can treat our relationship with God like a vending machine
I go when I need something, I try to get exactly what I need then I walk away.

Not transactional

If you want to live your life and say I believe in Jesus, but I'm not going to live for him, I'm not going to put anything into this relationship with him

-Your going to get what you put in

-And that's not much

Galatians 6:8

8 Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

In other words, what we invest in with our time,

-Whether the things of God

-Or the things of this world

It will ultimately determine the outcome of our lives.

God is calling us to follow him

The world calls us to be Independent

To figure things out on our own

God wants us to depend on him!!!

The world looks at how we look on the outside

God looks at how we look on the inside

He looks at our heart.

I want to challenge you
You will get what you put into this life
and your relationship with God

Lets challenge ourselves to have a "SEND ME" spirit

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

Here I am Lord send me use me

Let's set our expectations in our relationship with God

What does reading the bible look like to you?
What does prayer look like to you?

These are the main ways that God communicates to us, and that we can communicate with him.

I don't want God to be my vending machine
I want him to be my everything!!

2: Be thankful. There's always someone who has it better, and always someone who has it worse.

When I graduated high school, I realized how few possessions I had that were actually mine. I was so insecure and thought I had nothing to offer my family, my school, or anything.

I thought,
If I just had a house
If my car was just paid off
If only I made more money
Then I would be happy!

The truth is the Lord was teaching me in this season to rely on him
To be thankful to him
To look to see the things that he had blessed me with

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

This perspective shift has changed everything for me.

How could I complain about what I have?

This challenged me to find things in my life to be thankful for, and to thank God for those blessings.

I learned I need to be thankful!

Ultimately, it always came back to my thankfulness to Jesus for what he did for me on the cross.

3: Seek first the king, and all will be added.

Matthew 6:33

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

You see my Bullseye of life was off at this point in my life

If I just had a house if I just had a wife if I just had more money fill in the blank...

I realized that the bullseye of my life needed to be walking toward Jesus.

In the way that I lived my life in the way that I treated the people around me
in the way that I carried myself

Some of you came in here tonight feeling lost

Some of you came in here tonight feeling broken

This feeling that you are

unloveable

unfixable

unusable

I promise you that that couldn't be further from the truth.

God loves you so much!!

BUT YOU SAY....

- YOU DONT KNOW WHAT I HAVE DONE.
- YOU DONT KNOW THE MISTAKES THAT I HAVE MADE
- THE DECISIONS I HAVE MADE.

It doesn't matter God sent Jesus for you and for me.

Romans 5:6-10

6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. 10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

The truth is this

The mistakes that we have made in our life, the wrong decisions we have made are sin.
That sin separates us from God.

Jesus came to save us from that sin

To give us forgiveness through the sacrifice of his own life to save us

Jesus came and lived a perfect life, but Died on the cross a BRUTAL death

just when the enemy thought he had won God raised Jesus from the dead
It's because of this that we have a way to have a relationship with God.

Jesus will change your life!!

He has given me hope He has given me a future where I thought I didn't have one

I look around this room at different friends of mine, and I know He has done it for you.

If he did it for me, he can do it for you!!!

Romans 10:9,

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

- If you don't have a bible and want one, let me know.