

“LIFE HACKS”

Selfless

TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY!

PENTECOST WAS ONE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT JEWISH FEAST DAYS

-7 SACRED Old Testament FEASTS: Lev. 23

-3 Pilgrimage Festivals: Passover, Pentecost & Tabernacles

Pentecost was the Greek name for THE FEAST OF HARVEST

-celebrated with the FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS!

-7 Weeks of celebration of the Barley Harvest!

SO COOL HOW IT ALL TIES TOGETHER!!!!

Holy Week (our Easter) had 3 sacred holidays in 1 week.

-During this week was the Passover: 14th Day of Nissan

-Festival of Unleavened Bread starts the DAY after the Passover meal

THEN.....The day after the Sabbath of that week was

-Offering of First Fruits- starting the Feast of weeks!

-AGAIN.....This was the day after the Sabbath.

-This was offering the first fruits of the first fruits!

-Huge act of faith because it was the BEGINNING of the harvest!

-Trust God to bring a bountiful Barley harvest!

-The sacrifice for what is to come!

The First Fruit offering was made in the EARLY harvest season in FAITH

THEN 50 days later.....“PENTECOST”

-7 weeks and one day past the “FIRST FRUIT OFFERING”

-THE FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS!

JESUS WAS IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL.....AND WAS PAINTING THE BIGGER HISTORICAL PICTURE!

-The Lamb was sacrificed at Passover (Jesus)

-Jesus was raised from the dead on the day after the Sabbath

-Which was the “FirstFruit” offering!

A SACRIFICE MADE IN EXPECTATION OF THE HARVEST!

50 days later at PENTECOST.....JESUS GAVE HIS HOLY SPIRIT!

JESUS HAD TALKED ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT:

John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

-JESUS WAS GIVING HIS FOLLOWERS A GIFT:

John 14:15-17 “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:25-27 “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace

I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY:

GOSPELS: Story of Jesus!

ACTS: Story of the Holy Spirit and birth of the New Testament church!

Next 21 books: All letters to churches & leaders!

REVELATION: WE WIN!!!

ONE OF THE GREATEST BENEFITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a RESOUNDING GONG or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

BIBLE TALKS A LOT ABOUT HOW WE LIVE & TREAT PEOPLE!

***LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE!!**

JOHN 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Philippians 2:1-8 Imitating Christ’s Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶ Who, being in very

nature^a God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^b of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

LESSONS EVERY MOM WOULD WANT US TO KNOW:

1) **TREAT PEOPLE WITH RESPECT! Basically.....JUST GET ALONG!**

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WOW- we are known as his disciples because of our LOVE for one another!

-Love is EASY to talk about and HARD to do!

1 Peter 4:8-10 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

2) **DON’T BE SELFISH.....Basically THINK OF OTHERS!**

Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

GROWING IN LOVE TAKES A LOT OF WORK!

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

-IMPOSSIBLE TO DO ON MY OWN!!!!

-I HAVE TO FIGHT TO STAY CLOSE TO HIM!

3) MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.....Basically SERVE OTHERS!

Ephesians 4:1-5 Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

THE GOAL

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching (MORE & MORE IN THE END TIMES) and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament (YOU ARE A SUPPORTING LIGAMENT), grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its WORK.

AS PARENTS: Love when the family all gets together and GETS ALONG!

1 Corinthians 12:12-22 Unity and Diversity in the Body

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

WE NEED EACH OTHER!!!

RESPONSE:

- TREAT PEOPLE WITH RESPECT
- THINK OF OTHERS
- MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

COMMUNION: Brings us all together in grace at the foot of the cross!

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

-verse 28 says each one is to examine their own heart!