

ASK -SEEK -PRAY

“SEEK”

-We are all in a FAITH Journey with God! Saved by FAITH....through Grace!

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

-THERE IS A REWARD FOR THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK HIM!

Definition of SEEK: To go to, to go in search of, to look for, to try to discover.

-It is a VERB.....meaning “AN ACTION”

3 THINGS TO SEEK AFTER:

1) SEEK HIS FACE

**Psalm 27:7-8 Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.**

**⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, I will seek.”**

Psalm 105:1-4 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ² Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴ Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

WE NEED TO SEEK HIS PRESENCE!!!!

Lamentations 3:22-25 Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” ²⁵ The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.

Isaiah 40:31 Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

2) SEEK HIS KINGDOM

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Last week: Talked about the KINGDOM of God!

-Disciples thought Jesus was going to be their KING in THIS Kingdom!

-Jesus was standing before Pilate!

John 18:36 Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

Kingdom of God:

- store up treasures in heaven
- greatest leader is the greatest servant
- the last will be first.....the first will be last
- when I am weak....He is strong
- total dependence on God

Last week: Praying IN JESUS NAME!

ASK EVERY DAY: BLESSING, INFLUENCE, PRESENCE, PROTECTION

Lord use me to make an eternal impact on other people's lives!

Use my life experience and even my pain....to impact on others!

LORD'S PRAYER: Your Kingdom come.....your will be done!

SEEK HIS FACE.....SEEK HIS KINGDOM

3) SEEK HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Righteous: RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD

When we SEEK His Face.....When we SEEK His Kingdom.....

-We naturally will SEEK His Righteousness!

Romans 3:21-26 (Righteousness through faith) But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

-THERE IS BLESSING THAT COMES WITH OBEDIENCE!

-THERE IS A BLESSING THAT COMES WITH DEALING WITH OUR SIN!

-GOD HATES SIN BECAUSE IT DESTROYS WHAT HE VALUES MOST!

STORY: WOMAN CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF ADULTERY!

John 8:10-11 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” ¹¹ “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and leave your life of sin.”

-SIN DESTROYS! GRACE FORGIVES!

-COMPASSION SPEAKS TRUTH!

-TRUE LOVE SPEAKS TRUTH!

-Speaking “TRUTH” doesn’t have to mean you are “JUDGEMENTAL”

-STANDING on Truth doesn’t make you judgmental!

-Being judgmental is a heart issue!

INSTEAD: WHEN WE SEEK HIS FACE, SEEK HIS KINGDOM.....HUMILITY!

-WE WILL SEEK "HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS"

-Apostle Paul....."Less of me and MORE of you"

Philippians 3:7-9 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

WHEN WE SEEK HIS FACE, SEEK HIS KINGDOM.....

-WE WILL SEEK "HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS"

SOLOMON WAS DEDICATING THE TEMPLE

2 Chronicles 7:14-15 If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. ¹⁵Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

-OUR LAND NEEDS HEALING!

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

-Notice the combination!

-Remove obstacles! Sin insulates our hearts!

BACK FULL CIRCLE:

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Seek His FACE? Need more of His PRESENCE in your life!

Seek His Kingdom? Need more of a KINGDOM mindset!

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Seek His Righteousness? Need to deal with some SIN!