

On Second Thought: "AT HOME" Scripture: 1 Chron.4:8-11

Mon. Aug 25- When I was 12 years old, I had a terrifying incident where a boy held me under the water so long that I thought I was going to die. When I was 15 years old I was pushed into a river, but I wasn't terrified at all. What was the difference? I had been trained to be a lifeguard. I had learned to be comfortable in the water. I had become so proficient that I could not only save myself, I could save others. How did I do it? I went out and practiced every day. I don't remember the day that I lost my fear, I just know that being in the water became second nature to me. Here God is remembering every person in this list and having someone write down their name. God stopped in the middle of this list to tell the story of Jabez. For whatever reason God lists these names, He gets to one and says: Let me tell you about this guy. There are things that make you stand out to God. God is not just picking people at random. God is looking for something in particular. The eyes of the Lord roam to and fro throughout the earth...looking for what? *What is God looking for in you?* **2Chron.16:9.**

Tue. Aug 26- It is possible to live an insignificant life. One of the secrets of Jabez was his willingness to capture the attention of God. That is why we are reading about him...because he got God's attention. Jabez got God's attention because he wanted God's attention. God's attention goes to people that want it. He is looking for people that are looking for Him. Over and over again, He emphasizes prayer. In Mark chapter 9 (17-19 MSG), there is a phrase Jesus used to address His disciples when they could not cast a demon out of a young boy, He tells them that they have, "No sense of God." Jesus was pretty frustrated with them. What was so frustrating to Him was that they had not learned to sense God; to make a difference in this world by grabbing hold of that one. They were not at home in the world of the God, despite all they had seen and learned from Jesus. *Where will you be at the end of your life? Will you just be another name in the list or will God have to stop and tell your story?* **Neh.13:14.**

Wed. Aug 27- The Iceberg Principle reveals to us that only 10% of it is above the water. There is so much more beneath the surface. That is the way life is. What we see here is only scratching the surface of reality. Jesus was disappointed that these disciples hadn't started tapping in to what they knew about the world. And if we are disciples of Jesus that is what He wants & expects for us, but it will only happen if we learn to be at home in that world. I developed the power to save my life and the lives of others by getting in the pool and practicing. I got wet day after day. What used to be my enemy became my friend. I got so that I wouldn't panic if I got in danger. I reached the point that I could save you in you were in danger. This is what we must do in the world of prayer. We must wade out into the waters of God every day until they become our second home. Our lives, our families, & this world depend on it.

God wants people with experience. *How familiar are you with God? Do you have the experience?* **Ps.118:21.**

Thu. Aug 28- Jabez was more honorable than his brethren. There was a weight to him that you didn't expect. Almost like there was more to him than meets the eye; like there was something more beneath the surface. There is a lot of difference between people who are reading the instructions and people who have experience. Again, in the end, God wants people with experience. God wants people who have relationship with Him, not people who know facts about Him, nor people who can recite the seven steps to prayer; not even people who can impress others as they pray over God's shoulder to entertain the crowd with their King James. God wants people who have actually prayed, sought His will, wrestled with Him until they walk different and talk different. Most people have theories about God but no experience with Him. They have formulas; they have directions, but no intimacy, no real knowledge. How did Jesus put it? "No sense of God." *Can you sense what God wants to do through your praying?* **2Thess.3:1.**

Fri. Aug 29- When God writes your epitaph, you know it was what was most important, much like the reference made about Elijah in James 5:17, "Elijah was a man..." Man examines his life and sees the miracles, the prophecies, the national religious revival. God looks at the situation and declares, "He prayed!" Not he preached, prophesied, he called down fire, he boycotted, or he voted...He Prayed! Those are the things we would be impressed with, but God was impressed with something else. He became a catalyst for change by getting on his knees...all these things happened because he prayed. In Ezekiel 22:30 "God sought for a man among them..." Notice the overlap: "God sought for a man...Elijah was a man." God has not changed. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is still looking for someone to step into that world beneath the surface and become at home in it. God is looking to pour out His mercy on man, not judgment, but it will only happen when we pray! God is looking to bless us, change us, change our families, change our world. But He will not do it unless we take hold of Him in prayer. *Do your prayers impress God or man?* **Matt.6:5,6.**

Sat. Aug 30- If we pray, it will make a difference. Our prayers open the door for God to move. Our prayers allow Him to do what He wants to do, to touch people. He works together with us. He works together with you. "Oh, that thou would bless me indeed." God wants to bless us. He wants to be known as the God of a bunch of people who pray until this world is changed; until we are changed. Jabez was not just an accident. This who God wants to be known as. This is how God wants you to treat Him. God is still looking for men and women who will pray. *Where, in your prayer life, can you make a bigger difference?* **Matt.6:9,10.**

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August Food Item:

CANNED PEAS

Use drop box in the foyer

Ministries In Motion

**Community Outreach
"What Jesus Would Do!"**

**September 6 From 12pm-4pm
The Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County
412 Gordon Street Jefferson, Ga.**

FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Volunteers Needed!



August



Ministry Showcase



Passionate Partners

*Stop by their
the foyer*

Couple's Ministry

*table in
today!*

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- 08/26- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 08/31-Project Life-"Forces That Form Your Future: Beliefs" w/ Mark Akin-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 09/01-Labor Day Holiday. Church Office Closed
- 09/02- Real Men- Lunch-TBA
- 09/02- Food Pantry- 2pm-4pm
- 09/02- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 09/06-Ministries In Motion-12pm to 4pm
- 09/07-Project Life- "Forces That Form Your Future: Decisions" w/ Mark Akin-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 09/09- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 09/12-Freedom For Women-7pm
- 09/13- Passionate Partners-Dave & Buster's- meet there @ 1pm
- 09/14-Project Life- "Forces That Form Your Future: Character" w/ Mark Akin-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 09/16- Food Pantry- 2pm-4pm
- 09/16- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 09/20-Garments of Praise-8am to 4pm
- 09/20- Brotherhood- 8am
- 09/20- Faithful Warriors- 6pm
- 09/21- Project Life- TBA-10am
- 09/23- Prayer School @ 6:15pm
- 09/27- Us Girls Trip to The Dillard House
- 09/28- Project Life-TBA-10am
- 09/28- William Clayton & the Redeemed Singing @ LWWC
- 09/28- Walk On Water-5:30pm
- 09/30-The Pantry-2pm to 4pm
- 09/30- Prayer School @ 6:15pm

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

"Let your gentle behavior be clear to all men." Philippians 4:5 (BBE)

Life in Motion



"Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to His word; instead, put it into practice." James 1:22 GNB

Last week I...

- Family**- worked toward peace & harmony with my family. __
- Bible**- encouraged myself in the Word to build my faith. __
- Prayer**- prayed for revival in me. __
- Church**- introduced myself to someone new. __
- Journal**- spent more time worshipping God than asking for things. __

This week I...

- Giving**- will consider my giving as labor of love. __ Heb6:10
- Service**- will not be a servant to sin, but unto God. __ Rom6:16
- Worship**- will offer spiritual sacrifices pleasing to God __ 1Pet2:5
- Small Group**- will guard what is said in our meetings __ Pro20:19
- Journal**- will be more truthful with myself as God reveals areas where I need change __ Deut16:20

ELEVATION Message Rewind

It is time to pay up if you have ordered a T-shirt.

**ELEVATION BREAKFAST CLUB:
EACH SUNDAY @ 10AM**

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Kid Invasion Recap

What kind of friend are we?

Pro. 12:18, Gal. 5:22, Eph. 4:29, 1Cor. 13:4-7

- Gods words teach us how to be a friend.
- God shows us the greatest kind of friendship by sending Jesus to die on the cross for us.
- Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Prayer Focus for 2008

-100 Salvations in our Children & Youth ministries.

-1,000 Salvations world-wide.

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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

ELEVATION T-Shirt's

Pre-Sale Ends Wednesday, August 13

Pre-sale Price For Students only: \$10 & get free bracelet

All Others & Late Sales: T-shirts \$10 Bracelets \$2

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