

“HOW TO SAFELY LAND AFTER A SPIRITUAL HIGH”

Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For, Part 7

March 7th & 10th, 2019

You have to be extra **CAREFUL** coming off a spiritual high place

Matthew 17:4 (NLT) “Peter blurted out, ‘Lord, this is wonderful! If you want me to, I’ll make three shrines, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’”

We want spiritual **HIGHS** at any price

It’s in the highs and lows of life that we learn to become like **JESUS**

Revelation 2:2-5 (NAS) “I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first...”

These Christians were suffering from what can be described as “**HEART-DRIFT**”

What Is “First Love” Like?

1. There is an insatiable **DESIRE** to learn about the other person
2. There is a heavy **INVESTMENT** in the relationship
3. There is an intense **PREOCCUPATION** of your heart

What Can Happen To That Love?

Revelation 2:4 (NAS) “...you have left your first love.”

You leave your first love as a result of a series of **SMALL** choices

Steps To Maintain Or Recover Your First Love

1. REMEMBER

Revelation 2:5 (NAS) “Remember therefore from where you have fallen...”

Do not let your work **FOR** God destroy the work of God **WITHIN** you

2. REPENT

Revelation 2:5 (NAS) “Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent...”

Repent = I recognize that where I am is not where I am supposed to be. So, I **TURN AND MOVE**

toward where I am supposed to be.

Lamentations 3:40 (TM) “Let’s take a good look at the way we’re living and reorder our lives under God.”

3. DO what you used to do

Rev. 2:5 (NAS) “Remember therefore from where you have fallen, & repent and do the deeds you did at first...”

Take ONE STEP at a time, and you will SUCCESSFULLY make your way through the low places of life

Motion will lead to EMOTION

It is easier to ACT your way into a feeling than FEEL your way into an action

The goal is to become like JESUS, not to keep you BUSY

Our character is developed through our OBEDIENCE & TRUST in Christ in everyday life

SELECTIVE obedience is not obedience at all – that’s just called CONVENIENCE

Philippians 3:16 (TM) “Now that we’re on the right track, let’s stay on it.”

Galatians 5:16,22-23 (NIV) “...Live by the Spirit...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...”

2 Corinthians 8:11 (LB) “Having started the ball rolling so enthusiastically, you should carry this project through to completion just as gladly...Let your enthusiastic idea at the start be equaled by your realistic action now.”

When You Fail, God NEVER Does!

- God’s CARE will never fail
- God’s LOVE will never fail

My Next Step Today Is:

- I will continue to spend time with God daily in order to develop my relationship with Him
- I am continuing in my small group
- I will continue memorizing 1 Bible verse a week
- I will attend “Discovering New Hope” on Sun, March 31st at 5 pm # adults ____ # kids ____

Next Week we’ll look at “**How to Sustain Spiritual Momentum.**” Don’t miss it. Invite a friend!!!