

THE OPENING:

- IF YOU WERE TO IMPROVE ONE THING ABOUT YOUR LIFE – WHAT WOULD IT BE?
- IN TONIGHT’S MESSAGE I WANT TO DO TWO THINGS: (1) TO PROVIDE US WITH 3 WORDS THAT MAY HELP YOU AND ME TO LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD’S DESIGN FOR OUR LIFE; AND (2) TO SHOW HOW GOD’S DESIRE FOR OUR WHOLE LIFE IS MUCH GREATER THAN ANY ONE PART OF US.
- SOMEONE ONCE WROTE – **WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS**, THEY BECOME YOUR WORDS; WATCH YOUR **WORDS**, THEY BECOME YOUR ACTIONS; WATCH YOUR **ACTIONS**, THEY BECOME YOUR HABITS; WATCH YOUR **HABITS**, THEY BECOME YOUR CHARACTER; WATCH YOUR **CHARACTER**, IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY.
- **LESSON:** EACH ONE OF THESE 5 PARTS HAS THE POWER TO IMPACT ALL THE OTHERS! IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN YOU GET ONE PART WRONG, IT WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE OTHERS; BUT WHEN YOU GET ONE PART RIGHT, IT TOO WILL IMPACT THE OTHERS FOR GOOD.
- SO, THE QUESTION IS: WHICH ONE WILL YOU CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON?
- **QUOTE:** SEAN DYCHE (ENGLISH FOOTBALL MANAGER) - CONSISTENCY OF PERFORMANCE IS ESSENTIAL. YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE EXCEPTIONAL EVERY WEEK BUT AS A MINIMUM YOU NEED TO BE AT A LEVEL THAT EVEN ON A BAD DAY YOU GET POINTS ON THE BOARD.
- **POINT:** (IF YOU ARE BETWEEN 50 GOOD & 50 BAD CHOICES YOU MUST STILL GO ALL OUT BEFORE THE CLOCK RUNS OUT).
- #1: THE THREE WORDS THAT CAN HELP EACH OF US TO LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD’S DESIGN FOR OUR LIVES ARE: THE **WORD** OF GOD, THE **WORKS** OF GOD, AND THE **WONDER** OF GOD.
- **GOOD NEWS:** JESUS IS PRESENT IN EVERYTHING WE ARE GOING THROUGH. HE’S AT THE FRONT OF IT ALL, AND HE’S AT THE CENTER & EDGE OF IT ALL!

#1. KEY POINT:

- THE **WORD** OF GOD GIVES YOU AND ME CONFIDENCE
- THE **WORKS** OF GOD GIVE ALL OF US CLARITY
- THE **WONDER** OF GOD GIVES BOTH HIM AND US CONSIDERATION

#2. KEY POINT:

- WE ALL FALL SHORT. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR GOD. THEREFORE, WE ALL HAVE NEED FOR GRACE – A GIFT FROM GOD.
- **ACTS 20:24** PAUL WRITES - ‘... I CONSIDER MY LIFE WORTH NOTHING TO ME; **MY ONLY AIM IS TO FINISH THE RACE AND COMPLETE THE TASK THE LORD JESUS HAS GIVEN ME** – THE TASK OF TESTIFYING TO THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE.
- **2 COR.12:7-9** ‘...TO KEEP ME FROM BECOMING PROUD, I WAS GIVEN A THORN IN MY FLESH, A MESSENGER FROM SATAN TO TORMENT ME AND TO KEEP ME FROM BECOMING PROUD. THREE DIFFERENT TIMES I BEGGED THE LORD TO TAKE IT AWAY. BUT EACH TIME HE SAID TO ME, “**MY GRACE IS ALL YOU NEED. MY POWER WORKS BEST IN WEAKNESS.**” SO NOW I AM GLAD TO BOAST ABOUT MY WEAKNESSES, SO THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST CAN WORK THROUGH ME.’

WHAT KEEPS US FROM HONORING GOD?

- PRIDE MAY HELP TO LIFT US UP, BUT HUMILITY HELPS US TO COME DOWN.

TONIGHT’S TEXT HELPS US TO RE-EXAMINE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:

- **GEN. 3:8-10** - THE LORD WALKING ABOUT (ALONE)  
‘WHEN THE COOL EVENING BREEZES WERE BLOWING, THE MAN & HIS WIFE HEARD THE LORD GOD WALKING ABOUT IN THE GARDEN. SO, THEY HID FROM THE LORD GOD AMONG THE TREES. THEN THE LORD GOD CALLED TO THE MAN, “WHERE ARE YOU?” HE REPLIED, “I HEARD YOU WALKING IN THE GARDEN, SO I HID. I WAS AFRAID BECAUSE I WAS NAKED.”

**Q: WHAT DOES YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD LOOK LIKE?**

- DO YOU KNOW WHAT ELEMENTS MAKE UP YOUR LIFE WITH GOD?
- HOW DOES GOD’S WORD; HIS WORKS; AND WONDER FIT INTO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE?
- **Q:** ARE THERE OTHER WORDS WHICH MIGHT BE OF BETTER HELP TO YOU, LIKE: **REPENTANCE, RENEWAL, REST, REFRESHMENT, RESTORATION?**

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD ULTIMATELY AFFECTS THE WAY WE HONOR GOD:

- THOUGHTS, WORDS, ACTIONS, HABITS, & CHARACTER AFFECT WORSHIP
- **WORSHIP** – IS ENTIRELY BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD, HIS WORD, HIS WORKS, HIS WILL, HIS WAYS, AND HIS NEVER-ENDING WONDER

IF YOU ARE READY TO PURSUE AND PERSIST FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, LETS SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF PUTTING THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURE INTO PRACTICE:

- **PHIL. 4:8-9** “AND NOW, DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS, ONE FINAL THING. FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT IS TRUE, AND HONORABLE, AND RIGHT, AND PURE, AND LOVELY, AND ADMIRABLE. THINK ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE EXCELLENT & WORTHY OF PRAISE. 9. KEEP PUTTING INTO PRACTICE ALL YOU LEARNED & RECEIVED FROM ME – EVERYTHING YOU HEARD FROM ME & SAW ME DOING. THEN THE GOD OF PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU.’
- **SPEND TIME WITH THE WORD OF GOD, EXAMINE HOW THE WORKS OF GOD CAN BE ACTIVATED IN YOUR LIFE, AND CONTINUE TO LEAVE ROOM FOR GOD TO SHOW UP IN EVEN GREATER WAYS.**

MAY GOD BEGIN TO SHOW US ALL HOW MUCH HE IS AT WORK FOR OUR GOOD:

- FOR WHEREVER GOD’S PEOPLE ARE UNDER ATTACK, GOD SEES A PLACE FOR BOTH HIM AND HIS PEOPLE TO FIGHT BACK AND TO OBTAIN VICTORY.
- LET US CONTINUE TO PRAISE HIM & TO MAKE SURE THAT WE FINISH THE TASK OF TELLING OTHERS OF GOD’S GRACE BEING SUFFICIENT FOR ALL.