

Spiritual Emphasis Days

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What is the greatest commandment?

- Love the Lord your God
- Love your neighbor

What does it mean to love Jesus?

- We love a lot of things – pizza, sports, tv shows, etc.
- “If you love me you will obey my commandments.”
- What do I think about most of the time?
- What do I treasure?
- We feel pressure to perform & act a certain way
- He asked the students, “Why don’t we share our insecurities?” These are the crutches or excuses that the students came up with:
 - Fear
 - Don’t want to be made fun of
 - Looking weak
 - We want to look immune to the problems of the world

We want everyone to see us as perfect. So we put on “Spiritual Make-up” so that the world doesn’t see our imperfections. Mr. Fishel showed the video “Evolution” from the Dove “Campaign for Real Beauty.” [Click here to see the video](#)

Ask Yourself:

- Do I put on “Spiritual Make-up” to cover my imperfections?
- Who am I in private?
 - What is my treasure?
 - We say we love Jesus. What does that mean?

Review Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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The 7 R's of Forgiveness & Freedom in Jesus Christ

1. **Repentance** – Confess sins to God (Acts 3:19, 1 John 1:9)
2. **Renounce** – Declare influence of past sins confessed is gone (Philippians 3:13)
3. **Resist/Reject** – Boldly proclaim not to be controlled by same sins in the future (James 4:7, Ephesians 4:17)
4. **Rebuke** – In the authority of the name and blood of Jesus Christ verbally shut down Satan and his influence (Matthew 17:18, Jude 1:9)
5. **Replace** – remove the lies and fears of Satan with the Truth and Promises of God through the name and blood of Jesus and the power of the resurrection of the cross (Romans 12:2, 2 Peter 1:4)
6. **Renew** – renew your mind (Romans 12:2, Matthew 4:4)
7. **Rest** – rest in the knowledge that God will do what He promises (Psalm 46:10, Philippians 4:7)

Memorize

Ephesians 6:12 – For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5 – For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Jesus Christ who gives me strength.