

Spiritual Emphasis Days

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What does it really mean to have Quiet Time w/ God?

DVD – clip from *Hot Rod* on how not to have quiet time. ☺

Misconceptions:

- I can pick-up any translation of the Bible and understand it. Language is not stagnant it changes; pick out a translation that you understand so that it is easier to get into God's Word.
- God is more concerned with how much I read the Bible not what I get out of it. How much you read is not important – it's what you learn and how you apply it to your life.
- You can't just put your finger to a verse in the Bible and expect it teach you something. You need to start at the beginning of the book or chapter and read the context that the verse is in. Some different studies – Proverbs (read all 31 chapters of Proverbs in a month), Topical study (read all the verses on a particular topic), and even your Bible class assignments can be taken deeper and applied to your life.

Take some time to get away, just you and God, and study His Word. We need to be fed spiritually more than just once a week at church. You wouldn't go to your favorite restaurant and eat all you could and then not eat the other six days of the week.

Prayer:

1. Forgiveness – Psalms 86:5, 1 John 1:9 – Confess our Sins
2. Praise & Thanksgiving – Psalms 100:4
3. Petition – Psalms 86:7, Matthew 7:7 – Personal Requests
4. Intercession – Romans 1:9 – Requests for Others

Fasting is more than just giving up food. It's also studying God's Word and spending time in prayer. It teaches you Self-Control. If you can't give up food for health or medical reasons then give up something else – computer, video games, music, etc. – and spend that time in study and prayer.

The students spent 7 minutes with God – in prayer or study.

DVD – My God is... Do you know him? That's My King!

Do you really know Him? Not just do you know about Him, but know Him? Can you turn off your cell phone and computer during your quiet time? Do you stand up for what's right? You have to own your faith to know Him. It has to be your personal relationship with Him, not your parents' or your youth pastor's.

Do you believe that if you have asked Jesus into your life that you have resurrecting power inside of you? Then act like it, take action. Would you be willing to say, "With God's help I am going to take 10 minutes, 5 days a week to spend quiet time with God?" You will get to know Him better. Hold each other accountable. Try it for 30 days and see how it changes you.

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Have you ever done anything stupid or embarrassing?

Matthew 14 – Jesus walks on water. When Peter goes out to Him he takes his eyes off Jesus, starts to sink and yells, “Save Me, Jesus!” Jesus asks Peter, “Why do you doubt?”

Was it easier for the other disciples to stay in the boat? He’s asking you to get out of your boat (or comfort zone.)

Once you receive Christ into your life He changes everything. He changes you from the inside out, Jesus is in your boat now.

3 Principles to Help you Get Out of Your Boat – Be a Risk-taker for Christ:

Hebrews 13:5, 2 Corinthians 12:9

1. Take baby steps. You wouldn’t ask someone to marry you the next week after having your first date, you wouldn’t take that big of a jump.
2. See life as an adventure. Decide to live on the cutting-edge. Most Christian kids aren’t chickens they’re just bored.
3. Boldly go where no man or woman has gone before in the Kingdom of God.

DVD – In the midst of your pain there is one who understands your pain and wants to help you fight through the pain.