

January 9, 2011

SERMON NOTES

"Your Disappointments Matter"

Pastor Steve 2/9



Romans 8:28 "That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." (Message)

2 Corinthians 4:17 "And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble." (TEV)

1. A TENDER _____

Philippians 4:7 "His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (NLT)

PRIORITY ALERT _____

ALLOW GOD TO MAKE YOUR _____ TENDER.

Ezekiel 11:19 "...I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will take away your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart..." (NLT)

2. A SOLID _____

Luke 22:31-32 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to test...you as a farmer sifts his wheat. I have prayed that you will not lose your faith! Help your brothers be stronger when you come back to me." (NCV)

How do you maintain a solid faith?

- ◆ Hang out with people of strong faith.
- ◆ Stay in the Word. **Romans 10:17**
- ◆ Read Christian books.
- ◆ Listen to Inspirational Music:

Philippians 4:8 "Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse." (Message)

- 1– Heart
- Heart
- 2–Faith
- Faith
- 3–Cross
- Cross

PRIORITY ALERT _____

ALLOW GOD TO STRENGTHEN YOUR _____.

3. A _____ VIEW

Isaiah 53:10-12

Philippians 3:10 "I want to know Christ and the power that raised him from the dead. I want to share in his sufferings and become like him in his death." (NCV)

PRIORITY ALERT _____

ALLOW GOD TO MAKE THE _____ THE AORTIC VALVE OF YOUR LIFE.



GRO GROUP
SERMON BASED LESSON GUIDE

Remember, do it to grow, not to get done.



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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? *Field any related Q's to the sermon or reading.*

GROUP WARM UP

Talk about your experiences with fasting this past week. Previously, how often have you fasted and what were those times like? What could have made it a better experience for you?

Talk about your perceptions of the Voyage of the Dawn Treader movie. Does it inspire you to want to read the rest of the Chronicles?

SPIN OFF Q&A'S (questions and applications)

Below are the 4 keys to maintaining a solid faith Pastor spoke of...

1. Hang out with people of strong faith *who do you?*
2. Stay in the Word **Romans 10:17** **see below*
3. Read Christian books *favs?*
4. Listen to Inspirational Music *favs?*

Talk about the intentional ways you have (or need to) practiced these in your life.

How do these help keep you grounded in your faith?

** Make note that the daily Further Reading section below will begin taking us on a steady progression from Genesis 1 to the instituting of the Passover, and through the gospel of Mark between now and Easter. This can become a steady diet plan for your group to consume the Word together...There will be one or two chapters a day to read to keep us on this pace (sans genealogies).*

Related SCRIPTURE **Acts 14:19-23 2 Timothy 2:3-7, 3:12-15; 3:16,17**

Talk about disappointments you have had regarding your faith.

How have they strengthened or weakened you... lessons learned?

What seems to be Paul's message to Timothy re: persecutions, sufferings, disappointments and how to deal with them?

*** FURTHER READING** (*Scripture for Daily Reading*)

Day 1 **Genesis 1** Day 2 **Genesis 2** Day 3 **Mark 1**
Day 4 **Genesis 3** Day 5 **Genesis 4** Day 6 **Psalm 1**