

Day 9 - 14 Days of Prayer & Fasting - 07/02/23

We are Better Together

“A life that is without problems may literally be more hopeless than one that always verges on despair.”

- Thomas Merton (No Man is an Island)

Although many of us know we are better together, because we get a better return for our work... A three fold cord is not easily broken, we also know that relationships can be messy and difficult at times. And when things get messy it may be tempting just to walk away and cut off the relationship. This happens at many levels from friendships, to colleagues at work, and in marriages. Rather than walking away and cutting off, it is often important to establish healthy boundaries (this may be required from time to time). However, in Scripture, we see that God often allows us to go through difficult relational situations so that we can GROW and MATURE.

This is why COVENANTAL COMMITMENT is so important. Ruth refused to leave her mother in law Naomi even though there was seemingly no hope. Elisha stuck with Elijah until the very end when Elijah was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire and whirlwind. Because of their commitment to each other and their perseverance, they all went to HIGHER Level! God is not interested in your comfort alone, but also in you becoming more Christlike in character (the Imageo Dei = the Image of God) and fulfilling the (Missio Dei) the mission of God.

Meditate on Romans 5:3-5

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

DECALRE - 1 John 4:19-21 NLT

[19] We love each other because he loved us first. [20] If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? [21] And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

LET US BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER and gather together as the early church did (Acts 2:42-47) for Prayer and the Word tonight at the UNITED VISION Prayer at 7pm @Foster St. & at 6pm for the Hour of Power.

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