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Month In Review

This month has been very much like this year. There have been several trials and tribulations this month to go through, but there have also been some glorious time spent with the Lord. I have spent a lot of time in the presence of the Lord while hanging out with others. The Lord has blessed me so much with time to fellowship with and minister to several of my close friends before my leave. I am such a blessed man. My last Sunday was a blessing, several people coming to the altar to make a 100% commitment with the Lord. It was a lovely sight to see, and I truly believe that is how revival starts in the house of the Lord first. His people must purify their hearts before the Lord first. The Lord was also moving in the Sunday night young adults meeting also with several people including myself getting blessed and ministered to. What an awesome God we serve to allow my last month in town to be filled with so many people getting touched by the hand of God.

A Word From Louisiana

I feel privileged that Bobby has asked me to play a part in his ministry by allowing me to say a few words to you each month. I know that, by the grace of God, Bobby will be successful in his work for the Lord, because I know that he was prompted by the Spirit of God alone to take this journey.

I feel strongly that the Lord has asked me to say a few words about our need to draw close to Jesus. As Christians we so easily forget that God truly wants us to have a relationship with Him that we have with no other or to give him priority of time more than we do anything else. In James 4:8, the Lord tells us, "Draw near to me, and I will draw near to you." We truly don't know how much we need Jesus or how much He wants to be near to us. The more that we push ourselves to realize that the other things or people that take up our time and energy are futile compared to the time we need to spend with Him, the more we will begin to understand His love and how much we need Him. In Psalms 27:4, the psalmist says that the one thing that he seeks and longs for is to live in the house of the Lord forever, meditating in his temple and delighting in his perfections. In verse 8 of this chapter, the psalmist's heart hears the Lord say, "come and talk with", and he replies, "Lord, I am coming." This is how we should strive to view the Lord. Dwelling in the house of the Lord forever does not mean to stay in the church building throughout the day, seeking the Lord. The house of the Lord is the heavenly places where Paul tells us in Philippians 4 to keep our minds. Throughout the day, we should push ourselves to keep Jesus' truths in the center of our minds and to make time where we set everything else aside and become quiet before the Lord, reading and meditating on His Word, and thanking Him for all that he has done. When we begin to put his perfections and His heart's desires in the center of our thinking, we will begin to see how much more we need to know Him and how much He loves and wants to pour Himself out on us, healing us and gracing us to be more like Himself. The Lord is saying "I want to talk with you!" Will you come to Him?

Teaching

This month there seems to be a very reoccurring theme every time the Lord has allowed me to preach somewhere. When this happens it normally means it is something that the Spirit really wants to get across to the children of God, so I figured I would share it with all of you. I want to talk about what is going on in the inside of us when we are practicing our spiritual disciplines. Of course by spiritual disciplines I am referring to prayer, study of the Word, and fasting. None of these things are pleasant what so ever to the carnal man. To the carnal man and most Christians prayer is a bore, the Bible is just words on a page, and fasting food is just simply not even a subject to be considered. What can help us Christians to embrace these things is having the right idea about them. Doing any of these things does not and can not make God love us any more than He already does. Also we should not do these things because we feel like we have to, and God will be angry at us if we don't. That can make us begin to resent doing them and resent God for making us. It can also make us develop spiritual pride because we do these things and others do not. But all of this can be eliminated if we have the right thoughts about why we pray and why we study the Word and why we choose to fast. Doing these things is actually a PRIVILEGE!! I know that sounds weird to some, so I will explain. First we should think about those in the Old Testament who lived with the inability to enter into the Throne Room of Heaven. When we realize that prayer is actually the opportunity to come before the Living Almighty God who created the world with but a word, it creates an awe of what is taking place when we close our eyes and begin to pull on Heaven. Not only that but the thing about prayer that applies to the other

disciplines is what is taking place while we do them. While we pray God is making changes on the inside of us. What are these changes you ask? These changes are the places where we do not resemble Christ being touched by God to make us look like Jesus. While you pray, where there was once hate and anger, there is now love. Where there was once anxiousness, there is now peace and patience. You are being shaped into the image of the Saviour. That is what Romans Chapter 8 is talking about. Verse 29 says you were predestined to be conformed to the image of God's Son. What a lovely picture that paints. When you read the Bible the same thing is happening as when you pray, you are being changed on the inside to the image and mind of Christ. Romans 12:2 talks about being transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. That means when situations arise, your response is not your own response but you respond the way Jesus would. Gripping, complaining, and fear does not come out of your mouth; but instead encouragement, edifying and faith is what people see coming out of you in all situations. Fasting is also very similar. John the Baptist said I must decrease so that He may increase. That applies to fasting, meaning that while fasting your flesh is being denied and decreasing and your spirit is increasing in the likeness of Christ. The goal of every Christian should be to be made into the image of Christ. The Holy Spirit reveals to us where we are lacking, and our gracious Heavenly Father gives us His Grace to overcome self and be the overcoming conquerors that we have been created to be. We are truly the Sons and Daughters of God, and we are called to walk like it.

Future Events

June 28 – Driving to Kansas City!

June 29 – Check starts at 2:00

July 7 – The Call takes place in Tennessee

This day marks an end to 40 days of fasting across the nation. The Call is a huge prayer and fasting meeting in Tennessee promoted by Lou Engle and the International House of Prayer.

July 11-13 – Pastors and Leaders
Conference at IHOP

Looking Forward

Well I think it is obvious the main thing I am looking forward to right now. I am about to leave for Kansas City within the next few days, and I can not wait. The thought of the amount of time that I will have the privilege to spend with my Saviour and His Holy Spirit has joy overflowing in my heart. On the next newsletter you will be sure to read a lot about how awesome the IHOP prayer room is, and I hope everyone is taking advantage of the live feed IHOP offers from the prayer room. Also I am very excited to see what is going to be the outcome from The Call gathering. I know God is going to honor his children when so many have come together in unity with prayer and fasting to ask for revival fire to fall. IHOP also has the Pastors and Leaders conference coming in July, and I am excited about that. Please be in prayer for me to get adjusted to a new place and schedule and to make Godly friends and acquaintances. Thanks for your prayers and may Jesus be with you in all you do.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Please, starting at the beginning of June, make your tax deductible gift payable to Faith Christian Center and **please write Bobby Taylor in the memo of any check sent. Also mail your checks to Faith Christian Center P.O. Box 763 Arcadia, LA 71001. These close friends of mine will be helping me until I get an account set up in K.C. at IHOP.**

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