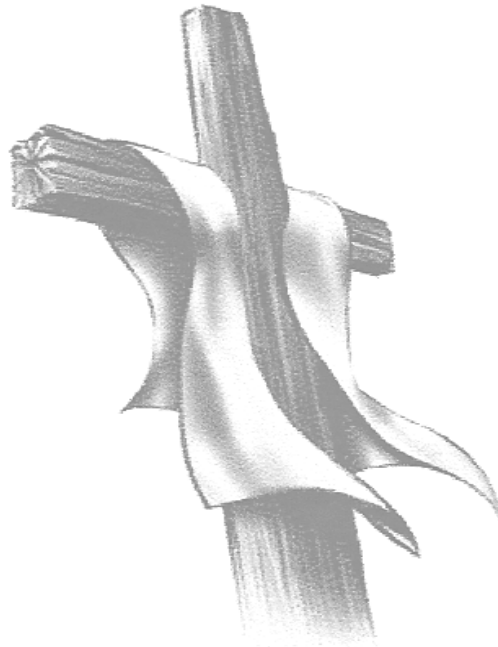

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Month In Review

Wow what a month. This month has contained so much that I am sure I will not do it justice trying to put it into words, but I will try. When I got here, it was a little difficult trying to adjust to sleeping during the day and praying all night. For those of you who don't know, my internship that I am doing for the first six months is a part of the night watch at IHOP. IHOP is a 24/7 prayer and worship house, and it has a night watch that prays from midnight to six a.m. So that took some getting used to, but after a couple of weeks I adjusted and am now loving the night watch. By the way I am now considering doing my whole four years at night. The four year degree that I will be obtaining has its classes offered in the afternoon, and then I would pray all night. There are so few distractions, and the opportunity for distractions is cut way down. One neat chapter to look at that pertains to the blessing of standing in the night in prayer to the Lord is Psalm 134. There are many references to the night watch mentioned by David in the Psalms, but 134 is definitely a major one. Also if you would like to check out in the Bible the first 24/7 prayer house, it is the Tabernacle of David in 1 Chronicles 15 & 16. This is the first example of what IHOP is being a major part of in bringing back the prayer movement to the world in a similar fashion to what King David did so many years ago. This prayer house serves as almost a spiritual microwave. I will talk more about it in the teaching part of the newsletter, but basically the spirit of the Lord is in this place and brings about conviction and purity in the hearts of those who choose to dwell in it. When the spirit and the fire of the Lord comes into a place, one of the first things that always happens is the Holy Spirit brings conviction. He wants to bring to the surface all sin and is willing to give us the grace to overcome that sin. This microwave atmosphere of the Holy Spirit here at IHOP tends to get to the sin quickly, and it sometimes hurts. But to be like my Lord is a must, and He is faithful to give His grace and mercy every time Hallelujah!!!

A Word From Louisiana

There has been a burning message that God has really placed deeply in my heart over the last two weeks that I believe he wants me to share with you this month. He has been telling me that it is time for me to step out of the boat and see what He can do through me. He also tells me that it is time to quit saying "I can't!" and believe that "He can!." In Luke 4:18-19, Jesus says that "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come." (NLT) The Lord wants you to know that there is a time to pray and a time to read and meditate on his wonderful word. And, indeed, these two should be done above all else because we need to know His son before we can expect to act like Him. But, we must also remember that there is also a time to step out onto the water, when the Spirit comes upon you to do so. There are many opportunities in our personal lives that we overlook: opportunities to give money to someone, to give our time to encourage or listen to someone, a time to reach out to a drug addict or a homosexual, or a time to spend with a difficult family member who needs Jesus, and so many more examples. We should also remember that when we begin to step out and do these things, that we must do it out of loving Jesus and not to be seen by people. Also remember that when the Lord moves upon you, He will not expect you to follow His will with your power but with His, so you can trust Him to give you all of the strength, patience, words, finances, and all other things you need to accomplish His will, because, of course, ministry to others is all about Him, not us. I truly believe that as we grow deeper in our intimacy with Jesus through spending time learning of Him and communicating with Him, the Holy Spirit will come upon us and lead us into obvious opportunities to show His love to someone. So, I challenge you this month to search your heart to see where the Holy Spirit is directing you to step out on the water and move out of your comfort zone to love someone with the love of Jesus, so that Jesus will be glorified through all that you do.

Teaching



There are several things that the Lord has been dealing with me about this past month. One of the more powerful things He has shown me, He showed me after I asked the Lord to share with me the burden on His heart for the lost. Of course the Lord did not go directly to that, but He started by showing me the wickedness in my heart toward my fellow brothers. There were so many little things that people were doing around me that were sooo bugging me. I could not believe how wicked my heart is. I just began to cry out for the Lord to soften my heart and to develop in me more Christ-like character on the inside. There is no way I can truly say I love my brother as myself, when the least little thing could make me so angry. I began to realize just how much not Christ-like I really am. He then began to show me more and more about myself. He showed me that I do not truly believe that all my prayers are being heard and do not truly believe they will be answered. If I do not believe and have faith, is there really even a reason to pray. Would there really be a reason to speak words toward the ceiling, if I don't believe there is a God with the power to do and willing to do anything I ask (if my prayers line up with His will). We must believe, we must have faith, and we must believe that God wants us to pray and talk and commune with Him. This should change our words from being idle chatter to words that brings out of us passion from the heart. I began to tell the Lord that I no longer wanted to pray with a dry heart and dry eyes. I want to pray because of burdens upon my heart to see loved ones and anyone who is lost to come to know Jesus, and I want to pray with a burning need to be Christ-like in all my ways and to love Him with all my heart. I want to weep over the lost, and I want to weep in my heart to love Jesus with all my strength and with all my mind and with all my soul and with all my heart. That is what He is worthy of and nothing less. Another thing, as if it does not seem that this was enough, the Lord showed me what was the truth about my idea of all that I have given up for Him. I had reflected lately about some of these things, and I begin to get kind of proud of myself thinking about some of what I have removed from my life for the sake of Christ. I have given up the American dream. I gave up the

idea of being rich, of having a huge house, of having a very expensive car, and of having a very impressive career. Also I gave up all my external sins (drinking, drugs, smoking, cursing, and fornication). I was very proud of these things. Now in this internship and for the three or four months before I left, I have given up a few more things. The reason I am telling you these things is to encourage you not to judge the things you give up by American standards. For one giving up the outside sins amounts to giving up hell, because they are the very things that were gonna send me there. So they should not really be considered some big sacrifice. Second, I do not think that a man in China that is being beaten for the sake of Christ will be impressed that I don't watch TV anymore. I do not want to compare myself to anyone but Jesus, but I do need to realize that what seems like a great sacrifice in America is probably not a big deal anywhere else in the world. Now I believe that the reason the Lord wanted me to share with you so many of my own weaknesses is to show you and myself that we have played and pretended to serve Christ for long enough. Beloved there needs to grow in us a realization of the urgency of the hour. I am telling you brother, it is truly time to come out the world. It is time to LOVE the Lord with everything within us, and now is the time to choose PURITY, to choose HOLINESS, and to choose to live RIGHTEOUSLY. Because I am telling you beloved that the Lord will return soon, and if it is not us that will see Him in the sky it will be one of your children or one of your grandchildren that will. And I am telling you that the Jesus that is coming is not the Lamb Jesus. The Jesus that is coming is the Lion of Judah. He will be a Lion that will wage war against all sin and all wickedness. In Isaiah 63:2 Isaiah asks Jesus "Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the wine press?" He had never seen this side of Jesus. Now I must ask you, do you know the answer to this question? I recommend to all that if you don't, find out the answer. And if you do know the answer, then you should meditate on the reality of this scripture. I know this thought might scare some, but a healthy fear of the Lord is a good thing. Phil. 2:12 says "to work out your salvation with fear and trembling." This fear of the Lord should drive you to God and not away from Him. Run to Him and REPENT of the worldly things you are holding on to. Give up those things that He is saying for you to let go of so that you can grow into a deeper intimacy with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This is the reason you were created. Trust Him, He loves you and knows what is best for you.



Future Events

Aug. 9th-11th

Growing in the Prophetic Conference at
IHOP

Sept. 6th-8th

Spiritual Warfare Conference at IHOP

Sept. 23rd

IHOP FITN Track 1 Ends

Sept. 28th

IHOP FITN Track 2 Begins

Dec. 23rd ??

Coming to LA. for a couple of days

Looking Forward

I can't believe it has been a whole month already. There are another two months left of this track. I have learned so much already, I can only imagine what the Holy Spirit has in store. The next two months of studying will probably be the same as the previous month. I have been totally consumed with studying the books of Daniel and Revelations. I am growing in my end-times knowledge by leaps and bounds. Hopefully by the time I come back in town I will have at least a decent grasp on end-time events. I have and also will be studying the Song of Solomon. I have learned already about a greater depth of the love of Christ. I suggest to all to take some time and study end-times to be prepared for what is to come. Also spend some time searching out the love of Christ that is slightly veiled but so worth digging into in the Song of Solomon. It will be the knowledge of Christ's love that will help us get through the times that lie ahead.

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