**LIVING A LIFE THAT MATTERS…!**

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I don’t know what brings you tonight or week after week - whether you are seeking to fulfill your value or extenuate your value. Whatever it is that brings you here, I want to tell you that your life absolutely matters to God.

AGAIN…Your life absolutely matters to God.

With that being said, We have to be intentional about making our lives matter.

That calls for action—and not excuses. Most people don’t know this, but it’s easier to go from failure to success than from excuses to success.

Truthfully, some if not many of us are depressed, overwhelmed & worried...because of our current “state of affairs” with the United States’ economy, social injustices and focuses on huge socially emphasized issues.

Faith and wisdom depend on something simple: on getting out of your own way and seeing the bigger picture; on a sense of greater wholeness.

The values taught in the Bible are often the opposite of worldly values: kindness and respect for all people instead of power; humility instead of status; honesty and generosity instead of wealth; self-control instead of self-indulgence; forgiveness instead of revenge. **Christian values promote peace and good will among people in accordance with the purposes of God.** We will never achieve perfection in this life, but those people who strive to obey God often find a sense of joy and peace that no worldly rewards can match!

**Consequently, living a life that matters!!!**

In this life, there are things that must be understood and learned…

1 WAITING

2 ANOINTING

3 WARFARE

4 FRUIT

5 WHAT’S RIGHT

**A FEW THINGS THAT MUST BE LEARNED AND UNDERSTOOD…**

**BY YOU**

**…**

Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

**1 WAITING STRENGTHENS YOU**

31 But **they that wait**upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

-THERE SHOULD BE OTHERS LIKE YOU WAITING…NEAR YOU.

-WAITING TAKES TIME.

-NOT ALL BLESSINGS ARE IMMEDIATE.

Isaiah 61:1-3 (KJV)

**2 THE ANOINTING MOVES YOU**

1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is **upon me**; because the LORD hath **anointed me** to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath **sent me** to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 **To proclaim** the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all that mourn;

3 **To appoint** unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

-MAKE ROOM FOR MORE!

-MINISTRY CALLING IS PURPOSELY DEFINED.

-THIS IS A DECLARATION OF THINGS THAT HAVE COME.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

**3 WARFARE DEVELOPS YOU**

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the **weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, **but mighty through God** to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 **Casting down** imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

-THERE IS A WAR FOR OUR MIND AND LIVES TAKING PLACE.

-CHRISTIAN STANDARDS FOR LIVING HAVE TO BE CONQUERED IN YOUR MIND.

-HOW DO YOU ATTACK AND DEMOLISH WAYWARD THOUGHTS?

Galatians 5:22-24(KJV)

**4 FRUIT IDENTIFIES YOU**

22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

-GOD’S SPIRIT GIVES ONE POWER TO SERVE OTHERS IN HIS MINDSET

-ONLY THOSE WHO LOVE GOD CAN LIVE EMPOWERED TO RECOGNIZE THIS

-YOU EITHER ARE BEARING FRUIT OR YOU ARE NOT.

-MATTHEW 21:19-21

Proverbs 14:12 (KJV)

**5 RIGHT MAY FOOL YOU…IF YOU’RE NOT CAREFUL**

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

-THE SUPERFICIAL RIGHT…

-THE WAY OF GOOD INTENTIONS…

-THE ARRIVAL OF UNEXPECTED DAMNATION…

-WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CHECKED YOURSELF?