What Are You Willing to Live For? Part 2

Philippians 1:1a

Sermon Notes

February 22, 2015

1. As a follower of Christ, what are some of the advantages/disadvantages of being a servant of God and people? What Matthew 10:24 teach us about the “master/servant” relationship?

2. In Phil. 1:3 Paul wrote, “I thank my God every time I remember you.” Please read Romans 16: 1-16. As Paul thought of these people, what were some of the things he was thankful for? Do you have people on your “list” who are like this?

3. Please read Hebrews 10:25. Take the time to “encourage one another”....in writing, on the phone, face to face. Take the time to encourage those who are on YOUR list.

4. Sometimes people are afraid to encourage someone because they don’t want “it” to go to someone’s “head”. What “it” are they talking about? If they don’t want THAT “it” to go to someone’s head, what “it” DO they want in someone’s head? Which is better: to have criticism...or...encouragement running through your head (thoughts)?

5. Read Revelation 2:1-5. Have you ever been “in love”? If you are married, can you share some of the things you did when you first fell in love with your spouse? How might some of those things correlate with Jesus’ command to recall and do the things you did when you first “fell in love” with Jesus?

6. In what ways does being in love, or not being in love with Jesus affect your worship of Him?

7. Can you share a recent experience where you felt moved to “speak up” on God’s behalf i.e. for your faith. If you don’t have such an experience, does that tell you anything?

8. Choose some words that describe the nature of your walk with God these days. Example: tedious, adventurous, constant, boring, exhilarating, deep, etc. As you share these words, what thoughts and or emotions run through your mind? What, if any, corrective action might need to be taken?

9. How might “giving” [time, talent, treasure] be affected by one who has lost his/her first love for God?

10. As a servant of God, do you believe that you are truly loved of God? Why or why not? Now, please read Psalms 56:3-4. How might truly believing you are “loved of God” demonstrate itself in “trusting God even in a dungeon”? What are some potential “dungeons” Christ followers face today? Are you facing any?

11. Be sure and take the time to pray for each other as hopefully you have had a deep time of sharing with each other.