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Message Series: Getting Real (Lifechange) in 2018

Todays' Message: A Tragic Waste: Missing God's Kingdom

Matthew 6:33 "But <u>seek first</u> the <u>Kingdom of God</u>... Seek the <u>Kingdom of God</u> above <u>all else</u>, and live righteously, and He will give you <u>everything you need</u>."

Matthew 6:19-21

A Tragic Waste: Missing God's Kingdom
#1. God Requires Real
<u>Philippians 3:13, 14</u> "But one thing I do: <u>forgetting</u> what <u>lies behind</u> and <u>straining</u> forward to what lies ahead, I <u>press on</u> toward the <u>goal</u> for the prize of the <u>upward call</u> of God in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:17-21
A Reminder: God starts this desire and to provide the power to surrender to the very end.
Philippians 2:13 " for it is God who works in you, both to will and to do His good pleasure."
Philippians 1:6 "And I am <u>sure</u> of this, that <u>He who began a good work</u> in you will <u>bring it to completion</u> at the day of Jesus Christ."
Our Part: To fully with the Holy Spirit living in our lives.
Romans 12:1, 2 " I plead with you to <u>give your bodies to God</u> because of all He has done for you. Let <u>them be a living and holy sacrifice</u> —the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the <u>way to worship Him</u> . Don't copy the <u>behavior</u> and <u>customs</u> of <u>this world</u> , but <u>let God transform you</u> into a <u>new person</u> by <u>changing the way you think</u> ."
Philippians 2:5 "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus"
#2. What Are You?
John 1:36-38 " Behold the Lamb of God. The two disciples heard him say this and they <u>followed Jesus</u> . Jesus turned and <u>saw them following</u> and said " <u>What are you seeking</u> ?"
His Kingdom Work: The Great suggestion: the Great Commission.
Matthew 28:18-20
Romans 14:12 "So then each of us will give an account of himself to God."

Three Action Steps:

1. <u>Eliminate</u> the <u>non-essential</u> so you can <u>concentrate</u> on the <u>essential</u>.

<u>Colossians 3:1, 2</u> "Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, <u>set your sights</u> on the realities of heaven... <u>Set your minds</u> on <u>things above</u>, not on things of the earth."

2. <u>Re-Purpose the Time You Have</u>—Example: one meal a week, one coffee time—to <u>impact</u> <u>others</u>.

Matthew 6:21 "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

3. Remember the Holy Spirits Part.

Galatians 5:16 "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

 \Rightarrow Under His Control!!

Galatians 5:25 "If we live in the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

Ephesians 6:18 "Make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel."