



Family Newsletter

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Make Jesus Our Magnificent Obsession



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The Bible says in Col.1:18, "that in all things He might have the preeminence." How do we make Christ preeminent in every area of our lives?

We need to make the Lord Jesus Christ our Magnificent Obsession by giving ourselves whole-heartedly and completely to Him. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to transform every facet of our lives to draw us

closer to Christ. Seek God's will when making our decisions by reading God's Word and praying regularly to Him. Spend much time with Him.

In spending time with the Lord, we need to remind ourselves of who Christ is and of His faithfulness to us day by day. Someone wrote, "He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End! He is the Keeper of Creation and the Creator of all! He is the Architect of the universe and the Manager of all times. He always was, He always is, and He always will be. Unmoved, Unchanged, Undefeated, and never Undone!"

We need to realize that God loves us and have complete trust in Him to work in our lives, knowing that He has our best interests at heart. Joy comes our way when we learn to depend on God's grace to help us make positive and wise choices in life's situations and circumstances.

As we live each day, we need to realize that there is no security in this world, but there is security in Christ. As my wife constantly says, "**A Tested Faith Is A Trusted Faith.**" We should set our priorities in life to reflect things that God considers important. We should pursue a mission rather than an ambition. Have faith and trust in God's power and hold close the potential of each moment so we can run the race well that God has set before us.

Eph. 3:16-18 says, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."



Neglect
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Neglect is a powerful word. It means "to omit by carelessness or design." We do not always set out to neglect, but often we do. Paul exhorted Timothy in 1Tim. 4:14, to "neglect not the gift that is in thee." He was instructing Timothy that he was qualified for the work of the ministry, which then gave to him a great responsibility, described by Paul as a gift. Honestly, gifts are the most difficult thing to not neglect. When we work hard to earn something, we generally are more careful to keep it in good order. What are some areas in our Christian service that we should be careful to not neglect?

1. The Word. We often think this is elementary, but the truth is, we should be active students of the Word of God, not just readers. Study is how we are approved of God; to neglect it would be a disapproval. We certainly need the power of God upon our lives and work, so let us be careful to not neglect God's Word.
2. The Work of the Gospel. God gave to each of us a command to reach the lost. He then graciously empowered us with the Holy Ghost to perform the work. We should, in turn, be careful to not neglect this precious opportunity. Are we as diligent in this work as we are in our physical labors?
3. Our Wealth. I am not implying that we are wealthy, but we should certainly be careful with what God has given to us. The old saying, "The gospel is free, but it is not cheap," comes to mind. As part of the work of the gospel, we are given the opportunity to invest our finances into the ministry.

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BMFP
Mission Possible Camp
July 13 - 17, 2020
Twin Lakes Christian Camp
Asheboro, North Carolina

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Let me pause here to say that this is certainly not a burden, but one of the greatest joys of life. When God uses us to meet the financial needs of the ministry, it brings an overwhelming peace and satisfaction to our hearts.

4. A Willing Spirit. This one is difficult, as most of us fail to realize when an unwilling spirit has crept into our lives. Because of the power of our flesh, we often find ourselves unwilling to consider the needs of others. We become consumed with our own needs, and then neglect what is our primary responsibility, and that is to reach others. It may not be convenient, or comfortable, but it is necessary. And we need to be willing in order to be used of God.

I pray that these words can encourage you to "neglect not" your gift. God has uniquely designed each of us, and we can have a tremendous impact on this generation with the Gospel, if we "neglect not!"

Editor's Notes

Even as we "neglect not the gift" the Lord has given each of us, we need others to walk alongside us in our efforts to reach a lost and dying world. The first step is to yield our lives (a gift) to God's leading; to make Jesus our magnificent obsession. In that, we should also ask the Lord daily to use us, our children, and our grandchildren. For those called to missionary service, BMFP stands ready to assist through the local church.

Please Pray For These Upcoming Events

Candidate Training, June, 8-12: Please pray fervently for more young people to surrender their lives for missionary service in general and for the in-depth training we have prepared for those the Lord would have partner with BMFP.

Mission Possible Youth Camp, July, 13-17: This is a great opportunity for young people that feel the Lord working in them to solidify their call by getting away from the usual routine, taking advantage of encouraging preaching and wise counsel. Contact: tking@bmf.org

BMFP 40th Anniversary Celebration, September, 28 - October 1: We want to encourage all our BMFP missionaries, who are able, to attend.

News From the Field

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We are so excited about the growth in this ministry. Our missionary Summer Steve is growing by leaps and bounds and enjoying working in the children's ministry. Through her teaching, the children have been bringing their Bibles, memorizing Scripture, and even reciting Scripture at the church. To help draw more people to our ministry, we have started hosting family activities such as barbeque and Bible trivia once a month at the church.

We have also had many come forward for salvation and baptism. Jack came forward for baptism. Please keep Jack in your prayers as he is facing some persecution from his Catholic brother. Steve, was visiting his family here in Florida from Bronx, New York. While he was here, I was able to lead him to Jesus! Amen! Please pray as he goes back to New York to share the news with his grandmother who raised him; she is a sorcerer and will probably not take the news well.

In December, we hosted a Christmas Eve Service. It was a tremendous success! One of our couples dedicated their baby to the Lord and four people accepted Christ as their Savior! Hallelujah!! God is good! Thank you again for your prayers and support for this ministry! May God bless you and your prayers in reaching the ROMA and all the people throughout the world!

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It seems like yesterday when Pam and I met with BMFP to share the burden which God had set before us for new and declining churches in America. For four years God had been at work in our lives to prepare us for the step of faith before us. I read Hebrews 11 until the pages in my Bible were worn thin. The memories of those early days are sweet, and the journey even sweeter. Our travels have taken us some 400K miles offering life support and critical care assistance to local churches across America. It is our prayer that our most blessed and effective days of ministry lie ahead.

Our primary goals for 2020 are to upgrade our existing ministry resources and offer several new items. The Sunday School Leadership Manual has been updated and is now ready for the next printing. Alongside of this, we have made improvements to the two-hour Sunday School Dynamics Course. Manuals, handouts, and other resources are ready for the next event, starting in just a few days. Please pray that God will lead us to a good graphic artist who can produce high quality copyrightable artwork for our materials and someone with strong video editing skills. If you are blessed with skills in these areas, we would love to hear from you.



"God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him" -- Hudson Taylor