

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR POWER SOURCE.

John 15:5, 7-8

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

- How can making excuses keep us from being "in Christ"?
- Why is it important to stay focused on Jesus?

DO WHAT YOU CAN DO.

In Exodus 4:12 God tells Moses "Now then go"...

Stop making excuses and do what I told you to do! Obedience is blessed. Disobedience not.

What blessings have you been reaching for? We all have our weak spots that we have been putting off.

What are those for you?

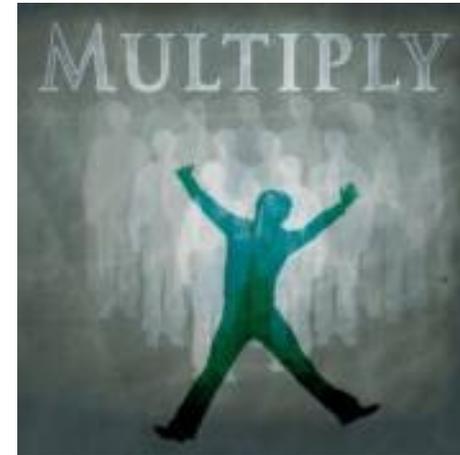
Start blessing others!!!

Think of 3 ways to bless others this week!!

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Wednesday Night Bible Study
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I QUIT - Week 1
I QUIT MAKING EXCUSES

Psalm 128:1-2

- ¹ *Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
who walk in obedience to him.*
- ² *You will eat the fruit of your labor;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.*

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AS SOON I DECIDE TO BE DIFFERENT, SATAN GIVES ME EXCUSES TO STAY THE SAME.

Luke 14:16-20

¹⁶But He said to him, "A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many;

¹⁷and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'

¹⁸"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.'

¹⁹"Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.'

²⁰"Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'

- What does the banquet represent for you?
- Who do you think the slave in this story is?
- What excuse do you use to keep from going and receiving the blessing God has prepared for you?

GOD EXPECTS US TO GO!

We may not always be in our comfort zone, but God expects us to put faith in action.

Exodus 4:10-12

¹⁰Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

¹¹The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

¹²"Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say."

- When God told Moses what his plan was what was Moses focused on?

- What commandment did God give Moses?
- What reassurance did God give to Moses?
- What was God's reaction to Moses's doubt?

DO WHAT YOU CAN DO. TRUST GOD TO DO WHAT YOU CANNOT DO.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

⁹And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

¹⁰Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

- Why does God often use us to do something that is difficult for us to do?
- Describe a time when you felt that God was getting you out of your comfort zone?

Job 42:2

²"I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted."

STOP TRYING TO JUSTIFY EVERYTHING.

Luke 10:27-29

He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

- What things have you tried to justify?