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DAILY DEVOTION

WHY IS FAITH NEEDED? CHOICES FOR DYNAMIC CHANGE: PART 1

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Psalm 118:24 (NLT)

“This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.”

As our culture becomes More chaotic by the day, family relationships become more complicated.

God's Word offers some choices that can bring clarity to the confusion and change dysfunctional family dynamics.

God's power can bring healing and spark real joy in your relationships.

The first choice can be found in the promise of Psalm 118:24. You may read it without even considering the implications of this powerful promise that is in it.

Here's the point that will help clear the confusion that is complicating your relationships and create dynamic change!

1. Choose to celebrate the season you're in

We simplify our lives when we choose to celebrate the season we're in rather than always longing for a season we are not in.

It's human nature to always want a season we are not in.

When we're young boys, we can't wait to become a teen to have some things. For instance, we used spirit on our chin to bring beard because we didn't want to celebrate the season we were in.

We wanted to turn adult overnight. Now, I shave at least two times a week.

When we do have kids, we can't wait for the day they get old enough so we can get a full night's sleep! We begin to wonder when the kids will be able to do things themselves.

Then, when they do finally leave the nest, we think, “Oh, if they could only be babies again!” What's the problem? We're missing the season we're in!

Another problem is buying into the cultural lie that you can have all things right now!

Women get this. They're sold a lie that they can have a professional career, be a perfect wife and mother, stay in perfect shape, and have a house that could be shown in Better Homes at the same time.

The truth is, you can have it all, but not all at once.

Like the seasons in nature, there are seasons in our lives.

Solomon put it like this in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." (NKJV).

So how do you celebrate the season you're in? Make a decision today.

It's as simple as a choice. Notice what the Psalmist said, "This is the day – (Today) – I will rejoice."

Stop comparing and feeling guilty for what you can't do in the season you're in, and begin celebrating what you get to do in this season!

Here's a second choice to make that will clear the frustration in your closest relationships or family:

2. Choose to tune into their world.

The Apostle John gives us this insight from what God Himself did in:

John 1:14 NKJ

[14] "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth".

God didn't ask us to come into His world. He knew we couldn't do that, so He came into our world. God came into our mess so that we could hear His message. Now try and apply that to your family. Do you tune in or tune out your kids or spouse?

To be honest! When you're at home, do you tune into your cell phone or TV more than your family?

Maybe it's time to replace 'Facebook' with 'face time'.

Do you connect or disconnect when you're around your family? I don't want to sound harsh, but the truth is, if you don't tune into their world now, they will tune you out later in life.

Be willing to get into your children's world.

How do you do that? One simple way is by asking open-ended questions.

God did that so often in His relationship with man. "Adam, where are you? What have you done? Who told you...? Cain, where is your brother?" Jesus did the same thing with His disciples, "Who do men say that I am? Who do you say I am?"

When you ask open-ended questions, questions that engage a conversation, then really listen. Don't interrupt.

Ask follow-up questions.

One of the best ways you can do this is with a consistent family dinner time or family altar. So, try to do that and leave the TV remotes and cell phones for some time and tune in to each other's world at home.

Prayer

Oh God help members of my family to celebrate the season we are in and to tune into our world for understanding and peace in Jesus name