

Are we truly FOCUSING on Jesus?



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Summary: *What is the right focus we should have learned from the days of Unleavened Bread now, and going forward? What happens when we truly focus on Christ, and when we don't? Do we focus on what WE can do, or on what God can and must do? Can God take away his Spirit once He gives it?*

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NOTE: More is on the audio than in the notes.

Hello everyone. During the most recent days of Unleavened Bread 2025, did you have the right focus? Was it mostly on the physical bread and what WE can do to root out sin? In fact, did you focus on SIN a lot? Is focusing on sin the right focus? DOES GOD ever take away his Holy Spirit once He's given it? If we lose God's Holy Spirit, are we still assured of salvation?

SOME statements in this sermon will probably surprise you, maybe even shock you. It will certainly make you THINK about some things. I hope to hear from you afterwards. Where should we be focusing most of our time and attention during the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread, which I might even refer to as "Passover week" (Ezek 45:21; Luke 22:1).

And let me say this too: If you have not heard my sermon on the Last day of Unleavened Bread in April 2024, please try to. I really believe they crossed the Red Sea on the 7th day of Unleavened Bread and you'll likely learn some exciting things you didn't know before. So check out Red Sea sermon "Your Red Sea Moments" and **the blog "On Eagles' wings"**, April 2024.

This is Philip Shields. I hope you had a very meaningful Passover service – all pointing to Yeshua. Notice in HIS Last Supper, the death of Egypt's first born and the Passover lambs' blood on the door posts and lintels -- **all that never even came up for discussion. WHY?**

Because Jesus – or I often say Yeshua, his real Hebrew name told to Mary by the angel Gabriel – **Yeshua was making a point.** Everything in Exodus pointed to HIM. All the first born of Israel were spared if they had splashed the blood of their lamb on their door post and lintels – *but GOD DID NOT get to SPARE HIS OWN firstborn, Yeshua, Jesus the Christ.*

So where do we go from here? How active are we all in asking Yeshua to be our life, to come into our lives? How zealously are we seeking God our Father and our Savior Yeshua the Messiah? And when it comes to overcoming sins in our lives, do we really use the power and victory we have in Jesus over Satan, the world and our carnal natures? Or do we try to focus on what WE each can do?

Don't misunderstand me. We're all saved by God's favor and grace, and not by our works (**Ephesians 2:8-9**), but we are also called to live a life of good works – not because that saves us but is proof we're being saved (Verse 10). But the focus is always on God and Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:8-11

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, **we shall be saved by His life.**”

Justified, saved from wrath, reconciled – all by Yeshua. And all the little lambs killed and whose blood was splashed on the door post and lintels of the doors – all pointed to our Savior. And now verse 10 says we are saved by His LIFE.

We were given the Holy Spirit after baptism and laying on of hands. The Holy Spirit is the indwelling of God and Christ (**John 14:23**).

BUT NOW WHAT? WHAT DO WE FOCUS ON NOW?

On the NTBMO did we focus on Egypt and the lambs – or on Jesus? And right NOW – what are we focusing on? What were the things we talked about during Passover week? Did we talk about Jesus?

We have God's presence, God's very LIFE given to *us by his SPIRIT.* But what happens if we don't USE His spirit, His nature, His power, His presence? Or

what happens if we LOSE His spirit? Can that happen? You might be surprised.

Passover is a MEMORIAL to the Son of God. PERIOD. And Jesus handled that night and day and Garden of Gethsemane (Olive Press) and crucifixion – perfectly. Jesus sweat blood that night, for us! **After Passover service, I said, “Lord Jesus, after all this, we just stand in total AWE of you. IN TOTAL AWE!”**

And we bless God the Father – who offered up His precious Son, someone who never did anything wrong – to pay the penalties of our sins – by his DEATH. Brutal, cruel death by execution, because that is the penalty of sin: the second death by execution. Not eternal life being forever tortured – but the wages of sin is DEATH (**Rom 6:22-23**). Sinners will end up as ashes under the feet of the righteous (Mal. 4:3). Just as Israel was set FREE from Egyptian slavery – we were – get this – set free from sin and we should NOW be slaves of GOD.

By now, for you, the Passover and days of Unleavened Bread are over. We’re heading now toward Pentecost. But did **you keep Jesus as your focus as you ate the Unleavened Bread** for seven days, picturing his perfection. ONLY JESUS is considered PERFECT and sinless.

Unleavened Bread IS NOT ABOUT US

Get this picture:

Unleavened Bread is bread that has never ever been leavened. Since Leaven pictures sin most of the time, and puffed up leavened bread pictures pride, Unleavened Bread points to a sinless life.

Since you and I have sinned, and even still continue to sin from time to time, Unleavened Bread cannot picture us. It has to picture Yeshua the Messiah alone. HE is the BREAD OF LIFE. He said at Passover – “This is MY body, eat of it” – HIS body, not our body. So the Unleavened Bread pictures Christ.

John 6:46-51

“Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

48 I AM The BREAD OF LIFE.

49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 THIS is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

51 ***I am the LIVING BREAD*** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and **the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.**"

Saying, as some believe, that Unleavened Bread pictures us taking sin out of our life – is an impossible picture. The bread is either leavened (sinful) or unleavened (perfectly sinless). Are you sinless (like Unleavened Bread)? A little leaven leavens the whole lump. We are called “unleavened” (1 Cor. 5:6-8) because we’re taking into our lives the only true unleavened life – and that is Christ.

We used to say that the days of Unleavened Bread pictures US taking sin out of our lives little by little. But consider what that’s really saying: it would be like telling someone to take loaf of LEAVENED bread – and telling him to pick out all the leaven. You can’t. That would be impossible.

We got rid of sin in our lives by repentance and having Yeshua wash away ALL our sins in his blood (**1 John 1:7,9; Rom 5:8-10**). And then we crucified the self with Christ (**Gal 2:20-21**), and we discarded all the physical leaven out of our homes – picturing us putting sin out completely, NOT little by little, but all of it -- and replaced all the leavened products with Unleavened Bread which has to picture Christ ALONE.

God commands us to EAT Unleavened Bread each day of the seven days. Not just to take out the leavened bread, but to be sure to eat unleavened bread for each of all seven days, which pictured us relying totally on Christ ALONE to be perfectly (7) pure and sinless. HIS life, HIS success, his victory over sin. We have to “put on Christ” (Romans 13:14).

We focus on what the unleavened bread PICTURES, and that is Christ!

Ephesians 4:20-24

“But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that YOU PUT OFF *concerning your former conduct, the old man* which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 **and be renewed in the spirit of your mind**, 24 and that you **PUT ON the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.**”

Galatians 3:26-27

“For you are all sons of God through **faith in Christ Jesus.**

27 For as many of you as **were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**" (Col 3:10 also)

Our entire focus from now on is on Christ and on Christ alone – not on us and NOT on SIN, but on HIM. Sin will begin to disappear and we'll have less and less desire to do wrong – if we FILL our minds with Yeshua, our Savior. **This is a lifelong lesson** to keep in mind, long past the days of Unleavened Bread.

This is why Paul says in Galatians 2:20 "I no longer live" but that the life I live now, he said, he lived by faith in Jesus Christ, "who loved me and gave himself for me".

And Verse 21 says *"for if righteousness could come from the Torah/law, then Christ died in VAIN."*

So after we receive God's spirit – we are encouraged to stir it up into flame and USE the Spirit (**2 Tim 1:7**). If we DON'T follow the leading of God's spirit talking to us to do this or that, or stop doing this or that, how are we children of God? Remember that **Romans 9:14** says "as many as are LED by God's Spirit are children of God". Are we letting God LEAD US by his Spirit – just as surely as God led Israel in the cloud out of Egypt?

(Some discussion in the audio about how God speaks to us and we need to respond to his leading to do this or that.)

I have many sermons about how God offers us HIS very own righteousness if we accept it by FAITH in Jesus (**2 Cor. 5:21**). Paul said he did NOT want the righteousness that comes from the Torah – but **the righteousness that comes from God, God's own righteousness, through faith in Yeshua (Phil. 3:8-11)**. God GIVES us the GIFT of his own righteousness (**Romans 5:17**). But I think many of you struggle with this. This is the lesson of Unleavened Bread.

We are weak flesh. Our spirit is willing and wants to obey -- but our flesh is weak (**Mark 14:38**). So we keep sinning, yes even with God's spirit as Paul says in Romans 7. In one of my next sermons I hope to give a sermon on how we must be overcomers and get real serious about changes we need to let GOD MAKE in our lives. Open the door to let God change you, as Davbid and others prayed.

I said changes that GOD has to make – because the way we get rid of sin is taking in our lives JESUS. GET THIS: **OUR FOCUS now is no longer**

on the SINS we have that we keep falling into – but on JESUS. And as we do that, we will grow more and more to be like HIM. If we spend focused time on God and Christ and their word of God – we will overcome, we will change. Our priorities and interests will become ever more Godlike. But we have to turn TO the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

“Nevertheless when ***one turns to the Lord***, the veil is taken away.

17 Now **the Lord is the Spirit**; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**”

We're told here that if we FOCUS ON Christ, we will overcome; we will be transformed. When someone is not overcoming – and at times that has included me – it's because we're not feeding the spirit but we're feeding the flesh. We're not focusing on Jesus, but on sin. Even during the days of Unleavened Bread, focus not on the sin but on the life and power of Jesus the Christ. If we're not keeping our focus on Him, we won't be as successful at all.

[More is said in the audio here]

John 15:4-8

“Abide in Me, and I in you. **As the branch CANNOT bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.** [WE HAVE to be INTIMATELY joined to Messiah!]

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; *for without Me you can do nothing.*

[now a warning FROM Messiah of what happens when we live separated from Yeshua. Like if we're not praying frequently.]

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 IF you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

*So I ask: how ACTIVE are we with in pursuit of Yeshua, our Messiah? Or would he deem you or me spiritually **snoring**? Would he love our zeal, our*

passion – or feel like we are nauseatingly lukewarm like the Laodiceans of Revelation 3.

PENTECOST

Pentecost is coming soon. I have several sermons on it's fuller meaning – not just receiving the Holy Spirit, which is a HUGE point of Pentecost –but there are other big points. It included giving God's law at Sinai. It's also the FEAST of FIRSTFRUITS and is called that. I suggest you hear my recent sermons on it.

But I want to focus on the fact that on this day, **in Acts 2**, the early church was founded on a holyday, Pentecost. God sent his HOLY SPIRIT and tongues of fire alighted on each head, even as a loud and massive windstorm was howling.

Acts 2:1-4

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Pentecost must always fall on a Sunday, because they were to count 50 days to the day after the seventh sabbath. So it always has to be on Sunday, the day after a sabbath day (**Leviticus 23:16**).

2 And suddenly there came **a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them **divided tongues, as of fire**, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to **speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

The Holy Spirit is God's promise for us to marry Jesus. It's the **earnest money** downpayment – “earnest” in KJV. Greek says the Holy Spirit is God's “**arrabon**” – the downpayment, the guarantee of intention to finish the plan of salvation with us. It's a very similar word in Greece even today for “engagement ring” (*arrabona*). KJV calls it the EARNEST of salvation, NKJV says the GUARANTEE of salvation. Also found **in 2 Corinthians 5:5**.

In the audio I explain **earnest money when buying a house**. It's your statement of intention to truly indeed buy the house. The Holy Spirit is like that. Holy Spirit is also the anointing oil from GOD.

2 Corinthians 1:21

“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has **anointed** us is God, who also *has **sealed us*** and **given us the Spirit in our hearts as a GUARANTEE.**”

In my other sermons about the “**22 Things Holy Spirit does for us**” – one of those things is God’s spirit is the GUARANTEE of our salvation.

But we can’t get lukewarm about this. **ONCE GIVEN to us, can we ever LOSE that precious Holy Spirit?** And what would we BE like if we ever DO lose it, or even when we just lock it up and don’t USE God’s Holy Spirit?

We’re told in **Hebrews 13:5b** – “...for I will never leave you nor forsake you”. In **Romans 8:35-39** adds that nothing can separate us from the love of God. But that same chapter says in **Romans 8:13** that if we “live according to the flesh, you will die. But if you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live”.

So even after receiving the Holy Spirit, **Romans 8:14** clearly says *ONLY if we’re letting God’s spirit lead us can we be real children of God, and v 13 says we can’t live according to the flesh, carnal living, or we will DIE.* So we have to use all the scriptures together.

Christ will not leave us -- but can WE leave Christ? Can we deny him? If we ever do, we sure better repent fast and get back to Him.

Matthew 10:32-33

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

Yes, we all can become as lost sheep – and YES - because of who HE is, **HE WILL** come looking for you. **HIS LOVE** will lead him to get you back with the body, the FLOCK.

GOD does come after us, but sometimes He makes us go through the trials and testing, likened to GOLD refined in the fire (**Rev. 3:18**), like the Laodiceans.

Again, the purpose of this sermon is for all of us to awake from our spiritual slumber and seek God with more time, more focus than ever.

I strongly believe Scripture is clear that those who HAVE God’s spirit, and KEEP God’s spirit active in them – stirring it up – being LED by the spirit, ARE saved and WILL be in the first resurrection.

But what if God *takes away His Holy Spirit* because we're locking up God's spirit, refusing to follow the lead or if we're heading back to a life of sin? DO WE still have a guarantee of salvation? God's Holy Spirit is the earnest, the down payment, the guarantee of God's intention to see you to the end, to salvation, to FINISH what he started in us. AS LONG AS WE KEEP God's spirit active in us, and FOLLOW The SPIRIT'S LEAD, We'll be FINE with God.

But is the guarantee still there if God takes away his spirit?
DOES God ever take it away?

SOME of you don't believe God would ever take away his spirit. But let's see what scripture says. I'll show that God CAN take His spirit away.

LESSONS FROM David, SAUL and Samson

King David committed a terrible sin when he premeditatedly murdered Uriah after stealing his wife and committing adultery. But adultery was a sin of weakness, of temptation. The killing of Uriah was premeditated and was the sin GOD particularly disliked (**1 Kings 15:5**). David realized it too in his deep prayer of repentance **in Psalm 51**.

Keep in mind that the baby Bathsheba had was, by this point, no longer a baby, but more likely a toddler, or a little child, based on the Hebrew and some translations (**2 Sam.12:14**). David had not fully acknowledged this sin until this point.

(More is said in the audio)

Psalms 51:9-14

"Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

**10 *Create* in me a *clean* heart, O God,
And RENEW a steadfast spirit within me.**

**11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**

13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.

14 Deliver me from **the guilt of bloodshed**, O God,
The God of my salvation,

And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness."

Verse 14 - David knew which of the 2 sins was worse: Murder or adultery.

David had seen God take his Holy Spirit away from King Saul when he repeatedly failed God's way. Yes, Saul had the Holy Spirit. **Yes, God took it away.** The same CAN happen to us – and if it does, you need to beg for it to be renewed, given back to us, as David prayed. And we're told God is more than happy to give more of his Holy Spirit when we ASK for more. **Matt 7:11.**

KING SAUL – did you know even he was given God's spirit?

1 Samuel 10:9-10

“So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, **that God gave him another heart;** and all those signs came to pass that day. 10 When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; **then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.**”

But in 1 Sam 16, GOD took His Holy SPIRIT AWAY.

1 Samuel 16:14

“But the Spirit of YHVH departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.”

I think many of us are not overcoming and fighting sin as hard as we should, because we have not fully understood that God can also decide to have his Spirit depart from us too – ***at least temporarily until we wake up.*** Scripture seems to show that He CAN take his Holy Spirit from us, people who once may have been filled the Holy Spirit.

Many of you will think I'm so wrong on this. But I'll show you in scripture – both in the Old Testament and New Testament. If we SEEK God, he will not depart from us. But when we ignore God over a long period of time – GOD CAN decide to have his Spirit depart from us. And that's a tragedy.

There are so many examples when God takes away his presence. **Here's SAMSON's STORY** – who does end up in the Hall of Fame of the men/women of faith **in Hebrews 11**, but God had to wake him up first and make him go through a SEVERE TRIAL to refine him and restore his relationship with God.

Samson had been given God's spirit. When needed, God's spirit empowered him with super human strength.

He probably looked just like one of us – *because if he looked like a Mr. Universe with huge muscles, people could conclude he was just a very strong*

man. *But if he looked like the rest of us, then his strength was puzzling.* The Bible sometimes even said God's spirit would come upon him at vital moments and he would be given unbelievable strength – from GOD.

So when Samson disclosed his source of strength was in God, who had commanded him to never cut his hair as a Nazarite. **As long as Samson obeyed and was faithful to his Nazarite vow** and didn't cut his locks he had God's special strength. SAMSON SAID – "IF MY hair is cut, and my head shorn, **MY STRENGTH** will LEAVE ME (**Judges 16:16-17**). His strength was not in his hair, but in God!

GOD is our strength. IN fact, the Hebrew words for God -- EL, or Elohim – refer to "**STRONG ONE**", or **strong ones**. Jesus cried out from the cross, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachtani" – "MY STRENGTH, MY STRENGTH", literally translated, or simply My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." So let's read what happened in Judges 16 to Samson.

Judges 16:18-20

18 When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart." So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand. 19 Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. **Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him.** 20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!"

But he did not know that YHVH had departed from him. *****

So the Philistines put his eyes out (probably with a hot iron), bound him in fetters, and took him to GAZA. God was trying to wake him up, to get him zealous again and not womanizing with harlots and spending all that time with **Delilah**. We're not told that she was a Philistine or harlot herself, but her name meant "dainty one", was witty, beautiful, charming – and Samson for a time, failed God.

God woke him up spiritually eventually – but only after enslaving him to the Philistines and burning his eyes out.

*So God is faithful to finish in us what he started (**Philippians 1:6**) – but if we are spiritual lazy, careless, stupid – God will have to spank us hard first to get our attention. His discipline is His love.*

In these end times, let's wake up. Let's remember we are HOLY ONES, SAINTS – and don't take that for granted. During these days of Unleavened Bread especially we are reminded we must FOCUS on Jesus. HE is the Bread of Life. HE is our strength.

HOLY, NEW CREATION, LIFE IN Christ

Romans 12:1-2

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you ***present your bodies*** a living sacrifice, **HOLY, acceptable to God**, which is your reasonable service.

2 And ***do not be conformed to this world***, but **BE TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect **will of God.**”

Revelation 18:4 – “Come out of her (Babylon), My people!”
Be A LIVING sacrifice. We're also called to be LIVING STONES of his holy spiritual temple, our very bodies. **1 Pet 2:5**

Yes, we're Saved by grace, not of works. Eph 2:8-9
But we're rewarded by our works. What we'll be doing forever and ever is because of what we did in this life.

Don't take any of this for GRANTED. I guess that's a big part of this message.

When Jesus returns, He'll want to see you've been busy working for him, as a FAITHFUL SERVANT.

Matthew 24:44-48

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

Complete Jewish Bible: Matthew 24:46 “It will go well with that servant if he is found DOING HIS JOB when his master comes.”

We'll be judged WELL by Christ if we're busy doing his work when he returns.

Remember there were some who claimed to do mighty miracles in Jesus' name, but look at Jesus' warning:

Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied in Your name**, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

23 **And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'**

Are you praying daily for God to show you his WILL and strength to do it? Are you growing in being more responsive to the leading of God's spirit.

God will TEST how we're building --- now ponder this one. These next scriptures are there for us to read. I'm using them as our WAKE UP call in these end times. Turn to 1 Cor. 3. We all are being tested.

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

" For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the FIRE WILL TEST EACH ONE'S WORK, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone defiles the temple of God (you and I), God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”

There are so MANY of these kinds of verses to WAKE UP, to seek GOD”s will, to ask Him to help you live each day.

- PUT ON the whole armor of God – **Eph 6**. Don’t start the day just wearing spiritual underwear and nothing more!
- Resist the Devil STEADFAST in the faith and he will flee (**1 Pet 5:8-9**)
- Don’t FEAR Satan – for “He who is in you is greater than he in the world” (1 John 4:4b)
- We’re told to FLEE temptation, FLEE sexual immorality (1 Cor 6:17), flee idolatry, Flee youthful lusts (2 Tim. 2:22). Guys, you’ve GOT to stop looking at images of naked women and fooling around with Porn. STOP.

I’ve had to come to see **where I was** becoming lackadaisical – and so I’m sharing all this with you. It’s time for us to wake up and let Christ be our life. SEEK HIM as never before.

Romans 8:11-14

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors – not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For as many as are LED by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

Romans 13:11-14

“**And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.**

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

14 But ***PUT ON the LORD Jesus Christ, and make NO provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.***”

We're in the last days, the last years – So I hope this message has been a wakeup call to you to spend less time on the pursuits of this world, and more time on pursuing God and Christ; on listening to the Holy Spirit and letting God's Spirit guide and lead us.

And most of all be constantly focusing on Jesus Christ our Master and Lord. Be frequently seeking after God our Father to guide us through their Spirit.

I'm hoping to come out soon on a sermon on Keys to Overcoming – starting with what we're told in 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 and much more.

Prayer.