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NEWSLETTER

Sidewalk Sunday School



Building Influence

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Imagine God puts on the table before you a blueprint of His plan and purpose for your life. With that blueprint includes all of the hardships, trials, tribulations, disappointments, and challenges that must be endured for you to get where God wants to take you.

You can choose to open the blueprint or you can choose to live your current life as you please. Many of us want to know God's plan and purpose for our lives and so most of us would probably choose to open the blueprint. The catch is that opening the blue print exposes the cost.

God's plan and purpose for our lives is greater than anything we can imagine. If each of us knew exactly what God had in store for us there'd be no hesitation to want what God desires, until we see the cost required to get there.

Following Jesus costs us our lives. No other decision will ever be as difficult as walking with the Lord. Abounding in the work of the Lord requires sacrifice, commitment, devotion, and steadfastness towards the Father. All of the disciples would eventually die for choosing to follow Jesus.

What the Lord has shown me recently is that we are in a season of building influence. We may not always see or understand what's happening but be rest assured that when we show up in the name of Jesus to the glory of God no work is in vain.

When I was formally serving at Saddleback Church in California, we always talked about three aspects of every good leader. Every good leader builds influence, develops leaders, and produces results. Jesus was the greatest most influence leader ever to exist.

All authority on heaven and earth was His yet He led not out of authority but out of influence. People were captivated by Jesus because when people had an encounter with Him, they had an encounter with God that changed everything. The King of all kings demanded no one to serve Him. Jesus didn't come to be served He came to serve. We show up every week with hearts to serve.

We've seen God building influence with the kids, with parents, with management at the apartments, with churches, businesses, individuals, and non-profits. God's building influence with volunteers and their families and even onlookers who aren't directly involved but hear about and see what's happening in the community.

There are no words to describe the influence that has taken place within these kid's hearts as they are completely different people from when we started earlier this year. God has given each of us influence in some regard. The question is what or who are we influencing people too? Labor will never be in vain if we are influencing people to Jesus.

Pastor Nick

MEMORIZE IT

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9/16: You Need to Decide to Live for God
 9/23: Everyone Struggles with Sin
 9/30: Start Strong Finish Strong
 10/7: God Wants to Transform Your Life
 10/14: God Wants to Transform Your Mind
 10/21: God Wants to Transform Your Heart
 10/28: God Wants to Transform Your Actions
 11/4: God Speaks
 11/11: God will Provide for You
 11/18: It's Not Thanks-Taking, it's Thanksgiving
 11/25: God Desires to be Your Father
 12/2: Christmas is all about Jesus

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/1- 8/31: Fall Preparation
 8/12: Backpack Distribution
 Appreciation Dinner
 9/16: Fall Series Kick-Off
 12/2: Fall Series Ends

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

8/10: Jayla	11/17: Iris
9/11: Christopher	11/16: Savanah
11/3: Liom	11/24: Gratel
11/13: Breana	12/2: Angelyn
	12/6: Cassiay



PRAISE REPORT

1. More and more parents and adults have joined us to worship Jesus and to listen to the preaching of God's word every week.
2. Last week six of the kids went to the front to lead all the other kids in worship. God literally multiplied our worship team!
3. We've been praying for the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers and several people have now joined our team!
4. By the grace of God, Summer Camp was a huge success! With your support we were able offer the kids tons of games and activities. Our top prizes were a tv, a bike, and a tablet. The kids were thrilled!
5. More relationships with parents are being formed and cultivated daily.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray. Participate. Provide. Partner.

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Nothing accomplished would have been possible without your support. If all the support you can offer is to pray daily, praise the Lord! Prayer will always be our most important work. Next to that our greatest needs for our upcoming fall series, in order of need are:

1. Volunteers
2. Food (we prepare food every week for around 40-50 people);
3. Prizes for kids ages 4-12 (under \$10);
4. Snacks for kids; and
5. General ministry and benevolence support.

On August 12th around 5:00PM we'll be having an appreciation dinner for everyone who has served throughout this year. If you are interested in joining us and/or if you have questions on how you can help, please contact Pastor Nick.

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

1. Pray God sends laborers for our fall series.
2. Pray God provides resources and everything needed to bless the community with a Thanksgiving Meal for all families and Christmas gifts for kids during the holidays.
3. Pray for opportunity to reach more kids and people in the community. We believe God wants to multiple our efforts to reach more people.