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- God needs to center us.
- Psalm 118 is the center chapter of the entire Bible.
- It is better to trust in the Lord than to trust human beings.
- We are flawed. That's why we had to be redeemed.
- Anyone who thinks they don't need redemption are delusional or they are lying.
- Don't ever look down at other people thinking you're better than them.
- You never know what has happened to people or who they fully are.
- Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible. Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible.
- Being centered means being focused on principles of God's truth that guide our faith, ethics and morality. It gives us meaning and context from the past, composure for the present and courage for the future.
- Being centered means your in control of your emotions, youre grounded, cool calm collected.
- It doesn't mean you don't have problems or don't get angry. Be angry and sin not.
- Don't let a 5 min moment destroy your entire day
- Habbakuk 3:2 "I have heard all about you, Lord. I am filled with awe by your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in years gone by. And in your anger, remember your mercy."
- Trust is based on and backed by God's character and that gives us hope. Hope is the anchor of our soul-it keeps us from drifting!
- People who give up have lost their hope
- Hebrews 6:18-19 "So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary."
- Don't ever lose your hope.
- When you trust in the Lord God's character makes it impossible for him to lie. We can trust his character.
- Power tends to corrupt, absolute power corrupts absolutely.
- Worst curse of our world or egotistical leaders that are self centered instead of Christ centered.
- Ephesians 3:14-19 "When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God."
- People will go where the light is but they will stay where the love is. Flash will attract you but love will keep you.
- Parents are flawed they can forsake you. Then the Lord will take you up.
- When you get rooted in God your behavior will get radical for other people.
- When youre rooted you become fruited. The fruit grows through you.
- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

- Sometimes you can't see how far you've strayed until you go back to the original pattern.
- Numbers 2:1-2 "Then the Lord gave these instructions to Moses and Aaron: "When the Israelites set up camp, each tribe will be assigned its own area. The tribal divisions will camp beneath their family banners on all four sides of the Tabernacle, but at some distance from it."
- Each tribe was positioned around the center of the tabernacle. When they went to sleep and woke up they were facing the tabernacle in the center.
- What's at the center of our city
- Political power and monetary power is no defense against demonic powers.
- We are in a real war right now. Where are our ethics. We've gotten off track and we need people that are connected to God and centered in God.
- The farther that we move from the center the more we lose consciousness of the values and virtues of the center- the heart of the matter.
- You become what you behold.
- Do not remove a fence until you know why it was put there in the first place. It was there to protect you.
- Isaiah 26:3-4 "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock."
- When self becomes the center instead of Jesus implosion becomes inevitable.
- We need to turn our face back to the presence of God
- John 3:30 Jesus must become more important while I become less important.
- Your life as a Christian should make no -believers question their disbelief in God
- SIN, LIE, OBEDIENCE, PRIDE, GUILT I is at the center of all of those words. You have to die to I
- When you operate in guile you end up in guilt
- EGO =Edging God Out
- The drift is slow. The devil turns you 2 degrees at a time. You don't even notice it happening.
- Galatians 5:7 "You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth?"
- It's always a who that gets you off track not a what.
- If the devil wants to derail a woman who is focused and successful but her heart is hungry, he will send in a slick man telling her stuff she wants to hear.
- God Centric people ask these questions before making decisions
- How will this make God feel?
- What does God want me to do in this situation?
- How can God be glorified through what has happened?
- How do I serve God in my current position?
- How does this affect what God wants to do in and through my life?
- What would Jesus do?
- What does God's word say about this?
- The devil loves to make people anxious and impatient and make them run ahead of God
- Psalm 27:13-14 "Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord."
- If you have made bad decisions in your life you need to say to yourself this is not how my story ends and turn the page and write a new chapter.
- If you have lost your joy, Obedience is the road back to joy.
- There's something that God has called you to do. Obedience is the road back to joy.
- The saints are the ones who let the lights shine through. We must let our lights shine.
- Get recentered on the things that really matter.
- It's not that life is too short it's that we waste time on stuff that doesn't matter.
- Psalm 118:8 "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people."
- "It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man."
- "Lord, it is so much better to trust in you to save me than to put my confidence in someone else."