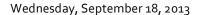
Being Present is a C.O.R.E. issue





I shared with you today my lesson at the end of the dock about C.O.R. E. issues in my life; here are the scriptures for each point for you to reference:

Consistently: I need to be consistent in being with Him.

Psalm 119:16 "I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

Obeying: Obeying God is a non-negotiable, it is no longer a debate.

Exodus 12:24 "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants."

Restores: I have learned in a new way how only He can restore my soul.

Psalm 23:3 "He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake."

Expectancy: Each time I walk in obedience it increases my faith for what is next.

Psalm 5:3 "In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly."

What would be the C.O.R.E. issues that God would remind you about that need to improve in your posture? Feel free to create a different acronym, but take some time to inquire of the Lord if there are areas that need refinement, trust me it is for your good!

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<u>Obey</u> (upakouo) in the Greek language means to listen attentively, when you obey you are listening for more than hearing, but you are listening with the intent to take action to what you hear.

Expectant waiting, let's read about expectancy in Romans out of The Message:

"All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us; any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy." Romans 8:22-25,

Friends, we are enlarged in the waiting, the waiting is growing something in us! It is a growing us into mature believers who no longer just come into prayer with our wish list, but we come into a place of prayer and waiting before Him as a longing of relationship. We humbly lay our lives before Him and in that place we become expectant!

The Lord said of His servant Caleb in Numbers 14:24: "My servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly." Put your name in that place as you commit to becoming a person of a different spirit:
My Servant has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly.
The last couple of days we have talked about practices that make us more attentive to God's presence: Praise, thanksgiving, acknowledging how God meets us in His presence, and attaching a practical short prayer to a routine activity that we do daily, are all ways that make us more attentive.
Your turn today:
Our spiritual life is a derived life. The definition of derived is "when you obtain something from a specified source". With that being true, then we have to acknowledge that our spiritual life is only as robust and healthy and it is attached to God.
Measure how robust and healthy your spiritual life is today:

Write a prayer expressing to God where you are on this journey and where you want to be, asking Him to make you more attentive along the way.

Robust and attached

Growing but distant

Weak and detached