

Welcome to

Essex County's Own

Women's Bi-Monthly Day Retreat

To

Reveal Jesus to Us!

Jesus IS Here!

Featuring 'The Word of God'

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Retreat Schedule

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Introductions
- 9:30 Jesus is Here Topical Teaching
- 11:30 Lunch (1 hour)
- 12:30 Wader's Workshops
- 1:30 Shema Ishshah Yapourdee
- 3:00 Dismissed for Biblical Problem Solving

*Keep Jesus with you
wherever you are spurring
others to love and good deeds!*

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Jesus IS Here with Fruit

Jesus is not so much interested in the production of fruit as He is in the growing of it. Psalm 1:1-3 says, *Blessed is the man... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.* [Emphasis mine] Those who delight in the law of God will begin growing fruit for Jesus!

Growing Fruit for Jesus

God spoke fruit trees into being according to Genesis 1:11 He spoke into creation *the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself!* And God saw that it was good! He didn't stop there though He created the fish in the sea and the animals on the ground *And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth* (Genesis 1:22). These creatures were not the fulfillment of the whole plan for the Earth. The plan included people starting with Adam and Eve. He saw them and He saw that it was very good *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* (Genesis 1:28) They spent their days caring for the Garden of Eden and physically communing with Jesus! Then they ate a forbidden fruit. Thousands of years and millions of people later Jesus said, *"You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you that you should go bear fruit."* (John 15:16) Fruit trees produce fruit so it can reproduce itself with the seeds contained within the fruit. The fruit is eaten and the seeds are left behind to grow and produce more fruit.

We are to eat the fruit provided for us to produce fruit for the provision of others!

Eating the Fruit Provided to Us!

Eating fruit involves the choosing of the perfect fruit to eat. Not all fruit is good for us hence the forbidden fruit. God will tell each of us what fruit is good for us and what fruit is not. This part is a personal thing BUT God has told us in His Word what we must eat and that is for all of us. He called Himself the vine that we should abide in (John 15:4-6) with us being the grafted in branches (Romans 11:24) that He has chosen that we may bear fruit (John 15:16). But first we need to be equipped through the eating of fruit that He may accomplish IN us what is pleasing in His sight (Hebrews 13:21).

If then we are grafted into the Vine we would then produce the same fruits as the Vine. Before Jesus began His ministry He grew in stature with God and man (Luke 2:52) therefore our first obligation is to grow in stature with God and man. With the Spirit living in us (Ezekiel 36:27) we need to be careful to walk in the ordinances of God but with this indwelling comes the fruits of the Spirit. With this fruit we continue to eat we will be able to kill the lusts of the flesh and produce fruit worthy of our calling.

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Galatians 5:22 *And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*

Love (G26 *agapē*): 1 John 4:19; John 17:26

Joy (G5479 *chara*): John 15:11; John 16:24

Peace (G1515 *eirēnē*): John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7

Longsuffering/patience (G3115 *makrothymia*): 2 Peter 3:8; Hebrews 12:1

Kindness (G5544 *chrēstotēs*): Philippians 2:3-6; 1 Corinthians 10:24;

Goodness (G19 *agathōsynē*): Psalm 11:7; Philippians 4:8

Faithfulness (G4102 *pistis*): 1 Corinthians 2:16; Matthew 5:37

Gentleness/Meekness/Humility (G4236 *praotēs*): 1 Peter 3:3-4; Proverbs 22:4

Self-Control (G1466 *egkrateia*): 1 Corinthians 9:26-27; Titus 2:11-12

We are eating the fruit provided for us so God can work IN us to produce the fruit that He is equipping us to produce. The fruit of the Spirit is His way of preparing us to provide the fruit for others.

Producing Fruit for the Provision of Others!

We produce fruit so others can benefit from it but we need to be prepared to produce fruit that lasts. In us preparing Jesus warned us to be knowledgeable enough to discern the good fruit and the bad fruit. He told us as good tree cannot bear bad fruit and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit (Matt 7:18 & Luke 6:43). He chose us that we would bear good fruit so let us compare the difference between a mature tree bearing good fruit and an immature tree bearing bad fruit. In your notebook create three columns like this:

Spiritual Fruit

Immature Fruit

Mature Fruit

We will go through the fruit of the Spirit list with the attached verses and list what the immature fruit will look like and what the mature fruit will look like. I want you to keep in mind each one of us is gifted to produce fruit in a completely different way because we are our own branch graphed into the Vine.

Conclusion

Jesus uses us to produce different brands of fruit that those fruits can be used differently within the Body of Christ. Some are meant to bring people into the Body and some are meant to grow the Body but all are meant to edify the Body of Christ. To edify the Body of Christ we must eat the fruit provided for us to produce fruit for the provision of others!

Action

Use list you created specifically for you and create a plan to make sure the fruit you produce is indeed a mature fruit. Treat this as an experiment by testing different ways to mature your fruit from the Spirit. Make sure one of those ways is to continually bring them before the throne of Christ because this is His Body.

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Living His Will

Waders Workshop

Living in God's will to produce fruit one must know what sort of fruit He wants us to produce and set ones mind to the production of that fruit. God will tell us what our permanent fruit production will be such as teaching or encouraging or leading but we will have fruit that is unique to a situation. Unless we understand this and set out mind to doing it the fruit will not become what it was meant to be (2 Corinthians 8:10-11). Each time we learn we are producing fruit within and each time we act we are producing fruit without therefore we are producing fruit continuously! Whether that fruit is good or bad depends on what we set our mind to accomplishing. Avoiding these times by abandoning our work robs us of the joy of problem solving, learning and achieving while being disciplined can lead to enhanced skills that bring us great joy and great production toward our overall goals.

What do you wish you had not abandoned on in the past?

Four Steps to Self-Discipline

There are four very important steps to help us become more self-disciplined. Becoming self-disciplined means that we can commit to things that will make our lives to the will of God. Our live will be much more active and meaningful.

Step One – Accept our Lot

This step is the first and the hardest to accomplish because it takes such a mind change to accept what we have or have done or what we need to do on a daily basis. It goes way beyond simple forgiveness; it is about seeing our life as a gift and accepting that gift. Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 (NLT) *Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life. And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God. God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.*

Write down something that you need to accept to move on.

Rate your overall acceptance of who and where you are – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Step Two – Clarity our Walk

Once we accept our lot in life we must have clarity about where to go from here. If we are unclear about why we are doing what we are doing we will not discipline ourselves to achieve our goals. Clarity will give us the reason to stay disciplined.

Ephesians 5:15-17 *So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.*

Write down something that you are very clear about.

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Do you have exceptional discipline when you are working toward this goal? Yes No

Rate your overall Clarity about where to go next – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Step Three – Preparing to Go!

Once we are clear about direction we must prepare to go forward. The best way to prepare for each work is to know scripture so that we will be trained in how God wants us to do His works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

How often do you read and understand the Word?

Are you happy with your knowledge of God? Yes No

Rate your overall knowledge of God – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Step Four – Go in the Spirit!

When we go to do God's will we are to go in the Spirit. When we go in our own power we benefit only ourselves but going in the Spirit allows God to use us to benefit many.

John 16:13 *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

What are you currently doing that you know is of the Spirit?

Is everything you do a leading of the Spirit? Yes No

Rate your overall Spirit walk level – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Conclusion

When we accept His will, clarify His will, prepare for what we are to do and go in the Spirit to accomplish His will we will see the miracles of His works. The benefit to instilling discipline in our life is the miraculous way God does His works. Let us not abandon our work for Jesus because we don't know it. The will of God is clear and obtainable from His Word in the Holy Bible and His laws written on our hearts therefore GO!

Alone Time

Take some time right now to go over each of the steps working out a plan to get your overall level up for each step one. Just one point above will mean you are implementing self-discipline into your life. Pray that God would help you to be honest and help you to grow in His will.

Thank you for coming to the

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Retreat for Women

We want you to experience Jesus in a new way and
leave today knowing Him better.

Bi- Monthly @ Hillman United Church,
Gatherings Leamington, Ontario
9:00am to 3:00pm Registration begins at
Bring your own lunch 8:30am

Saturday, November 19, Topic: His Women
Saturday, January 21, 2017
Saturday, March 25, 2017

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