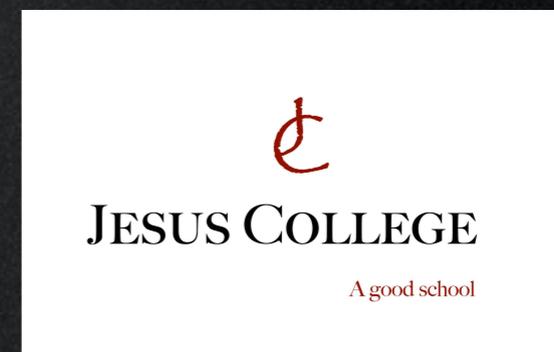


“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”



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Course Schedule

#1 - “Living Water” - DW 1 of 3 [04:30-23:00]

#2 - “Your 4M IQ” - DW 1 of 3 [23:00-48:30]

#3 - “The Kingdom Now in Jesus” - DW 2 of 3 [0-21:45]

#4 - “Making an Apprentice” - DW 2 of 3 [21:45-45:10]

#5 - “Kingdom Living” - DW 3 of 3 [0-21:45]

6 - “Eternal Kind of Life” - DW 3 of 3 [21:45-37:15]



“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”
REVIEW Session 4 - “Making an Apprentice”

As Jesus’ apprentice, disciple or student, I am learning from Him how to lead my life in the Kingdom of God as He would lead my life if He were I. When we put ourselves in to it as disciples of Jesus, we begin to experience the upholding and empowerment to become different kinds of people. Jesus is saying you become the kind of person in His fellowship and His teaching for whom this is the easy, natural way to be.



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Living in His Kingdom without Hurry & Worry

What do we do with this?

Moving into this kind of life, we begin to experience a power we can count on in our ministry. We preach the Kingdom of God and the availability of the Kingdom of God to everyone. We make it clear that we are invited to bring our kingdom into God’s kingdom.

One of the ways I have to open up a discussion with people is to ask them how they are doing with their kingdom, their queendom.



Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth."

Genesis 1:26

Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God that in due season He may exalt you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

The human being essentially is a ruling and reigning being. That's built into our nature.

You were made to be exalted in righteousness. When we learn how to humble ourselves in “the mighty hand of God”, that's His kingdom. That means to learn how to act in dependence upon Him, the Kingdom, the Living Water.

As we learn how to do that, things like anger and contempt take on a whole different cast.

I refer you to *The Divine Conspiracy* chapter 5.



Learning to Be Content - Philippians 4:4-13

“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.” (v. 4)

God is the only foundation of joy.

“Be anxious for nothing...” (v. 6)

You will have a peace you don't understand.

“Whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely...” (v. 8)

This is based on the vision of God.

“The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, put into practice.” (v. 9)

I have to be able to say that.

I have to accept grace.

I want to point you to Him through me.

Learning to Be Content - Philippians 4(continued)

“Not that I speak from want...” (v. 11)

He had found the great fountain of sufficiency in God through Jesus Christ.

“I have learned the secret of being filled, both having abundance and suffering.” (v. 12)

Sometimes it's harder to endure abundance than it is suffering.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (v. 13)

You don't want to take that out of context. In order to enter into that, we have to be responsible for how we direct ourselves. That's where spiritual disciplines come in. Paul had learned to do these things through a process of experience and in large measure an experience that he had chosen.

Choosing to Practice Kingdom Living through Disciplines

Key Terms

Spiritual Disciplines

Grace

Salvation

Transformed

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Choosing to Practice Kingdom Living through Disciplines

You do not become a disciple, a person who is content no matter what happens, unless you have chosen how to live your life.

That's one of the biggest problems for us today. The teaching of grace that we have has made us passive. Grace is treated as something that comes upon you like lightning not something you make a point of cultivating. Disciplines are about cultivating grace.

*“Grow in grace and knowledge of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” II Peter 3:18*

Spiritual Discipline (def.) - “An activity in my power which enables me to accomplish what I can not do by direct effort.”



Kingdom Living through Disciplines (continued)

I can't be 'content' no matter what the circumstances unless I have received grace to do that. I can't do that by effort. The Scribes & Pharisees depend upon effort. They tried to do the right thing or at least not do the wrong thing. That's the mistake they made. That's why Jesus said, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees" which is hypocrisy. The reason why it is hypocrisy is that the Pharisee tries so hard to be righteous and takes the wrong approach and fails. Because they are so concerned about righteousness, they revert to covering up and pretending and being something other than what they really are.



Kingdom Living through Disciplines (continued)

This route of discipline is the way we become inwardly transformed so that we can turn loose of external righteousness and be who we are as Apprentices of Jesus and learn what we need to learn.

*When a person becomes prepared to take means
then they began to make progress.*



Grace (def.) — “God acting in my life to accomplish what I can not do on my own.”



The person who really burns grace is a saint because everything they do depends on grace. They burn grace like a 747 burns fuel on takeoff. A sinner just needs forgiveness. God has plenty of grace. He is not in short supply.



Grace is not opposed to effort,
it is opposed to earning.

Earning is an attitude. Effort is action.

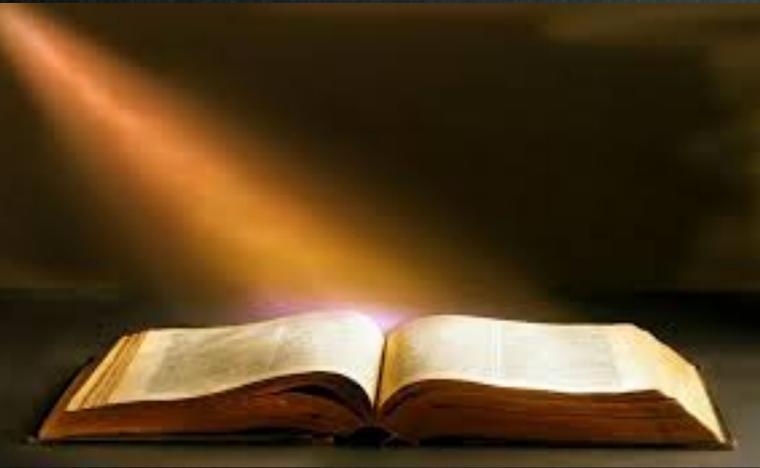
“To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

Ephesians 3:8

Salvation (def.) - “It means God’s action in our lives.”

Salvation is a very encompassing term. It doesn't just refer to making it in when you die. It means deliverance and it refers to all aspects of our lives.





“Be transformed by the renewing of *your* mind.”

Romans 12:2

“I set the Lord always before me. He is at my right hand. I will not be moved.”

Psalm 16:8

“This book of the Law shall not depart from *you* mouth but *you* shall meditate on it day & night.”

Joshua 1:8

Transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Grace comes and we, by the chosen things that we do, learn how to receive grace. We fill our minds with the right kinds of things. Primarily it is our minds. Discipline is primarily something that has bearing on where our mind is.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

I BIND UNTO MYSELF TODAY
THE STRONG NAME OF THE TRINITY,
BY INVOCATION OF THE SAME
THE THREE IN ONE, THE ONE IN THREE.

I BIND THIS TODAY TO ME FOREVER.

BY POWER OF FAITH,

CHRIST'S INCARNATION;

HIS BAPTISM IN JORDAN RIVER,

HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS FOR

MY SALVATION;

HIS BURSTING FROM THE SPICED TOMB,

HIS RIDING UP THE HEAVENLY WAY,

HIS COMING AT THE DAY OF DOOM,

I BIND UNTO MYSELF TODAY.

CHRIST BE WITH ME, CHRIST WITHIN ME,

CHRIST BEHIND ME, CHRIST BEFORE ME,

CHRIST BESIDE ME, CHRIST TO WIN,

CHRIST TO COMFORT AND RESTORE ME.

CHRIST BENEATH ME, CHRIST ABOVE ME.

Disciplines & Grace (continued)

This is a choice.
Where do I put my attention?

We can begin to do the things
that will change us inwardly
so that our automatic
thoughts and feelings
become different not because
we are trying but because we
have changed inwardly.

The difference of focus here
is absolutely crucial.

Q&C = Questions & Comments



Use "Q&A" on the bottom of your Zoom screen

Q - How did I lose the enthusiasm of simple living with Christ in my youth group?

A - You have become a responsible leader. What happens is people will identify you and say, "This leader can help us" and you will fall heir to all their expectations of what you are supposed to do and that will encourage you to take charge and be responsible to them.

You need to stand in the simplicity of Kingdom living. That's a beautiful thing you can have wherever you are but you will have to find the practices that will bring you back into and that will loosen you up from being a responsible leader. Probably your heart is there already. We can find our way if we decide to be intentional about it. If we are in leadership, we'll have to re-educate everyone to go along with us.

Dallas Willard

Retreat Session 3 Q&A, [43:15]

In the next 10,000 minutes...

Q - Dallas asks, "What do we do with this?"
So, what will I do with this?

Q - On a scale of 1-10: 1 = serenity, 10= panic;
how peaceful is my life?

Q - What discipline(s) will I practice this week?
Consider praying St. Patricks' prayer daily.

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Summary of Session 5 - “Kingdom Living”

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Next Week — Session 6 of 6

“An Eternal Kind of Life”

Dallas Willard Teaching at Baylor
#3 of 3 - Time code 21:45 - 37:15

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