

Reinventing Your Walk with God

2 Tim. 1:6

Introduction

We talked at the beginning of this year about taking action. Doing something. Shaking up the status quo and taking action. A new direction. A deeper walk. Materially improving your relationship with your spouse or your kids.

It's time to check in and see how that's going. Are you different or pretty much the same? Aside from a few, I haven't seen or heard a lot about folk taking on new ministries, getting closer to God, getting a better marriage.

I've heard a number of people say, "I think I'll start working with ESL, AWANA, choir, missions, etc." But I haven't seen much action.

There's still time. Now is a great time for renewal. Now in our church we are starting a new chapter. We're doing some new things. There's still time for you.

Passages:

2 Timothy 1:6 - ⁶And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Paul had to remind Timothy to restart the fire that energized his ministry. The "gift of God" is God's specific and unique equipping for ministry and is therefore completely tied to Timothy's call and life purpose. Paul is challenging Timothy to remember and get refocused on God's call and purpose for his life.

Bible Study:

What is it that drives us?

What was it that made Moses take action? He hated seeing his people mistreated. (40 years old.)

Have you ever wanted to do something really big? Really impactful? Did you do it? Why not? What is God's purpose for your life? Are you fulfilling it?

When did God interrupt Moses' life and open up the opportunity to actually make the difference he wanted to make? (80 years old.) The burning bush wasn't scary. It was just interesting enough to get Moses' attention so Moses would stop and listen to God.

Is there a chance that God is wanting to increase your impact exponentially? How would you know? Is it going to take a burning bush to get you to stop and listen?

The enemy has us SO BUSY and DISTRACTED in our culture that there's little worry we'll stop and listen to God and see His plan for how we can fulfill our vision / purpose and really make a difference.

The only thing that will keep our attention and make us willing to change our actions, thoughts, habits, direction, and lives, is a "holy discontent" comparing God's call and purpose on our lives with what / where we are actually living today.

You probably won't do much until you get so frustrated and dissatisfied that you decide that the worst place you can possibly be is where you are right now. Then you'll be ready.

Practical Application:

How do you get there? Well, certainly asking God and spending time in His Word.

And I'll also suggest another idea that I mentioned a few years ago. A quote that has stuck with me and that I believe is true:

"You are the same today as you'll be in five years except for two things, the books you read and the people you meet." – Charlie "Tremendous" Jones

Conclusion:

This is a great time for new things. What does God want you to be doing right now that you're not? Today is the day to start!