

## RHYTHM OF LIFE

# "God is Everything in Everything"

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- This series is on the 'rhythm' of our lives, about the many different compartments of our lives, that need to flow together, regarding family, friends, work, career, rest, play and our relationship with God. You can improve in any/all of these areas of your life but still not live out your life correctly if everything is not bathed in a healthy relationship with God.
- Life is to be lived organically . . . naturally, coming from the source of who we are.
- Who are you? You are made by God . . . He breathed into you His very own breath of life. You were not born by the flesh of man, but born when God spoke and breathed you into existence. You have God's DNA/life blood inside of you.
- Example: Pastor's son Josh. Has Pastor's DNA on the inside of him. He resembles pastor, because he came from Pastor Rick and Donna; he has their DNA, and it makes him who he is.
- Understand God's DNA is on the inside of you.
- You may have been born as the result of a 'one night stand', an act of rape, or think you are 'an accident' . . . BUT that does not make any difference! That is not who you are. You are a product of the very life and nature of God!
- Thousands of years ago, God planned YOU, to create you with His DNA inside of you.
- It makes no difference how you got here in the natural . . . YOU ARE HERE ON PURPOSE . . . equipped with a destiny, a plan for this life . . . not an accident, piece of junk, or a mess . . . YOU ARE ORDAINED BY GOD. You are wired for greatness, impact, fruitfulness, and to make a difference in your world.
- You need to cut the cords emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually of the curse that's in the natural of your DNA, and quit living out of the source of who you are in the natural. Start living out of the 'source' of your DNA . . . your 'spirit man'.
- You are here because God breathed His life into you. You are made to long, search, cry out, and hunger for the presence of God from which you came.
- Whenever you feel frustration and emptiness in your life, it's your heart (spirit man) crying out for the God from where you came.
- The reason an atheist or agnostic is always searching for something spiritual and are never satisfied is because of the DNA of God is also on the inside of them.
- Until you fall passionately in love with God, and live every day in communion with God, you will always end up feeling frustrated.
- Sitting in a church pew no more makes you a Christian than sitting in a garage makes you a car.
- Next week Pastor will bring a message on "Who is Jesus?" Everybody thinks they know who He is, but they don't.
- We all will eventually leave this Earth, and go to Heaven. All of the kingdoms and authorities of this world will be brought under the feet of Jesus Christ, and He will present 'all' to His Father.
- **1 Corinthians 15:24-27, 28 (NKJV)** Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "He has put all things under His feet."<sup>28</sup> Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, **that God may be all in all.**
- Ultimately, the whole reason for your life is much bigger than just your few years on this Earth. If we only focus on our meaning and purpose for our life we miss the whole point. We are all players in a much broader scheme of GOD'S PLAN that He has been working out down through the ages, and the purpose of all things is that God can be 'all in all'.
- When we say God is not 'all in all' presently, it does not mean "God is not all in all!" GOD IS ALL IN ALL, and you can't take anything from Him because of your rebellion.
- God was 'all in all' before the creation of men. Man sinned and went his own way, and since then God has not been 'all in all' in our lives. Man has made too many other things important, especially 'self'.
- God is working all things towards an ending, and once again in practice and manifestation (just as in the beginning) God will be 'all in all'. Everything and everybody will be fully surrendered and submitted to Him. Unfortunately this will not happen for

every man and woman on earth that do not except God's plan for their salvation. Eventually every man and woman, whether by choice or force, will bow their knee and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and He shall reign forever and ever!

- Your life can only find meaning and purpose as you hook into God's broader eternal plan.
- For now, forget about what He is doing universally, and let's look at what He is doing for us.
- After you become a Christian, you are to become more and more like the image of Jesus, until you come to the place where Jesus Christ really is your 'all in all'.
- It's one thing to talk about things concerning the end of time, but what's more important is to talk about what's happening in your life today. As Christians, we have not totally surrendered our thoughts, physical flesh, concerning temptations, love, forgiveness, etc., to Christ, making Him 'all in all'.
- "All in all" means "everything in everything." God wants to be everything in everything in your life.
- He has to be everything in your home, thought life, finances, physical body, including how you conduct your physical body. If you give yourself to temptation, that is not making God 'everything in everything'. Are you honoring God with your thoughts, body, spoken words, etc? Are you critical or judgmental?
- What does God want from my life? EVERYTHING!
- Give Him the 'right' to tell you what to do with your finances . . . tithes, giving, etc.
- The act of tithing is humbling yourself before God and honoring Him with the first tenth, 'everything in everything'.
- God made man to be fruitful, multiply, have dominion. God told Adam and Eve not to eat of tree of knowledge of good and evil. God did that because He had to put something in the garden, set apart, sacred, and reserved for Him, that they couldn't touch. It was to be a physical reminder to them they were blessed and to have dominion, but He wanted them to understand it only works in life when you obey God, putting Him first. If you don't, life falls apart.
- God was saying to Adam and Eve He would bless them, work through them, and make them fruitful. When they ate of the tree, what they were saying to God was 'we love, worship you, thank you for everything, but we have to have that tree because there's something we need that you can't give us. The 'sin' was not just eating the fruit, but not letting God be 'everything in everything'!
- Last week, Pastor told the story about God asking him to sign the blank piece of paper concerning His will for his life. Before Pastor signed the 'blank piece of paper' he was saying by his actions to God, "I love you, will go to church, be a good Christian, and do anything you ask me to do, but Lord do NOT ask me to be a preacher. I appreciate all you've done for me, but you are not going to be everything to me. I am going to have control of my destiny."
- Whenever you say, "God I'll do this, but not that," you are not letting God be 'everything in everything'.
- Many people come to the Lord, but will live with someone, or have a physical relationship with another outside of marriage. That is saying I want the benefits of God in my life, but not want God in everything of my life. Live apart!
- The Israelis were in bondage in Egypt for 400 years. Canaan was their promised land/ultimate destiny. The wilderness was in between, where they spent 40 years. This story is a spiritual lesson for our lives today.
- Egypt represents our life by the world's standards, without Christ, with the mindset of the world.
- Canaan represents God's plan and destiny for our life.
- The wilderness is the spiritual lesson for us, the journey God leads us through to get the 'spirit of the world' out of us and to get us into the mindset of the kingdom of God.
- In Egypt, Israelis lived: 1) trusting in their visible economy, based on the Nile River, believing in its provision for all their needs; 2) They also had King Pharaoh who ruled over them, unfairly, but if they obeyed him, they would not starve, giving them a feeling of security, and 3) They were looking to 'visible' gods made from metal, stone, etc.
- When they went into Canaan there was not Nile River, just the Jordan River which most of the year was so shallow you could wade across it. The Jordan wasn't enough to meet their needs, so they had to work the land. They didn't have a 'Nile', but God said, if they would trust and obey Him, He would bring rain for their crops. But the thing is with rain, you never know when it's coming! There was no 'visible source' for their provision. They had to believe there would be rain when they needed it!
- In Canaan, there was no king, or a government to meet their needs. There was the prophet, Joshua.
- A prophet speaks when he hears from heaven, so you have to wait until God speaks to know what to do next, and where your provision is coming from.
- Egypt had physical gods. In Canaan, God told them to destroy all false gods. He doesn't want you to have any visible thing to look at.

- When you are in 'tough' places year after year it may seem God isn't showing up to tell you what to do, but keep walking in faith.
- God said in Canaan you will not build idols, but will build altars! Idols take your attention/trust to a visible thing. An altar humbles you, takes you to your knees to look to God in Heaven, saying, "God, I'm nothing without you!"
- Why did they spend so much time in the wilderness? Because God knew before He could allow them in Canaan, He had to get the 'spirit of Egypt' out of them, or they would never do it right.
- They left Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, and in three days came to a big pool of water. The water was bitter. They were angry.
- Today we say: "I thought when I came to Jesus, He was going to bless my socks off!" He is, but the blessing is in Canaan, and in order to get you there, God has to get Egypt out of you!
- Moses goes to God in the people's behalf, and God tells him to cut a tree down, throw it in the water. The water became sweet. In your lives God can tell you to do something that makes no sense to you, even seem ridiculous. The reason is so you will understand there is no way the water would become sweet without Him telling you to put the tree in the water, and make it sweet.
- The next time the people needed water, God told Moses to strike a rock with his rod, and water poured out. The next time they needed water, Moses came to a rock, didn't ask God first, struck the rock, not once, but twice! God judged Moses for doing it. Why? Because God was saying to Moses what the wilderness is all about is . . . 'it's not about the rod or the rock, it's about the God who told you to strike the rock!' It's not the paycheck, the government, the job, the people around who you're depending on.
- God wants to be 'everything in everything'!
- God kept Moses on Mt. Sinai longer than Moses had told the people he would be gone. The reason God held Moses up was to test the hearts of the people to see if 'Egypt' was out of them, or would they go back to false gods. They took all their jewelry, melted it, and made a golden calf to worship, saying, "This is the Lord who brought us out of Egypt!" God told Moses he wanted to kill all of the people. Moses pleaded that he take him instead. God wasn't mad; He was disappointed. Was He not the One who had hardened Pharaoh's heart, brought plagues, parted the Red Sea, drown Pharaoh's chariots, had Moses sweeten the water with the tree, led them with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, their shoes not wearing out, gave them manna in the morning, and quail at night? "HE IS THE ONE!"
- Some Christian lifestyle don't look much different than the world's. Our power, strength and victory is wrapped in the truths of the Bible, living it out diligently, daily!
- The beauty of making God 'everything in everything' is HE BECOMES EVERYTHING IN EVERYTHING!
- Psalm 91:1 (NKJV) He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- You don't have to worry about 'going under', or your life falling apart. God will be your everything!
- Your main purpose in life is to glorify God, enjoy Him forever, and take as many people with you as possible.