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Journey of Prayer

Together for Tomorrow Campaign

Topic: God's Greatest Gift calls us to sacrifice greatly

Meditation: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." Thusly, the greatest gift ever is described in John 3:16. A gift of love beyond all understanding, everlasting and forever unmatched. God gave of Himself to pay the ultimate price for the disobedience that mankind demonstrated in the Garden of Eden. God is merciful and provides grace to us though none of us deserve it. But, also God calls upon us to respond to His grace by our own great sacrifice. Abraham experienced fulfillment of his lifelong dream in the birth of his one and only son, Isaac. But God then asked Abraham for the unaskable – the life of his son. God asks us for the unaskable – full and total allegiance to His calling upon our lives. He asks us to lay aside our own desires because His desires for us are holy and good. But we don't understand "holy" (set apart for a particular purpose) very well so we resist laying down our own "wants" and we push God's calling to the bottom of the list for the day or for the rest of our lives. In doing so, we miss out on the most fantastic joy and fulfillment that can be experienced on this earth. Clutching our own desires as tightly as we can (many times in fear), we spend our lives without purpose and without joy. If only we would let go and let God lead - how awesome our lives would be.

Prayer: God, sometimes my life seems so under control. It seems like I'm doing OK planning my own future. I know your Word tells me that you want to be in charge of my life, but I just don't want to let go of that control. I'm afraid of what you might have me do. But if I don't give you control of my life Father, I also know that I will be missing something great that you have planned for me since even before I was born. Help me to not be afraid to let you in God. I want to say "yes" to your call upon my life. I pray you will give me the courage to give it all up to you. Be the Lord of my life, please.

Scripture: Gen 22:1-12; Rom 12:1; 1 John 4:9-11; Phil 1:29; Is 46:10

Please join the next prayer gatherings on Tuesday 10/16 & 10/30 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Parlour. Also please mark your calendar for a Prayer Vigil 11/2/07, Friday night-7pm to 7am in the Chapel. Sign-ups are circulating for those who will pray that night either at the Chapel or elsewhere. We are hopeful that 750 believers at BPC will sign up for this Prayer Vigil to pray for the direction of this church. For any questions about this prayer team, please call Laura Logsdon (636) 530-0011 [laura@bluemetorinc.com](mailto:laura@bluemetorinc.com) or Paul Schroeder (314) 469-6810 [pschroe2@swbell.net](mailto:pschroe2@swbell.net)