

A Passionate Church Church Clearly – Part 3

Luke 5:17-26
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"So love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy..." Mark 12:30 (The Message)

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Romans 12:1

4 MAJOR PASSION DRAINERS IN LIFE:

➤ Living with an unclear purpose.

"But I said, 'I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing....'" Isaiah 49:4

➤ Laboring with an unbalanced schedule.

➤ Harboring an unresolved conflict.

"Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple." Job 5:2

➤ Ignoring an undernourished soul.

"But Jesus told him, 'No! The Scriptures say, "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" " Matthew 4:4

TO IGNITE SOME PASSION IN YOUR LIFE...

1. DO SOMETHING DRASTIC.

"...So they went up to the roof and tore off some tiles...." Luke 5:19b

2. EXPECT SOME RESISTANCE.

"...Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, but they couldn't reach Him because of the crowd." Luke 5:18-19a

3. MAKE SOME GOD-SPACE.

"...Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus...." Luke 5:19b

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Mark 1:35

"Reverence for God adds hours to each day..." Proverbs 10:27

4. KEEP A CONSTANT REMINDER.

"...Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!'" Luke 5:24b