



THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE
SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

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LIVING ON BREAD & WATER

The Third Step toward Changing the World



So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

Isaiah 59:19

Three Steps to Changing the World

- Step #1 - Going After Revival
- Step #2 - Becoming Carmelized Saints
- Step #3 - Living On Bread and Water

A Little More Clarity May Be Necessary Here

Step #1 - Going After Revival

A Revival isn't Supposed to be a Mysterious Move of the Holy Spirit

It's supposed to be the obvious response of a God who has promised and cannot lie

The Illustration of the Farmer

- Till
- Plant
- Water
- Weed
- Wait
- Receive

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. **You also be patient.** *Establish* your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

James 5:7-8

The Clear Pattern of Reviving the Land

When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

How Do We Find a Revival Right Here?

Let's heed the simple laws of farming

Breaking up the Fallow Ground

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; **break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.**

Hosea 10:12

Step #2 - Becoming Carmelized Saints

Carmel - the place of abundant fruit-bearing, the place of "reviving"

No Diversions!

Come on, Ludy! Don't waste one single moment on that - stay focused! You know why you are here, don't you? That is a distraction! Right here! Keep looking at Me! Say "no" to everything that is vying for your heart, your mind, your focus, and your time - everything that steers your inner man toward a different end. You are here on earth for one singular purpose!

Don't forget that! Print it on your eyeballs! Emblazon it on the doorpost of your thought life! Burn it into the very center of your inner life!

Bend Those Knees, And Keep the Prayer Pressure On . . . Until the Rain Comes!

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

James 4:17

Carmel - the place of unrelenting prayer pressure; the place of one singular objective; the place of long-patience, long-suffering, until *the coming of the Lord*

Carmelized - Fixing our gaze on getting what Jesus wants in our lives, our marriages, our families, His Church and in this dying world - and not releasing our hold on our Master until we see it happen!

Step #3 - Living On Bread and Water

Nixing the Wet Fish Plan

My Conversation with Dub

His question: Daddy, what does it mean to be "purposeful?"

Oh, so, you mean you don't want to just have a wet fish plan!

Dubber Dooster, age 9

Purposeful

Knowing precisely "why" you are doing what you are doing

The Football Player

I want to get this football into that end-zone!

The Farmer

I want to get this seed to grow into that full-grown plant!

The Christian

I want this body to show the life of Jesus!

So, How Do We Do That?

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

First, we do the “Farmer” thing

We till, we plant, we weed, we water, and we wait . . .

Second, we do the “Elijah” thing

We bend our knees, plant our face on the ground, and we pray, and we pray, and we pray, and we pray . . . until the rain comes!

And Third, we do the “Slave” thing

We say, “Yes, Lord!” We give access to the Holy Spirit to come into our bodies and master us. We yield the control position and we become His bond-slave. Our time is no longer our own. Our gifts and abilities are no longer our own. Our money is no longer our own. Our lives are no longer our own.

We have a New Purpose!

- To follow the Holy Spirit perfectly
- To heed the Holy Spirit without hesitation
- To be bent, in whatever direction the Holy Spirit determines best
- To speak when the Holy Spirit moves me to speak
- To be silent when the Holy Spirit requests me to stay silent
- To confess what the Holy Spirit convicts me of
- To do what the Holy Spirit commands me to do
- To Live on Bread (Purpose) and Water (by the power of the Holy Spirit)

Step #3 - a.k.a. The Mastery of the Holy Spirit

But why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and not do the things which I say?

Luke 6:46

What is the meaning of the *indwelling* of the Holy Spirit? It is nothing less and nothing other than the Holy Spirit taking His place as Lord. The *indwelling* carries with it the absolute Lordship of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit as Lord. That means that all other lordships have been deposed and set aside; the lordship of our own lives; the lordship of our own minds, our own wills, our own desires; the lordship of others. The lordship of every interest and every influence is regarded as having given place to the undivided and unreserved Lordship of the Holy Spirit, and the *indwelling* can never be known or enjoyed, unless that has taken place . . .

Do you ask for the *indwelling* of the Holy Spirit? Why do you ask for it? Is the *indwelling* something that you crave? To what end? That you may be used, may have power, may have influence, may be able to do a lot of wonderful things? The first and preeminent thing the *indwelling* means is that we can do *nothing* but what the *indwelling* teaches and leads to do. The *indwelling* takes everything out of our hands. The *indwelling* takes charge of the reputation. The *indwelling* takes charge of the very purpose of God. The *indwelling* takes complete control of everything and all is from that moment in the hands of the Holy Spirit, and we must remember that if we are going to learn Christ, that learning Christ is by the Holy Spirit's dealing with us, and that means that we have to go exactly the same way as Christ went in principle and in law . . .

Perhaps that is a little different idea of the *indwelling* from what we have had: "Oh, to be *indwelled* by the Holy Spirit! What wonders will follow; how wonderful that life will be!" The first and the abiding thing about this *indwelling* is that we are imprisoned into

the Lordship of the Spirit of God, so that there can be nothing if He does not do it.
Nothing!

T. Austin Sparks

The School of Christ

NOTE: The word “anointing” is replaced with the word “indwelling”.

Getting Lost in a Higher Purpose

I have to learn that the aim in life is God's, not mine. God is using me from His great personal standpoint, and all He asks of me is that I trust Him, and never say - Lord, this gives me such heart-ache. To talk in that way makes me a clog. When I stop telling God what I want, He can catch me up for what He wants without let or hindrance. He can crumple me up or exalt me, He can do anything He chooses. He simply asks me to have implicit faith in Himself and in His goodness.

Oswald Chambers

November 10th, MUFHH

Living on *The Bread*

a.k.a. Living On-Purpose

And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me always.

Exodus 25:30

The Bread of the Face

The Bread through which God is seen, The Bread through which man attains the sight of God, The Bread through which man gains access to the Life and Nourishment of God

Prothesis - Prow-Thi-Sis

Shewbread; that which is pre-determined to be set forth and show; **a purpose**

God's Shewbread, His Purpose

According to the eternal purpose (Shewbread) which he purposed (set-forth and revealed) in Christ Jesus our Lord . . .

Ephesians 3:11

The Shewbread of God

The Church

Clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

2 Corinthians 3:3

. . . that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Ephesians 3:10-12

Living on *The Bread* and *Living Water*

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 7:37-39

Consideration of a Corporate Fast

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In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, Rabbi, eat. But He said to them, I have food to eat of which you do not know. Therefore the disciples said to one another, Has anyone brought Him anything to eat? Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

John 4:31-34