Day 21 | Stay the Course...It Makes a Difference!

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (I Corinthians 15:58).

As we close the book on the 21 days of Prayer & Fasting, it may seem like the end of something that took a lot of discipline and effort to accomplish. But this verse reminds us that it is just the beginning and that our efforts to create space for God to speak to us make a difference in us and the world around us.

In this verse, a leader in the ancient church named Paul reminds the followers of Jesus in Corinth that to make a difference in the world around them, they need to do two key things. First, make a decision and stand firm. Second, they continue giving themselves fully to what God calls them to do. This reminder is true for us as well. Stand firm and jump in fully if we want to make a difference around us. The decisions you have made to follow Jesus and to join this 21-day journey are life-changing. Now, the real work of connecting with Him daily and praying for the people in your life who don't know Him begins. Paul reminds us that when we put forth the effort, God joins that effort and brings about results in us and in the people we are praying for.

As these 21 days wind down, don't stop now! Continue to pray and make room for God to work in and through you. When you do this, you can rest assured that it is not a waste of time. When God is part of it, big things happen!

PRAYER PROMPTS

- 1. Ask God to give you the ability and discipline it takes to continue to make space for Him and to hear His voice.
- 2. Ask God to continue showing you what you can do to help 5,000 people find Jesus by the end of 2030.
- 3. Ask God to help you recognize His work in you and when He works in those you are praying for. When we recognize God's work, it encourages us to continue to pray and invest in others.

ACTION STEPS

- 1. Review the 21 days of Prayer & Fasting and think of three areas where God spoke to you. Write these down or enter them in your phone notes where you will see them often and be reminded of God's input into your life.
- 2. Sign up and download the <u>YouVersion App</u> and the <u>RightNow Media App</u> so that you have tools at your fingertips. Both resources are free. If you have questions on how to use these Apps, stop by Next Steps during services or email us at <u>info@theridgecc.com</u>.

PARENT TIP

Take a moment to plan how you will continue to make time for Jesus every day with your child. An excellent place to start is to look at the Verse of the Day on the <u>YouVersion App</u>. Spend a moment praying with your child, asking God to help you make space for Him daily.