

Putting
your life
together

spiritually



What this series is NOT!



- Formulas
- Pat answers
- Prescription to “fix” a stagnant spiritual life

What this series is!

- Re-centering
- Starting over with fresh eyes
- Breaking with old habits
- Making new habits



Putting your life together... Spiritually



- What has been your habit/ discipline?
- Come to worship weekly/ occasionally/ monthly?
- Read a spiritual book?
- Read your Bible with varying frequency?
- Pray in the car, doing errands?
- Squeeze it in



- Mk 12:28 One of the teachers of the law came and... he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”
- 29 “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

1. Fall in love with God



- Run toward God
- Set aside time
- Make meeting with God your priority
- Get alone and talk... to an invisible being!
- Turn everything off
- Be quiet; Listen
- Make a list of everything that is worrying you, bothering you, absorbing you.
- Tell it to God OUT LOUD!

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- Heart- depth of your emotions
- Soul- core of who you are
- Mind- everything you think is subjected to God
- Strength- expend your energy toward God first

2. Keep your relationship with God a relationship



- Check your attitude
- Are you with God because you want to be?
- If not, Change
- Stay put until you change
- Gripe, complain, grouse... get it out, then change!



The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.



Jonah 3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to
Jonah a second time: ² “Go to the great city of
Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give
you.”³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and
went to Nineveh...

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they
turned from their evil ways, he relented and
did not bring on them the destruction he had
threatened.



- 4 But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”⁴ But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”
- ⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.

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- Jonah pouted!
- Has God allowed/caused a situation in your past that made you mad? Have it out with Him!

So What?



- Don't make your walk with God into a "religion."
- Address God as a person.
- Be a child
- Be a friend of God.





