



Message-based Study

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Message: 8 Life Lessons from the Wisdom and Folly of Solomon

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Connection

What is something that you celebrated recently with others?

Content

Life Lesson #5: “Celebrating the things God has done in you and through you will result in a life of joy and praise”

Luke 15:8-10

Jesus is reminding us to celebrate and rejoice with others in everything, even something as simple as finding a lost coin.

We may be good at celebrating the big things in our life, but how often do we celebrate the small things that happen every day in our lives? God provides us with joy and reasons to rejoice, but it is our responsibility to go get it.

1. Are you someone that receives celebration and praise well? If not, spend a moment thinking about what makes it uncomfortable for you.

Acknowledge This Good Thing You Did

In 2 Chronicles 6:12, Solomon acknowledges the good that he did for God and his people as he built the temple.

2. We need to recognize the effort that we put into the good that comes from our lives but it can be challenging to see the beauty in what God has allowed us to do and acknowledge it. List here some of the beautiful things in your own life which you have as a result of prayer + effort + tears + time:

3. God has given us breath, and these very days to live. By acknowledging the good that we do we are pointing others to Christ. Read Philippians 2:12-13 and reflect on how you can improve in showing Christ.

Give Credit Where Credit is Due

Read 2 Chronicles 6:3-9.

4. We can make many plans, but as Proverbs 19:21 reminds us, the Lord's purpose will prevail. How can you acknowledge what you have done, while also giving the credit to God? Think of an example of a statement you would make to someone.

Pronounce a Blessing Over It's Future

5. 1 Kings 8:54-56. Not one word of God's promises failed that He gave through His servant Moses. What was a promise that God gave to Moses and how has it been answered?

Solomon goes on to pronounce a blessing on the future of the temple. Look through verses 54-56, noticing all of the phrases beginning with "may" to see what he hoped God would do through what he had built.

6. In what area of your life have you recently had a "win" and what blessing would you want to pronounce over that? Take a moment in prayer now to pray that blessing, beginning with the words "Lord, may (this happen in the future) ...".

Commitment

Be Encouraged Together

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 reminds us that "He is good! His faithful love endures forever" and come 2 Chronicles 7:9-10 Solomon and God's people came together to be joyful and celebrate.

7. Write here one specific thing that God has accomplished through you in the last week or two:

Who will you share this with to celebrate and praise God for it? Write a name here:

Challenge Assignment: Memorize 1 Kings 8:56.

"Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses."