

Message-based Study

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Connection

What's one thing that you'd enjoy getting good enough at to earn a blue ribbon?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

EL ELYON: "God Most High"

***The God who stands apart from everything. There is no competition;
He is at the highest point. God shares first place with no one.***

Disaster comes when we think we know better than God. At that point God becomes a side show. Read Isaiah 14:12-16. What phrases in these verses manifest this destructive mindset of Lucifer's rebellion?

When we are keeping God at His place of highest honor we can live in expectation of:

1. BLESSING - God's favor. Living knowing God's face is turned toward you.

God's name "El Elyon" (God Most High) is revealed for the first time when the priest talks with Abram in Genesis 14:17-20. What does this name proclaim about God when spoken into the polytheistic culture of the time?

How does this name speak to our current relativistic culture where religious pluralism is favored?

Rewrite Psalm 21:7, personalizing it for yourself.

2. DELIVERANCE - The Most High coming to you in your place of distress.

In what areas in your life right now would you cry out to God "mayday" (I'm going down right now) or "Pan pan" (I may need some help here soon)?

Copy Psalm 50:14-15 here, meditating on the words as you write them:

3. JOY - Not because you have a great day but because you have a great God.

Read Psalm 92:1-4. In verse 2 the Psalmist says he proclaims God's unfailing love in the morning and His faithfulness in the evening. What do you think you would gain from adopting this rhythm in your life?

Try implementing this rhythm outlined in Psalm 92:2 for one week. Right now, think of a way to create a reminder for yourself to do these two things (such as to set an alarm on your phone or write a reminder somewhere). Check here when you have put this reminder in place: ____

4. JESUS as El Elyon - The whole story of Jesus has everything to do with Jesus being "Most High"

Revelation 19:11 portrays a picture of how Jesus will appear when He returns to earth one day. Read this passage and soak in the uniqueness of who Jesus is. Write what strikes you here:

Commitment

In a world full of competing voices, it is challenging to keep God as "Most High" in our lives. What do you find are the biggest competitors for God's rightful place in your life?

What is one step you will take to maintain God as "Most High" in your life?

I will _____.



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

As you focus this week on "proclaiming God's love in the morning and His faithfulness at night," you'll come to appreciate the activity of the Most High God more deeply. This week, **share your story** with a friend by telling them a specific way you have seen God's love or faithfulness exhibited in your life recently.