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Now Playing:

BRUCE ALMIGHTY

Introduction - Thinking "Jesusly" About Life

Genesis 1:26-27

All human creativity is, at some level, a reflection of _____ in us.

Titus 1:15

Ignoring The Signs

BRUCE'S FALSE OPERATING PRINCIPLE...

Negative life circumstances = God doesn't like me.

CORRECTIVE TRUTH...

God's job is not making *our circumstances* good, but making _____ good.

Revelation 21:3
Romans 8:1-6, 29; Galatians 5:25

If we only seek God's guidance when we are desperate and anxious, we may get _____ or we may get it but not recognize it. Either way, we will not cultivate _____.

John 14:26; 16:13-14; 21:25 VS. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
Acts 8:29
Psalms 32:8-9

Any relationship is as strong as the _____ committed person.

Seeing Jesus today... **John 14:18, 21, 23**

God, Morgan Freeman, & Personhood

REGARDING GOD'S PERSONHOOD...

God may be more than Morgan Freeman, but he cannot be _____.
Hebrews 11:6

REGARDING INTIMACY WITH GOD...

John 1:18; 14:20-21; 15:4, 12-15; 16:27; 17:20-23, 26

There is a clear link between intimacy and _____.

14:21, 23; 15:10

THROUGH HIS LIFE, JESUS SHOWS US 3 THINGS...

- 1) What _____ is like.
- 2) What being _____ is.
- 3) How both can live in pure connection with the other.

Conclusion - Requesting The Philip Connection

Acts 8:29

"Dear God, please lead me like Philip."

Recommendations For Further Study...

TAPES... *Maximizing Me; God Questing; Discovering Your Destiny*

BOOKS... *Hearing God (by Dallas Willard); Wasting Time With God (by Klaus Issler)*

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Explore and discuss any or all of these quotes: **a)** Klaus Issler: *The quality of our life experience is linked to our view of God and what we expect God to do.... Indeed, it may well be that the most important thing about us is what comes to mind when we hear the word "GOD".* **b)** J. I. Packer: *We must not lose sight of the fact that knowing God is an emotional relationship, as well as an intellectual and volitional one, and could not indeed be a deep relation between persons were it not so.* **c)** James Houston: *Our relationship with God can never be right when our relationship with people is wrong.*
2. Take time to review this week's message and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Read **John 15:1-17.** **a)** What verse stands out the most to you? Why? **b)** How do you think God "prunes" the branches? What might that look like? **c)** What do you think abiding in Jesus (**vv. 4-7**) looks like in a Christian's life? What does it mean to "abide" (NASB) in Jesus? **d)** How does **v. 11** inform our understanding of **v. 6**? **e)** What do you think is the fruit that God wants us to bear? (Also see **Matthew 7:15-20.**) **f)** According to this passage, what is one key to seeing our prayers answered?

SO WHAT?...

4. Take a few moments (2-3 minutes) to meditate on **John 15:4** as it applies to *your* life. (If you like, after meditating share any new insights or old reminders that have come to mind.)
5. Honestly, how is your fruit? **a)** Old and overripe (i.e., it's been a while since you've produced any). **b)** Not yet ripe (i.e., this is all new for me). **c)** Healthy and recognizable. **d)** Ummm, what fruit? **e)** Other.
6. Pray for each other regarding your fruit and your closeness to the Vine.

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