

DTS Special Edition Pt. 2 (This class took place on four Wednesday nights during the Summer of 2011 – while the notes are few, the conversations were rich, lasting an hour and a half, helping us get a fresh perspective on our lives and calling to be transformed to serve the world!)

A “Little” Different DTS! Someone asked what dts stood for... Dying to self? Dying to serve? Discipleship Training Sessions

Modern version of old world discipleship; time to hang out/experience life...

Mini dts not as intensive... but helpful. Target is growth, empowerment for future...

Last Week... Talked about “Yokes” Different yokes/different folks! Ours is simply, serving, for a lifetime! Get everything else when you do! **Talked about ZOE!** The life that God has, our life in God, living the life He has, for a lifetime! All of us know we are called to experience Him, fully... Somehow miss it! How?

C-O-M-P-A-R-T-M-E-N-T-A-L-I-Z-A-T-I-O-N! Compartmentalizing allows us to have different rules, sets of operating standards, priorities and expectations for each compartment! If we have dark compartments, we have dark rules... if we have compromised compartments we have compromised rules... We don't get to cut up our lives into compartments That is not a Christian standard... because Jesus bought and paid for *all of us!*

We have “one life” for “one Lord” lived in “one faith” for “One God and Father” who is in us all and above all else!

Caveat... Remember... that when the door opens and the lights come on in the darkened compartments... the roaches scatter... but they can't scatter fast enough to not be seen... and what God sees going on in the dark He goes to war against!

Questions from last week?

Sorting Out the God-Head! “Intimacy Begins When You Know Who You're Talking To!” Three-in-One! “Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost” **Matthew 28:19** God the Father, is a Spirit! **John 4:23** God the Son, who was with the Father, became flesh and “We handled Him...” **1J.1ff** God the Holy Spirit, the wind... **Gen 1.2**

Three-in-One! Water, Ice, Vapor: All water! Three expressions of water! Difference is only the application!

Father! The Ultimate Goal! He is the Target of every believer's prayer and relationship... Jesus came to reconcile us to the Father! To pay the necessary price for sin! Jesus came to open the way to the Father! Pray the FATHER in My name... Jesus came to show us the Father! The lifestyle of God that we could mimic as dear children!

Jesus came to do the will of His Father! Holy Spirit comes to woo us to Jesus who gives us entrance to the Father so we can use power of the Spirit to please the Father!

John 16:23-28 “In that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

Jesus! The Lover of our Souls! Savior of the world! “The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!” **John 1.29,36** “I am the way, the truth, and the life...” **John 14.26** “When we were still sinners, Jesus died for us!” **R5.8** Jesus! The Lover of our Soul! The substitution for our sins... Now seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us! **R8.34** “Our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...” **2T1.10**

Holy Spirit! The Indweller! Comforter, Convincer, Communicator Sent From Heaven... For worst job of all! Live in us! Speak to and thru us! Keep us on our feet!

Three in One/but Different! Need to know who you're talking to! By the "talk" we know how well you know them!

The languages of prayer...

The Language Of... Confusion/Nerves: "Oh dear heavenly father, Jesus..." "I love you Father, and Father I thank you for your son, Father Spirit." The Language Of... Adoption: Loving, but formal. "Dear Sir... I know you are busy... but I have one small request to make of Your Majesty..." The equivalent of addressing someone you fear has the power of disposal over your life! The Language Of... Pharisee: "God, I thank thee that thou art God... The Language Of... Child: "Dad... I am here to submit myself to You. Have your way in me... I mean it... Have your way in my life... and... thanks..." and "So, what should I think and do in this situation?"

Prayer is not a contact moment but moments in daylong conversation!

Questions?

Mini Concept: *Impolitical David*

2Samuel 18.33 "And the King was very moved and locked himself in the room above the gate. He wept bitterly saying, "Oh my son Absalom. My son. My son Absalom. Would to God that I had died in your place. Oh Absalom, my son. My son." Absalom: David's 3rd Son. What he lacks in character he makes up for in looks! He is the Fabio of his time. "No blemish in him" **14.25** He is the idol of his father. Who failed to discipline him for his acts of violence/treachery. Absalom: David's 3rd Son. is a murderer **13.29**, a deceiver **15.2,3**, a conspirator **15.13**

Trying to take away his father's kingdom by deceit a self-absorbed egotist who was snared by his own good looks, and killed!

2Sam 19.1-8 "And it was told to Joab how David wept for his son Absalom. And the victory that day was turned into mourning for the people because of the way David was grieving for his son. And the people came back to the city by stealth, as people ashamed when they run... But the king covered his face and kept on crying out with a loud voice, "My son Absalom, oh Absalom my son, my son." And Joab came in and said, "you have shamed the faces of your soldiers who have saved your life, the lives of your sons and daughters and wives... in that you love your enemies and hate your friends. You have made it plain this day that we are nothing in your sight and if Absalom had lived and we all had died then you would have been happy... get up right now and speak to the heart of your servants for I swear by the Lord that if you don't there won't be one person left here tonight and that would be worse than anything you have ever faced... Then David got up and sat in the gate making himself available to all the people. And when they heard he was there they came to him even though they had all gone off to their own places."

David... Overcome with grief he locks himself away, which was opposite of his faithful response to the death of his other child! **12.22,23** Was suffering guilt for his over-fondness, lousy modeling, lax discipline... Was cutting off his effective leadership by his own self-indulgence!

Natural to be sad at loss. Natural to think about disappointed hope/future. Natural to grieve worthless life. Natural to have self doubts. Un-supernatural... To be *consumed* by "loss." To not trust God with reality of anyone's future. To distrust God's oversight of the life and death of any human being!

Concept-Truth? People lifted to leadership never live for themselves! Time and place for every emotion/experience... Not every emotion/experience can be displayed in any place! *We live for other people!*

Questions?