

WEEKLY GAME PLAN

Making Commitments to God

Read Acts 2:36-37 NIV, Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:17

Context: The word of God guides us to understanding where we are lacking and how we may fall short of what God wants for us and from us. God reveals things to us through His word that we might not have been able to understand before the Spirit opened our hearts. When we recognize what we've done to God, that causes us to ask, "What can we do to make things right between us?"

Reflection Question: How has the word of God acted as a surgical tool to cut out the things in your life that were keeping you from being closer to God? What is something that God is showing you this week that He would like to remove from your life so that He can have more space in your life?

Read Luke 16:10-11 NIV

Context: Jesus makes a clear distinction between worldly wealth here and true riches. While it's nice to have wealth here on earth, we need to be careful that wealth is not what we're putting our faith and hope in. Much more easily than it was attained, it can be lost. When we show that we can be trusted to use the little that God has given us, we show that we can be trusted with more. If we want a new word from God, we should make sure that we have fully obeyed the last word from God.

Reflection Question: What has God given you in your life to use for His kingdom and glory? How faithful have you been to use those things that He has already given you to bless others? If you were your dad, would you say you were ready to be given more?

Read Joshua 24:11-15 NLT

Context: Whatever battles we have won, whatever we have attained in this life has not been because of ourselves, but because of God who gives everything to us. The ability to work for what we have comes from Him. The intelligence to do our jobs comes from Him. The gifts and talents we have all come from our good Father. It's up to us how we're going to respond to Him for all of the good things He has given us and done for us.

Reflection Question: Who are you determining to serve this week? Based on this decision, what are some next steps you can take to show the world who you serve? Why does serving the Lord sometimes seem undesirable? What is a better outcome than serving Him?

Read Acts 2:38-39 NIV

Context: The Greek word in the New Testament, *metanoia*, (μετάνοια) means to think differently. When the Holy Spirit challenges our status quo, He causes us to think differently. We can no longer go about as we have always done. We have to repent because we are so grateful to Christ for His forgiveness.

Reflection Question: How has what Christ has done for you changed how you think? Why do you now act out of a sense of *gratitude* and not a sense of *have to* towards God? What is different about your thinking now that you know God compared to how you thought before you knew Him?

Read Romans 5:8 NIV, Ephesians 4:2

Context: It's important that we take our commitments to God seriously. We don't want to say things and then not follow through on them, especially to God. The more public we make our goals, the more likely we are going to be to follow through on them.

How to make a new commitment to God:

1. Desire Change
2. Go Public/Find Accountability -Hebrews 10:24
3. Eliminate the other options -Joshua 24:14
4. Demonstrate it -Ephesians 4:2

Reflection Question: What commitment are you willing to make to God this week? Who can you ask to be in your corner to hold you accountable to what God is asking of you? How can you get rid of anything that may distract you from doing what God is asking you to do?

End in prayer. Let God do the new thing in your life that He wants to and see how He chooses to bless your obedience to Him.