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Walking Dusty...

teacher: Dan

A few nights ago I met a man from the Mission and had a short conversation with him. He's a simple man, and from most American's standards he doesn't have much to his name. He told me that Jesus is a relationship, not a religion. He paused as though he had just given me a nugget of gold; it was a treasure he held and he earnestly wanted to share it with me. I repeated what he said, and well, I was busy "being the church" and didn't have time to talk through with him what that meant, or how he had learned that. You could say me and "Martha" have a lot in common.

During Dan's message he shared the meaning of communion and asked when we last shared time with our Creator? I thought about my conversation with the man from the Mission. From God's perspective, I wondered if He would think I'm religious or in a relationship. A relationship with God means I spend time with Him in Scripture and in prayer. I share my thoughts and problems with Him. I thank and praise Him, and that connection pushes me into community with others.

"Jay" is an eight-year-old that I know from the Boys and Girls Club. He's from Detroit but has spent the summer with his auntie. He didn't like going to math club, but he went. He came to the carnival and couldn't believe everything was free. He went from game to game earning prizes and eating candy, but at the end of the night he came to me because he hadn't won a 2-liter of soda. I was "watching" one for my son, so I decided to give it to Jay. To me, a bottle of pop is easily replaceable. To Jay, it meant the world. That evening a lot of people made that little man feel loved.

One Mosaic desires that each of us become authentic Christ-followers. Their passion is that we love God with all heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we would then go out and love on those around us. It was a pleasure serving with the Mosaic family at the carnival Sunday night. It was awesome to build relationships and bless those families that attended. I'm beginning to see what the man from the mission tried to share with me: a relationship with Jesus is the greatest treasure of all.

Questions to Consider:

The Greatest Commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39) What does loving God look like? Is it a religion or a relationship?

When was the last time I communed with God? Have I communed with Him this week?

Dan said, "If you're too busy for God, you're too busy." What makes me busy?

Do I wake with an ear to be taught? (See Isaiah verse.)

Do I desire to seek His face? (See Psalm 27:8)

Additional verses: Genesis 3:8, Isaiah 50:4, Psalm 27:8, Psalm 10:17, Revelation 3:20

Reminders: SEE WEBSITE!

Radical Reminder:

I will pray for the entire world.

I will read through the entire Word.

I will sacrifice my money for a specific purpose.

I will spend time in another context.

I will commit my life to a multiplying community.