

“The rest of your life is meant to be symbolic of the resurrection of Christ,” said Dustin. This means that because of our decision to have a relationship with Christ, our life should look different. (Notice I didn’t say perfect.) If you look at a healthy marriage, the couple spends time together listening and sharing. They serve each other and put selfishness aside. They don’t always agree, so they compromise. They sometimes sin in their attitude toward each other, but they offer forgiveness. Let’s face it . . . it is hard work. I think that we often see relationships fail because working at them is difficult. Sometimes I even wonder if that’s true in our relationship with Christ.

It’s fun to get together with friends and go to the gathering and enjoy the music and teaching. But if I’m honest, am I treating my connection with Christ as a relationship – or a list of dos and don’ts? Am I reading Scripture? Am I praying about my needs? Am I willing to trust that God is working (even if His answers are different than my expectations?) Will I allow God to handle a situation in His way, instead of mine? This might sound like a lot of work, but Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30) I need this kind of relationship!

I believe God has the ability to change someone’s life for the better – I’ve seen Him do it. I’ve stood in awe of the ocean and felt blessed to hold a newborn. I know what it’s like to be forgiven. And it’s these moments that make me recommit my desire to connect with my Creator. God hasn’t given up on me so I have hope for a changed heart and a transformed life.

### 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) If I am a believer, does the world see anything different in me because of my love for God?

Do I believe God has the ability to change someone’s life for the better? Have I ever been able to see a life change in someone?

Have I ever had a “God moment?”

What would your life look like in a year, if you were serving based on what you do?

What would your life look like in a year, if you were serving based on who you know?

Have I experienced “burn out” in any area of my life?

What does it mean to abide in Jesus? (see John 15)

**This month's memory verse:** *"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."* - Acts 4:13

**Additional verses:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 5:30, 6:39, 7:16, 8:28, 8:55, 12:26, 14:31, Romans 8:31

**Reminders:**

**8/14 – The Gathering at the 5/6 Building at 6 pm!!! They were with Jesus!** Dan is back in the saddle this week and bringing a word from the book of Acts. People knew when others had been around Jesus . . . they were completely different! Do people say the same thing about us today?

**8/21 – 3<sup>rd</sup>:culture Night!** 1Mosaic's "For the City' Summer Carnival. "Church is NOT a building!" So let's turn our new parking lot at the 5/6 building into a rockin' carnival for our city, from 6-8pm. This is our FINAL carnival for the summer, so be sure to sign up to host a station!

**8/28 – Sunday MORNING Gathering @ SHU...10am!!!** That's right...we are going back for ONE WEEK to our old stomping grounds. 1MOSAIC has been asked to run a special service for welcome weekend at SHU...so we are going to ask that we all meet Sunday morning instead of Sunday night. Stay tuned for all the details. It's going to be an awesome service!