

MY ONE WORD

Series Bottom Line:

The normal, natural pace of our life will not likely lead you to Spiritual Formation.

WEEK #3: “The Call to Remember”

Message Bottom Line:

Keep Your Word in Front of You!

REVIEW

You are picking ONE WORD in order to do something about one thing, instead of nothing about everything!

Your ONE WORD serves as a LENS through which you will SEE, not a PROMISE which you must KEEP!

REMINDERS

- ➔ We are constantly reminded of our past mistakes!
- ➔ We need constant reminders of our progress & God’s promise to form us!

God had His people build altars to serve as REMINDERS!

- 🕒 Altars mark a place of SACRIFICE!
- 🕒 Altars serves as a REMINDER of GOD’S WORK!

While, we are not going to build an altar, we are going to use this exercise to create a way to remember”

- 🕒 We use our WORD to remember that we are offering our bodies as a living sacrifice.
- 🕒 We use our WORD as a visual reminder that God has worked & is working.

Joshua 4:6-7

“Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’ then you shall say to them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.’ So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.”

We are warned not to forget and we are called to REMEMBER.

COMFORTABLE WITH GROWTH

You will get comfortable with the change and you will forget.

Deuteronomy 8:10-14

“When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. “Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

We have seen this happen. God does work in our lives. We find victory over those pesky little character flaws that get us in so much trouble. And now we are at a place where the struggle is lessened and the guilt is gone. We are grateful for God’s work in our lives to bring us to a point where we can live with ourselves.

This place is comfortable. God has done enough. We feel successful and so we proceed to live this new life without concern for what more God may want to do. It is at this point that it is even more important to remember and engage. For this is usually where the work of God penetrates deeply and brings profound formation.

HOMEWORK-- Create a Reminder & Accountability

ACCOUNTABILITY

If you don't forget- you'll want to quit!

This is why you will need accountability.

“Accountability means to be taken seriously.”

When someone asks you about your word or challenges you in areas of your character, they are not being judgemental, but rather they are taking your formation seriously. This happens best in the context of small groups and the friendships found there.

REMEMBER YOUR WORD:

Write it on a note card and put it on your dashboard, bathroom mirror, or other obvious place.

[We are handing out notecards and 'Sharpies' and allowing time at the end of the service to create this reminder. Some may not have their words, but many do, so we are going to provide the opportunity to do this together.]

ACCOUNTABILITY:

1. SHARE:

Share this with your Small Group.

2. ASK:

Ask each other about your words!

3. BE PROACTIVE:

Decide what you will do when you want to give up or give in. This will require a resolve to stick with this exercise for the year.

If you don't quit- your life will be changed!

You will see God form you in ways you cannot imagine!

My One Word provides a normal, natural way to talk about Spiritual Formation in the culture of your church.