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## 3 HABITS TO FUEL YOUR FAITH DAILY LIVING BY HIS WORD



### ONE THING THAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THE LATEST SERMON

### OUTCOMES

Forming a new habit to be invested into the word of God daily.

### MEDIA CLIP

BILL HYBELS – THE CHAIR

### THREE QUESTIONS

#### LET'S MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Where's your chair, where you reflect on His word; where you become aware of his presence in your life?
2. What will you need to rearrange to make it possible?
3. What is one question you have for the Holy Spirit currently that you would like him to answer?

### OPENER

Habits can be a good or nasty thing. Habits are often established with a strong reward at the end. In this study we are going to introduce a habit that will help fuel your faith – God's Word.

What are some personal habits that you would love to adopt into your life, that would increase your overall capacity? (E.g. sleep, spending, eating, family night)

### GOD'S WORD

*"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account."*  
- Hebrews 4:12-13 NIV

### DISCUSS

List 3 benefits you can think of, to those who read the word of God regularly?

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What makes the word of God 'alive and active'? Read John 5:39-40. What is the difference between reading the word of God to become a better person, or to draw near to Jesus?

Read Psalm 1:1-3. What does God's word have to do with bearing fruit, and how do we become a person who bears fruit, and doesn't just glean the fruit from others?



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### 'SOAP' JOURNALING

#### WE RECOMMEND THE 'LIFE JOURNAL' READING PLAN

- Available on the Olive Tree Bible Study App
- Visit our website and download pdf version.

Journaling is one way to take what you have read and to turn it into life-giving action. We recommend the S.O.A.P journaling method:

**S – Scripture**

**O – Observation**

**A – Application**

**P – Prayer**

### MEDIA RESOURCE

#### SERMON SERIES: 3 HABITS TO FUEL YOUR FAITH

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Sermons

Read 2 Corinthians 3:15-17. How does knowing Jesus change the way we understand and receive the word of God?

### ACTIVITY

Choose from the three passages and do your own SOAP journal below: John 1:1-18; Psalm 23; John 15:1-17. (Allow 30 minutes).

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Observation \_\_\_\_\_

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Prayer \_\_\_\_\_

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Share with each other what God spoke to you through His word.

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## 3 HABITS TO FUEL YOUR FAITH LIVE GENEROUSLY



### ONE THING THAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THE LATEST SERMON

### OUTCOMES

Committing to a faith habit of living generously with tithing and serving.

### TITHING PRINCIPLE

#### TITHING SIMPLY MEANS 10% OF THE BEST OF WHAT WE RECEIVE

- Abraham modelled it
- Jacob walked in it
- Moses instructed it
- Malachi tested it
- Jesus affirmed it
- Apostles funded by it
- Paul cultured it

### THREE QUESTIONS

#### LET'S MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Are there any areas of in your life where you are anxious over God's provision; and find yourself viewing from a

### OPENER

Jesus talked about money more than most would care to talk about at church. In this study we will look at when generosity is linked with a heart of faith for His Kingdom, it bears much fruit and blessing.

Share a story about God's provision in your life?

### GOD'S WORD

*"In a word, what I'm saying is, Grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you." – Matthew 5:48 MSG*

### DISCUSS

How does our position as 'kingdom subjects' (with a wealthy mindset) inform our ability to be generous? How does kingdom generosity spark faith in a different way to simply being generous?

Without going into a study on tithing, and assuming it is a principle of blessing, how does the habit of tithing help establish a life of humbly and generously living by faith? Conversely, how can hoarding riches produce the opposite?

Read Acts 4:32-35. Why do you think Luke describes the generosity of the church as "God's grace... powerfully at work"?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:10. What connection does generous living have with a 'harvest of righteousness'? What does this say about the kingdom nature of giving?



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poverty mindset, rather than a wealthy mindset?

2. What fear lies behind the poverty mindset, and what truth needs to replace it?
3. What will you do this week that will help establish the habit of living generously?

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Discuss as a Life Group what *generous living* looks like in your group setting, and how you can maintain this kingdom culture?

Read Luke 6:38. How does God's promise to us personally encourage a wealthy mindset?

### INTERESTING ASIDE

When Jesus pointed out to the disciples the generous living of a widow as compared to a rich man with their gifts at the temple, he commented that she gave all she had to live off. If she gave today the same way she did in Jesus' day, most of us would have told her to keep it, knowing it was all she had to live on. But Jesus celebrates it. She gave with faith, whereas the rich man gave out of his abundance, and for his own reward.

### YOUR NOTES

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## 3 HABITS TO FUEL YOUR FAITH MEET REGULARLY



### ONE THING THAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THE LATEST SERMON

### OUTCOMES

Committing to the habit of regularly meeting together with like-minded followers of Jesus.

### OUR MISSION

LEADING PEOPLE TO COME  
ALIVE IN THEIR FAITH IN JESUS

### STORY OF INTEREST

HOW PEOPLE GROW, BY  
TOWNSEND & CLOUD (PP. ##-  
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### THREE QUESTIONS

#### LET'S MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What is one thing that God is encouraging you to persevere in?

### OPENER

In this study we are going to explore a habit that will position you to catch aflame in your faith, just like placing hot coals *together* increases energy and sparks a raging fire.

Share your most memorable experience involving fire?

### GOD'S WORD

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* – Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

### DISCUSS

How can drifting away from meeting together become a 'habit' in today's context?

In the early churches context, when the letter of Hebrews was written, they experienced imprisonment and confiscation of property. They were encouraged to persevere in faith. In what ways do today's believers need the message of perseverance?

How have you found that your Life Group (meeting with like-minded believers) has sparked your faith, and helped you to persevere? How have the stories of others inspired you?

Read Proverbs 27:17. What excites you about pursuing Jesus together?

Read John 13:34-35 & 17:20-23. How could Jesus' words to 'love one another' revolutionise your Group to be a place where your heart aligns with His, and where you can exercise the gifts he has



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2. What habit of meeting together will you put in place, that will help you persevere and grow?
3. How has God shaped you to be a part of building up the body of Christ?

entrusted to you? Read Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16. How does every single person become important to growing in faith?

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### GROUP RESOURCES

#### LOOKING FOR THE NEXT STUDY TO MAKE YOUR GROUP TIME EVEN EASIER?

Other Lakes Studies:

1. Our Church
2. Your Journey
3. What We Believe

Recommended Resources:

1. Authority to Heal, Randy Clark
2. The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind, Bill Johnson
3. Basic Training for Prophetic Ministry, Kris Vallotton