WEEK 1

Monday
Bringing Down High Places

"Blessed are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample down their high places." - Deuteronomy 33:29

Throughout history, cultures have recognized idols on the high places, on the tops of hills or mountains, as their power sources. God said these high places are an abomination to Him. When God brought the people of Israel into the Promised Land, He instructed them to destroy all the high places. Many times through history, God had to judge Israel for their failure to destroy the high places.

Today, every major cult or evil spirit has its own high place that must be destroyed first before a righteous foundation can be laid. High places are anything that is elevated above God and is worshiped. Are there any high places that take the place of God in your life? Are there any high places where you do business or in your industry that must be dealt with through righteous living and doing business the Lord’s way to allow the Kingdom of God to reign? You must destroy the high places through demonstrating a transformed life, in order for God to reign completely.

Tuesday
Christmas: God’s Rescue Agenda

“The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them.” Luke 19:10 NCV

If you don’t understand the purpose of Christmas, you might as well skip the Christmas lights and decorations this year. You might as well forget about buying Christmas presents. You might as well forget Christmas dinner. To establish the purpose of Christmas, you have to fast forward beyond the manger, the Wise Men, and the shepherds. Jesus told us the reason he came to Earth on the first Christmas: “The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them” (Luke 19:10 NCV).

Quite simply, Jesus came because people are lost without God. To be spiritually lost means to be separated from God and disconnected. Without Jesus, every person in the world is lost - no matter how much power, wealth, or fame they have. The Good News is God loved us so much He sent his
Son to Earth on the first Christmas to seek and save us. How well are you proclaiming this transformation agenda through the platform God has given you?

**Wednesday**

**May It Be Unto Me**

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her (Luke 1:38).

Have you ever had a boss come to you and give you an assignment which had rules never before used? Not only were the rules different, he was asking you to agree to them not knowing the outcome or impact it would have on your life. That must have been the way Mary, the mother of Jesus felt. God was about to do something so extraordinary that it required a face to face meeting with the subject, Mary, and his key angel, Gabriel. What God was about to do was so foreign that it needed detailed explanation.

Mary had been handpicked to give birth to the Christ-child. Can you imagine!? However, in order to do so she was going to be pregnant while yet unmarried, something totally taboo in her culture. In fact, women were stoned to death if found to be fornicators. So, when Mary heard the assignment and responded by saying, "May it be," this tells us what a courageous woman of faith she must have been. Do you have an assignment from God that seems impossible on the front end? Is God calling you to trust Him for the outcome? Take a lesson from Mary and release the outcome to God. This is your time for transformation.

**Thursday**

**Wise Men Still Seek Him**

'You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.' Jeremiah 29:13

There is a dangerous trend emerging in recent times. In a lot of cultures, Christmas has become a veritable platform to make money and turn a most significant commemoration into a commercial enterprise. Many today celebrate the birth of the Savior without even knowing or having any relationship with Him in any way. What can you and I do in the circumstance?

Everything we do at this season of Christmas should be to point to the Savior and the Savior alone. A transformed life must project the Lord at all times. You may lay a good example of a life completely sold out and purchased by the redeeming blood of Jesus wherever you may find yourself. When you seek Him by being there for Him, He also will be there for You and demonstrate His powers for a life that seeks Him.
Friday
Unlock the Power

"I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me." - John 17:23

Jesus made a profound statement that has the potential to change the world if we simply apply the truth. What if I told you that this one truth would allow people to see Jesus and respond to the gospel like nothing we have ever experienced? It is the key to unlocking the door of salvation to so many that remain lost. Yet it is the one thing we, as His children, fail at the most. What is this one thing? It is unity. Lack of unity among His Body of believers prevents Christ from being revealed to so many. Efforts have been made, but our Body remains fragmented and weak. Consider that there are more than 24,000 Christian denominations in the world today and five new ones beginning each week, according to the 1999 September issue of Moody Magazine. Does this sound like unity?

God has called each of us individually and corporately to represent Christ to the world, but our independence, pride, and ego prevent us from becoming unified in the purposes of Christ. Are you a catalyst for unity in His Body, or an instrument of division? Are people seeing Jesus because of the unity they see in your family, your church, and the workplace? The old adage, "United we stand, divided we fall," is not just a good battle cry; it is a spiritual truth that will determine the fate of many souls. Pray that God will allow you to be an instrument to unify His Body.

Saturday
Reward for Work Done

"For He repays man according to his work, And makes man to find a reward according to his way." (Job 34:11 NKJV)

There is a wrong notion held by many in the body of Christ that says "If I'm not doing something that has an inherent spiritual value, then it has no value at all." This sacred/secular dichotomy impacts believers everyday as they go into their workplace. They believe that their work is simply a means of supporting the real ministry carried out by local churches, ministers, missionaries, and vocational ministries. May I submit, that, this has no biblical basis. Some of the most important leaders in the early church had “secular” jobs. And, they did not see them as jobs only to support other ministry. They considered their own jobs as ministry. Consider Dorcas (also known as Tabitha), who was a clothing manufacturer who was "abounding with deeds of kindness and charity, which she continually did." (Acts 9:36). Dorcas was known for her business as well as her ministry among the people. However, she was about to be known for being raised from the dead. What type of ministry in the workplace do you suppose Dorcas had after this event? Dorcas is a great reminder to every worker in the “secular” marketplace that "He
repays man according to his work, and makes man to find a reward according to his way.” There is therefore, no dichotomy in the life of a transformed life. Everything you do is Spiritual and nothing is secular whatsoever.

Sunday
The Better Life

“Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together.” (Revelation 3:20 CEV)

You might think you have a good life right now, but if you could have an even better life, would you not want to know about it? Unfortunately, what keeps us from grabbing hold of that better life is an irrational sense of self-sufficiency. We think we are doing fine on our own. There is only one problem with that arrogance: You miss the very reason God created you. God made you so that you might have a relationship with him. You will never fulfil His purpose for your life, which is far grander and more significant than you can ever imagined, unless you are plugged in to God, your true power source.

But the good news is that it is not too late. You can have a relationship with him no matter what has happened in your past, no matter how many times you have rejected him before. Have you previously established a relationship with the Master but have wondered away or simple not been standing in Him? You can also respond to this call. Jesus is knocking at your door. Take hold of the better life by letting him into your life. Make him the boss of your life and you will enjoy a transformed life.