

## Chasing After the King

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to  
the soul that seeketh him.

Lamentations 3:25

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What has captured your attention? What makes you stay up late at night with excitement? What do you dream about night after night until you are so consumed that you can taste it? Is it money? Success in your business? A love that makes your toes tingle and rocks your world? The Bible says that God will give us the desires of our heart so your dreams are not unattainable. However, I do have a question. Are you chasing after the King like you are chasing after your dream?

Putting God first can be a challenge, especially if you have a family, a career, a calling, whatever...but we need to be chasing after heaven like our lives depend on it because it does. Since none of us know the day or the hour when Christ will return for His church, we have got to be ready. We have to spend time making sure that our loved ones are ready. We need to be doing everything we can do to get the word out that Christ is indeed coming back.

Now, God knows that we have to make a living while we are on this earth. He knows about the families that we have to take care of since He gave them to us. He realizes that the visions that He placed within us need to be cultivated, however, none of this takes precedence over our purpose...to save souls. Preparing to go HOME should be on the front burner of every believers mind.

The Bible ask the question...'what does it prosper a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?' But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all

these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33). Everything will be added unto them that seek after, chase after, pursue the Kingdom of God.

We all know family and friends whose fruit says where they are standing in the kingdom. The Bible says that we shall know a tree by the fruit it bears. We have to care enough to make sure that we are doing everything in our power to live in such a way that they can follow our lead to heaven. Some will be left behind when Christ returns but lets make sure that they aren't left behind because we dropped the ball. Not sure of what to say to someone who needs salvation? Try chasing after heaven and watch God speak when you open your mouth. Not only will He give you the words but He'll also give you opportunity. You don't have to have a title (pastor, minister, evangelist, deacon,etc) in front of your name for God to use you in His program. Or, if the opportunity doesn't come to witness to them, lift them in prayer. Pray as earnestly and fervently as if a soul depended on it....because it does.

Determine to chase after the King. Let this be the year that you truly put God first in everything that you do. Make up your mind that this will be the year that God can use you to make a difference in the kingdom. Don't leave it up to your pastor to reach someone that you touch on a daily basis. Be that mouth that God can use. Do all that you can to make sure that your family and friends are prepared for the coming of our Lord. Show those around you how to chase after the King.

Heavenly Father, please forgive us for any unrighteousness that may separate us from you. Forgive us Lord, for anything that we may said, did or thought that did not line up with your perfect will.

Lord, let this be the year that we truly let our lights so shine that men may see our good works and glorify you. Let us be that beacon of light that will lead men to you. Father, help us this year, to use the gifts and talents that you have placed within

each of us for the advancement of the kingdom. Lord, don't let the rocks have to cry out for us. Let us care enough about the souls of men to come out of our comfort zones and preach an uncompromising Gospel to all men. In Jesus' mighty name we ask all things. Amen.