

Deeper Immersion!

Luke 10:38-42

Ladies for Jesus Leadership Team Retreat

April 8-10, 2011

Advent Christian Village at Dowling Park

What do you deeply desire?

Is it God or something else?

During this retreat, we will look at what the Lord has laid on many spiritual leaders' hearts in regards to our desires . . . our deep desires. In doing so, we will be placing ourselves at the feet of Jesus in hopes of discovering what is hindering us from being our all in ministering for Him. I invite you to join me at Jesus' feet!

- Kelly Dixon

Desiring the better!

Power Thought #1:

God has given me power over my choices. My weakness doesn't consume me. It allows His power to rest on me.

"But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

"... then He told me, My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness. Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over!

And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become".

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (The Message)

Power Thought #2:

I was made for more than to be stuck in a vicious cycle of defeat. I will call on God to give me victory.

"You are my King and my God, Who decrees victories for Jacob.

Through You we push back our enemies; through Your Name we trample our foes. I put no trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory; but You give us victory over our enemies, You put our adversaries to shame. In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise Your Name forever."

Psalms 44:4-8 (NIV)

"You're my King, O God - command victories for Jacob!

With Your help we'll wipe out our enemies, in Your Name we'll stomp them to dust. I don't trust in weapons; my sword won't save me - But it's You, You who saved us from the enemy; You made those who hate us lose face. All day we parade God's praise - we thank You by Name over and over."

Psalms 44:4-8 (The Message)

Power Thought #3:

*When I am considering a compromise,
I will think past the moment and ask myself;
how will I feel about this choice tomorrow morning?*

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

1 Corinthians 6: 19-20 (NIV)

"... didn't you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don't you see that you can't live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (The Message)

Power Thought #4:

When tempted, I will either look for the way out that God has provided or remove myself from the environment that tempts me.

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.”
1 Corinthians 10:13-14 (NIV)

“No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it. So, my very dear friends, when you see people reducing God to something they can use or control, get out of their company as fast as you can.”
1 Corinthians 10:13-14 (The Message)

Power Thought #5:

When there's a special event that brings about my temptation, I will look for the doors God has opened so that I will not ruin my efforts to overcome.

“I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.”
Revelation 3:8 (NIV)

“I see what you've done. Now see what I've done. I've opened a door before you that no one can slam shut. You don't have much strength, I know that; you used what you had to keep my Word. You didn't deny me when times were rough.”
Revelation 3:8 (The Message)

Power Thought #6:

I have these boundaries in place not for restriction but rather to define the parameters of my freedom.

“I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!”
Romans 6:19-21 (NIV)

“I'm using this freedom language because it's easy to picture. You can readily recall, can't you, how at one time the more you did just what you felt like doing—not caring about others, not caring about God—the worse your life became and the less freedom you had? And how much different is it now as you live in God's freedom, your lives healed and expansive in holiness? As long as you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God, you didn't have to bother with right thinking or right living, or right anything for that matter. But do you call that a free life? What did you get out of it? Nothing you're proud of now. Where did it get you? A dead end.”
Romans 6:19-21 (The Message)