

## Life Lessons – Making it Live

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### {Relationship}-

**Have you felt like the Lord is ignoring you? Why? Have you ever ignored someone? Discuss why you ignore someone?** The Lord is not in the business of ignoring His people, but He is looking for individuals who will invite His presence into their lives. People often say, “When I meet God I want to ask Him this or that question that can’t be answered on this earth.” This usually shows us how “I” focused we are; even as Christians. **Discuss: What it would be like for the Lord just “drop in on you!” Would you feel comfortable about Him coming to see you? Why or Why not?** He is seeking a relationship with us. He wants to know our heart when we pray. He wants us to expect Him to work in special ways in our life, so He can continue to work a good work in and through us. He wants us to be confident that He is our all in all and to know He has made preparations for His eventual coming to take us home with Him. **Today: Work on your relationship with God, by trusting Him in all areas of your life.**

### {Hand off} –

**“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”** One main key to faith is to always remember that nothing is impossible for God. **Discuss ways you can change your mindset that would allow God to do His work through you.** Do you have an expectancy to see Him work in and through your life today? Do your prayers only stay in the “safe zone” where basically you can do it yourself in your way without any outside interference, but of course with the Lord’s blessing? **Discuss reasons we keep our prayers in the “safe zone?” Now read and discuss Romans 11:33-36** what things might you be missing out on by “playing it safe” within your own comfort zones? Can God use you when you have a “hands-off” spirituality? Talk about ways to step out that zone and to the end of the Lord’s diving board. What do you believe will happen when you do? **Today: Take the plunge with the Lord**

### {Attributes of God} –

**Discuss what do you believe is your greatest attributes? What do you believe is God’s? Love** is just one of God’s many attributes. He is also holy, patient, and just. **Discuss some of the ways He shows us these attributes.** We often use the word “love” to make allowance for our lack of obedience, impatience, anger and a host of other behaviors that the Lord would not condone. **Discuss if we are using love as an excuse in these situations or are we demonstrating it in ways God intended?** Love is such an important word in the Bible and it is critical that we use it in its intended way. **Use the concordance in the back of your bible to find the many scriptures concerning love. Pick one and read aloud. What do you feel God is saying about love in this scripture?** After meditating on these verses discuss how the words holy, patient, and just fit together in a Christian’s walk with the Lord. Think about areas in your life where love is not expressed according to the scriptures you just read or heard. Do the same for the word “patient” and the word “just.” **Today: Pick one of the scriptures you read and try applying it daily to your life. See how God will grow you.**

### {The Fab 5} –

**What is your prayer life like? Discuss the 5 elements of prayer;** Adoration, confession, petition, thanksgiving, & intercession. Take a look at your prayer life, how would you describe it in terms of a “relationship with the Lord?” Discuss things we as Christian need to do or change so we can have an awareness of His daily presence in your life. We all have needs that the Lord wants to fulfill in our lives to bless and encourage us. **Find some scriptures that would help you focus on the 5 elements above. Pick one and read it aloud.** Focus now particularly on the aspect of “intercession.” Discuss what it consist of in your prayer life and how does God want you to grow in this area? **Today: Water your prayer life so you can grow in the Lord**

### {Growth} –

**Are you growing your relationship with God? Discuss how we continue to grow our relationship with the Lord?** Intercession rests upon our relationship with God, and upon God’s willingness to be approached. Discuss some of the reasons Christians don’t spend time in prayer? *Could it be something to do with your relationship with Christ, unconfessed sin, self-righteousness attitudes, relationship problems with your spouse, children or others?* **Discuss ways God can help us to grow and move past those problems.** We often hear the phrase, “If God is far away...guess who moved?” God desires to be approached but He also desires a relationship with His people. Think about what needs to happen in your life for that to occur. Will you consent to moving in that direction today? If you do you will be blessed. **Today: Schedule a little talk with Jesus. He makes everything right.**