

Welcome to New Life !

We are very pleased you are here. We sincerely hope you will be especially aware of God's presence as we worship. If this is your first time to worship with us, here is what you can expect:

Worship in Singing & Giving

- We leave how to worship up to you as an individual. During **singing** worship, you are free to connect with God in whatever biblical way that expresses your heart's adoration. Some may remain seated, others stand, kneel, clap or lift their hands.
- If you would like to receive personal **prayer** during worship with singing, you may go to one of the Prayer Teams located at the back of the sanctuary.
- Invitation is given for **tithes and offerings**. If you are our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute when God's tithes and offerings are received.

Worship in Sharing God's Love

Expressions of greeting and God's love are extended to all, especially to our guests.

Worship in Meditating on God's Word

Teaching from the Bible for about 35 minutes.

We encourage you to use our **staffed Nursery** [which has a private nursing room] and **Children's Churches** during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating the various rooms.

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Pastor Bob Wine

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PASSING ON THE SPIRIT

"More is caught than taught"
Deuteronomy 11:18-20

FOCUS FOR THE DAY ... Passing on your passion for God

"Don't tell me, show me"
"Actions speak louder than words."

- What message are you sending?
- Are you confused about what you believe or value?

1 John 1:6 "If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth—we're not living what we claim." Message

1 John 4:20 "Whoever says, 'I love God,' but hates another believer is a liar." God's Word

"How to Leave a Good Legacy"

1. THE MYSTERY

Psalm 119:97-100 "Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, ... I have more insight than my teachers, ... I am even wiser than my elders ..." NLT

• It's mystifying how a man, who loved God like David, could have a son who turned away and broke God's basic laws.

• Moses:

Deuteronomy 29:29 "There are some things that the Lord our God has kept secret ..." GNT

2. NUGGETS FROM THE PAST

• God called David ... "a man after **my own heart**." - **Acts 13:22**

• David was not morally perfect, although he was repentant when he saw his sin.

• God doesn't require perfect behavior, only a perfect heart towards Him. PTL!

• David's command to his son Solomon ...

“DIGGING DEEPER”

For personal or small group study

Week of June 15, 2008

1 Chronicles 28:9 “And Solomon, my son, learn to **know the God** of your ancestors **intimately**. **Worship** and serve him with your **whole heart** and a **willing mind**.” NLT

- Solomon totally missed it. Generations later, the same thing happened to King Hezekiah.

So what in the world does it take to raise a spiritually passionate child?

3. A REVELATION OF INSIGHT

- Both David and Hezekiah did pass on their passion. It just wasn't the passion they intended to pass on.

“What passion are you passing on?”

- You may have a passion for God, but is it clear to your children, wife, neighbors, etc., that it is a passion for God and not just a passion for the ministry you do, a Christian political cause, the church, or even your family itself?

4. MAKE THE MOST IMPORTANT THE MOST OBVIOUS

- Others know what is most important to you by how you talk about it—if it is your kids, spouse, job, sports, ministry or your God.

Deuteronomy 11:18-20 “So **commit yourselves wholeheartedly** to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. **Teach them to your children**. [How] Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.” NLT

- You must make loving God the most important thing in your mind, heart and behavior. Others will see it by how much and how passionately you talk about it.

~ Today's Challenge ~

Ask several who will be really honest with you ~ your family, those close to you, etc. ~ to list your core values based solely on what they have seen and heard from you. Then earnestly spend extended time asking God to show you if there is a difference in you and your message -- plus, any changes you need to make so you will leave others having been impacted and influenced by your passion for God, and not something else.

If a little thoughtful investigation reveals you may be miscommunicating your true values, today is the day to reassess, restructure and restructure so your behavior and words are consistent with what you value most.

QUICK REVIEW: Which point or scripture passage most challenged, confused, or caught your attention in this week's message? Why?

TODAY'S FOCUS

1. How would you explain the value a godly father has in a family?
2. Read Matthew 9:1-8. Jesus received the blessing from His Heavenly Father. Discuss the importance of receiving the blessing from our earthly father. If this doesn't happen, how could it affect our life's decisions and our view of God?
3. How would you explain the sayings, “*more is caught than taught*” and “*actions speak louder than words*”, in reference to a spiritual father or mentor? or an earthly father?

GETTING THE POINT

1. We all have a passion for something, and often for more than one thing. What are some ways we can pass on our passion for God to those we love? How can we be sure we are truly passing on our love for God, and not our love for something else? [Deuteronomy 11:18-20; 1 John 2:3-6, 15-17; 5:21; Matthew 6:33]
2. What you cherish shows your values. What is a core value, and how does it affect the way we live? What do you see as the core values this world tends to hold dear? Now, what are some core values God desires us to have and to pass along to others? [Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Daniel 1:8-20; 3:8-18; Proverbs 3:5-6; 4:23; Romans 12:3, 9-21]

A LOOK INSIDE

1. Discuss within your small group, or take a personal look inside, and answer this question ... “*What passion am I passing on?*” [Be honest]
2. Read “**Today's Challenge**” in the sermon notes and put it into practice.