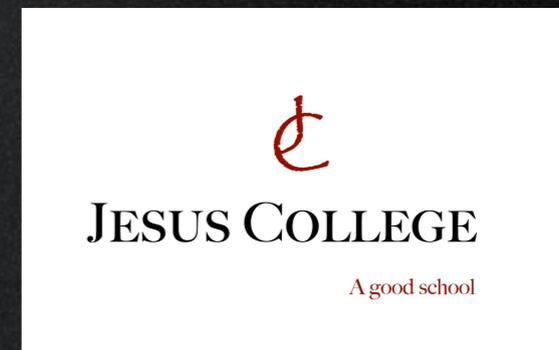


“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”



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Course Schedule

#1 - “Living Water” - DW 1 of 3 [04:30-23:00]

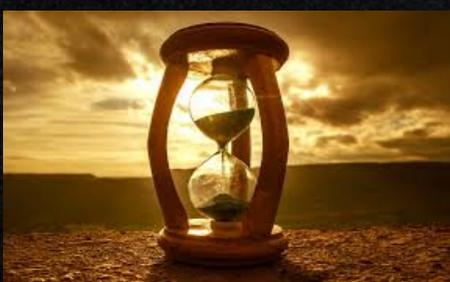
#2 - “Your 4M IQ” - DW 1 of 3 [23:00-48:30]

#3 - “The Kingdom Now in Jesus” - DW 2 of 3 [0-21:45]

#4 - “Making an Apprentice” - DW 2 of 3 [21:45-45:10]

#5 - “Kingdom Living” - DW 3 of 3 [0-21:45]

6 - “Eternal Kind of Life” - DW 3 of 3 [21:45-37:15]





“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS” REVIEW

#1 - “Living Water” – When we stand in our local congregations, families, and communities, that’s really the work to receive the living water...to live in the richness of the Kingdom as a reality that flows through us.

#2 - “Your 4M IQ” – You become a person who is really good [Q3] by learning from Him [Q4] how to live in the Kingdom of God from the abundant resources of His Kingdom [Q1] and His nature and that releases you from all of the burdens of running your own kingdom [Q2].

#3 - “The Kingdom of God Now in Jesus” – If we can preach this, make it real, let that water flow out from us, place our confidence in Jesus, that will mean we begin to step into His words and put them into practice.

#4 - “Making an Apprentice” – As Jesus’ apprentice, I am learning from Him how to lead my life in the Kingdom of God as He would lead my life if He were I.

#5 - “Kingdom Living without Hurry & Worry” – You do not become a disciple – a person who is content no matter what happens – unless you have chosen how to live your life.

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The Problem We Face

“I don’t have **TIME** for all of that.”

The greatest challenge to our faith is to make sure we do the things we need to do to keep ourselves centered in God and environed in grace.



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REVIEW Session 5

Spiritual Discipline (def.) - “An activity in my power which enables me to accomplish what I can not do by direct effort.”



The spiritual disciplines all come under that heading — “Centered in God...enviromed in grace”.

- They are not works of righteousness.
- They don't earn you anything.
- They are wisdom that enables you to stay in the place of grace. If we are not clear about that, we will not be able to follow the apostle Paul, “take care of yourselves.” You have to have faith in the goodness of God that allows you to do that. That will nearly always will take the form of...

I am the one who is in charge of my time under God. That's a great act of faith in the goodness of God that says God never gives anyone too much to do. If I have too much to do it was not because God gave it to me. Somehow I have not understood how to make the connections.



The Four Phases in Our Lives

- 1.) **Job** - How you earn a living.
- 2.) **Ministry** - God's special work in your time that He has specifically allotted to you.
- 3.) **Work** - The total amount of lasting good that I will produce in my lifetime.
- 4.) **Life** - What you and God get out of your life is the person you become.



The Four Phases in Our Lives (continued)

2.) Ministry - God's special work in your time that He has specifically allotted to you.

God is doing something where you are and a part of that He has given to you to work with Him to accomplish.



The Four Phases in Our Lives (continued)

3.) Your Work

Distinguish your work from your job & ministry. My work is the total amount of lasting good that I will produce in my lifetime.

For example - your family. You don't want your family to be your JOB or your JOB to be your family. You don't want your WORK to be your MINISTRY or your MINISTRY your WORK. You don't want your family to be your MINISTRY. If you don't handle this one carefully, Paul's statement, "Whatever is true, honorable, right, lovely, excellent..." (Philippians 4) you're going to have a hard time. That's not your ministry. You're focusing now on something much larger. It's all under God.

The Four Phases in Our Lives (continued)

4.) Your Life - What you and God get out of your life is the person you become.

I want to suggest to you that God is more interested in that than any of the other circles. Your life is the person you are becoming. We think so often of our life in terms of our accomplishments. I think that's a very tragic mistake. The tragedy is when we allow the job to expand to the outside and take it all in.



Where can you stand to avoid the JOB taking over?

You will not be surprised to hear me say you stand in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is over all of this. It is in the Kingdom of God that you were brought into this world. God has foreseen a kingdom for you from the foundation of the world. He had you in mind when that little baby was born. You would have a kingdom that you would bring into His kingdom and redemption would occur in every aspect of your life. You would be led on into eternal life here and now. Paradise is already in session. Eternal life is not starting later, it is already running. This is eternity that we're in.



Words of Wisdom to deal with “Time”

“If you fill your calendar with important appointments, you’ll have no time for God. Work a modest day then step back and rest and this will keep you close to God. One’s daily planner tells plenty about one’s spiritual formation. It reveals volumes, fears, ambitions. If you’re working more than 50 hours a week, you’re not doing it for God no matter how eloquent your rationalizations. Take a long, prayerful, meditative look at your calendar.

Who are you trying to impress? God? Give me a break.

The congregation? Possibly.

Yourself? Bingo!

Now cut some big chunks out of each week for family, rest, prayer, meditation, flower sniffing. When you’ve done that you’ll be more sensitive to the path of God.”

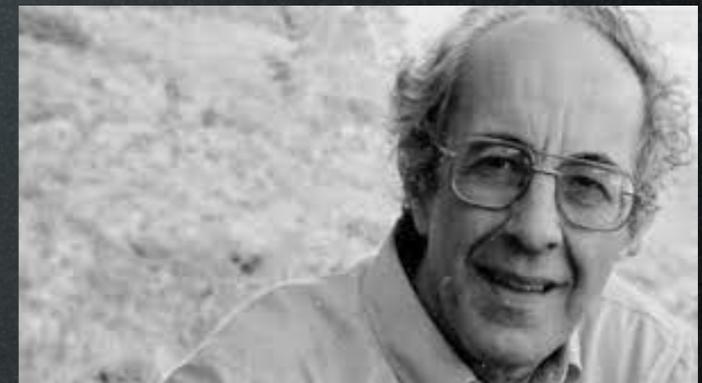
William Martin, The Art of Pastoring

More Words of Wisdom

“The greatest enemy of love for Jesus is service to Jesus.”

Henri Nouwen

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“Only lazy people are busy.”



CS Lewis

Hurry Free Living

We need to think deeply about disciplines such as solitude and silence. The two largest disciplines in my life are fasting and scripture memorization. They do more for me than anything else. You have to establish an inner quiet before God before you can fast and memorize. Then that has a back effect that helps you carry solitude wherever you are.



Relentlessly eliminate hurry from your life.

You stop hurry when you lay down control over outcomes. You put it back in God's hands and that allows you to step free to have a life.



I know people are going to remember who I was after they have long forgotten what I said and probably what I did. That's not in my control, that's God's. I'm not in charge of that. What I am in charge of is how I spend my time. By faith, I have to put myself in the position to receive the abundance of that river:

“The streams whereof make glad the city of God.” Psalm 46

I have to be right in the middle of that. Then I can work hard, I can go fast, but I'm resting all the time.



THE WIND ONE BRILLIANT DAY

BY ANTONIO MACHADO

THE WIND, ONE BRILLIANT DAY, CALLED TO MY SOUL WITH AN ODOR OF JASMINE.

“IN RETURN FOR THE ODOR OF MY JASMINE, I'D LIKE ALL THE ODOR OF YOUR ROSES.”

I SAID, “I HAVE NO ROSES; ALL THE FLOWERS OF MY GARDEN ARE DEAD.”

THE WIND SAID, “WELL THEN, I'LL TAKE THE WITHERED PETALS AND THE YELLOW LEAVES.”

THE WIND LEFT. AND I WEPT. AND I SAID TO MYSELF: “WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE GARDEN THAT WAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU?”



That garden is you. It is your soul that is the most inclusive part of your life. God meant your life to be a garden blooming with beautiful, strong, true, good things that He has nourished and it's open for all of us to choose that way. When we do things like the commands of Jesus, the teachings of the Bible, the needs around us we can meet from the depths of our soul and bring the Kingdom of God to the flow around us and always look for even a greater fulfillment.

Q&C = Questions & Comments



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Q - What is the process of making disciples thru small groups and one-on-ones?

A - You establish the context of discipleship by preaching the Kingdom - the gospels, the miracles, the teachings, and dwelling in them. You have to establish that context. As you do that, you will see individuals begin to respond. The form it will take will be, "I've been looking for this. I knew this had to be true." Work with those people. Others will be more cautious. Some will be worried you're not preaching the gospel. Take those who manifest a readiness to go on and arrange special times for them. All these things Jesus teaches are for us. It is accessible to anyone who will put their confidence in Him and learn how to do it.

I would do Disciplines; Shepherd them in practices; Have Groups

*Dallas Willard
Retreat Session 3 Q&A, [37:30]*

In the next 10,000 minutes...

Q Job - Ministry - Work - Life.

How is my focus in these areas?

What's out of proportion?

Q - How many hours do I work a week?

If over 50, why? Honestly, for whom?

—> Pray this week for “Wisdom that enables me to stay in the place of grace.”



Gracious Lord,

We are thankful to be drawn into your Kingdom. We are thankful, wherever we are in our work, in our family, in our play, or whatever else may be happening, to know that we are under your Kingdom rule, that Heaven is over us, and that our God reigns.

Lord, help us to be simple, humble, and thoughtful as we listen to others and help them come to faith in the One who has given us life.

In Jesus' name we pray! Amen

Dallas Willard

The Allure of Gentleness, p. 170



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