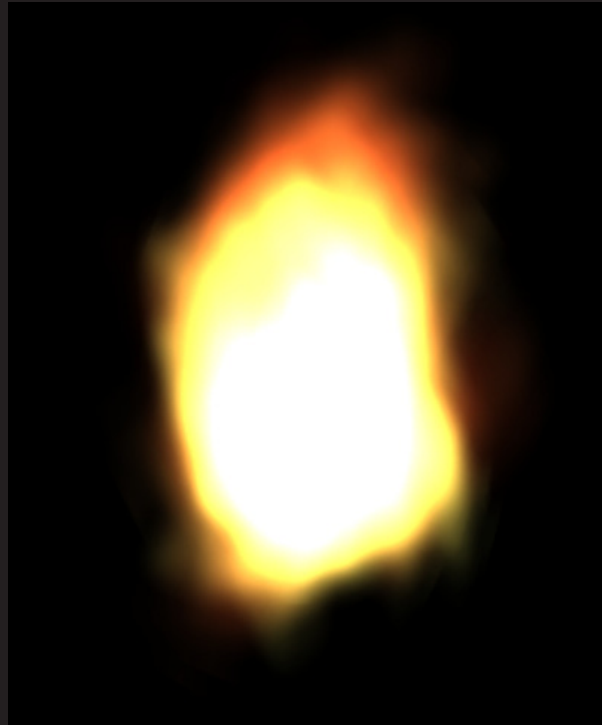


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KING & KINGDOM

“Blessed are the poor in spirit - for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.”
- Jesus in Matthew 5 -

I suppose there are good reasons the historical and modern church have missed the point of Kingdom spirituality. Jesus spoke of “church” several times in the Gospels - but mentioned the Kingdom over one hundred times. It has become apparent to me that this was purposeful.

The Church is built upon the foundation of the Kingdom.
Men and women who wish to know and honor God will engage the reality of the Kingdom in and through our lives.

After all - doesn't a true King have a right to His Kingdom?
We think He does - and we believe His Kingdom - is our hearts!

I have prepared this brief introduction to help you determine whether or not Engage Training is right for you as a Christ-follower, potential coach or facilitator, or as a disciple-maker. You can register access to the free videos through 4@fourthstream.com.

ENJOY!

I think you're going to like it!

- Dave Nadler, Fourthstream.com

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LISTEN TO THE KINGDOM JOURNEY VIDEO HERE.

- THE KINGDOM JOURNEY -

MY PAST is not beyond God's reach. In fact, my past is His tool to shape my soul. The forming influences of my life are not lost upon God. His purpose is not to give us carefree lives. He is **transforming** us into a new creation. My past, though it may contain unpleasantness and even pain, does not preclude His hand upon my life. When I "call upon" my Creator for connection, He transforms or "rebirths" me into a life of faith and honor.

MY PAST
Upbringing - experiences - choices

FORMATION

GOD ENCOUNTER
Faith

TRANSFORMATION

INTEGRATION/SEGREGATION
Faith Choices

DEDICATION

What about your **PAST** serves you well in your pursuit of connection with God?

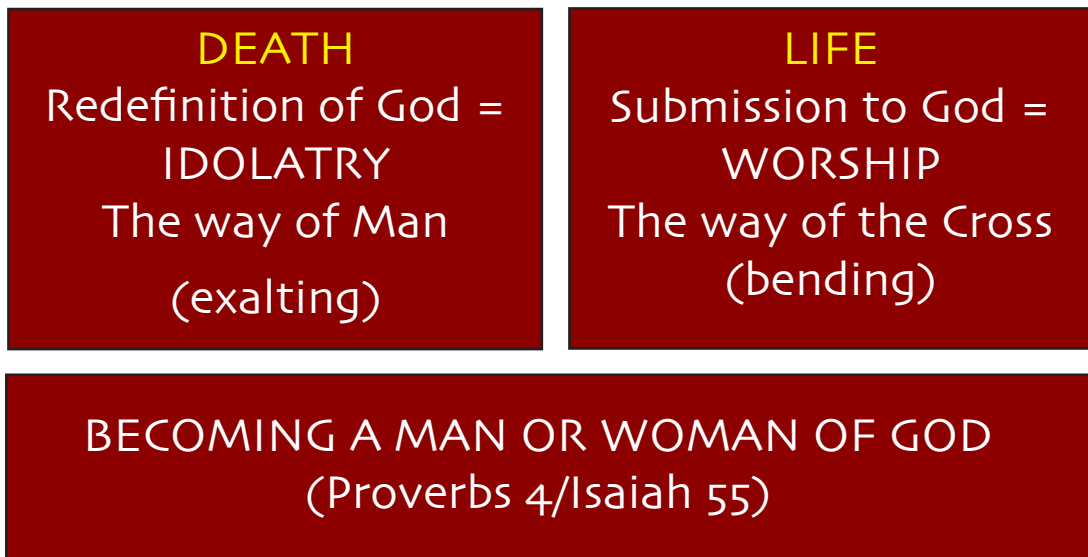
What about your **PAST** hinders you in your pursuit of **connection** with God?

In what ways do you feel you have experienced a "defining moment" in your **faith**?

What is occurring in the arena of **personal transformation** in your life?

Do you feel your spiritual life is being integrated with or segregated from the rest of your life?

Through faith in God's Son we have literally backed away from the precipice of spiritual death and have been returned to the choice of Adam and Eve. Will I choose death (idolatry of self) or will I choose life (bending to the Way of the Cross)? Such questions have huge impact upon whether or not we become men and women of God!



Now my life is filled with **FAITH CHOICES**. My eyes have been opened to discern between the things which bring life and those that bring death. **If I exalt myself I will fail** at becoming a man or woman of God. If I **bend** and submit myself to the way of the cross, I will grow in matters of the soul. **I am free** to become a man or woman of God - or not.

What does **Proverbs 4** teach us about becoming a man or woman of God?

What does **Isaiah 55** teach us about becoming a man or woman of God?

 LISTEN TO THE PHASES OF KINGDOM SPIRITUAL LIFE VIDEO HERE.

- PHASES OF KINGDOM SPIRITUAL LIFE -

We all begin our lives in **UNBELIEF**. There is simply no way we can move toward spirituality without His work in our life. You can be sure that an awakening of heart begins and ends with God. Read **Ephesians 2:1-5**. What appears to be the extent of our spiritual death?

While we definitely respond to Him in faith - that faith is a gift from above (**Ephesians 2:8**). As we awaken, our eyes are open to a whole **new paradigm** - the chance to follow our King wherever He leads us - and to receive the reward of everlasting life (**Isaiah 26:19**).

We are brought to a **crossroads** once our spiritual sight begins to expand. If we bend our will to His will we become Kingdom servants. If we resist and continue to hold to a self-centered universe, we remain spiritual children, and the blessing of fulfilling our destiny is squandered.

A kingdom life is often not spectacular. It is very imperfect, and every bit as much involves dying to self as it does slaying dragons. A Kingdom life is a life of faithfulness to the King. This is why we need to understand what it means to have a pure heart, to know God, to do kindness, and grow life. This is why we need to **ENGAGE** our connection with the Living God.

THE CROSSROADS WE FACE ONCE WE BECOME CHRIST FOLLOWERS

Ephesians 4:14-15

**GROWING
 TO FULLNESS**

BECOMING
 A KINGDOM
 BUILDER

Exodus 19:6
 1 Peter 2:9,10



**REMAINING
 A CHILD**

REMAINING
 A MERE MAN

1 Corinthians 3:3,4

WHERE ARE YOU IN RELATIONSHIP TO UNBELIEF AND AWAKENING
 TO FULLNESS OF LIFE OUTLINED IN THE PASSAGES ABOVE??

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WHAT DO EACH OF THESE PASSAGES EVOKE IN YOUR MIND?

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, **equipped** for every good work.”*

- 2 Timothy 3:16,17 -

*For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but **all things are open** and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*

- Hebrews 4:12,13 -

*Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the **prize**? Run in such a way that you may win.*

- 1 Corinthians 9:24 -

*“It is the **Spirit** who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.*

- John 6:63 -



- KINGDOM REVOLUTION -

Our world thirsts for men and women who give themselves to a life of faith, who are willing to sacrifice the time needed to become strong in God's Word, and who learn the heart and skills necessary to become a servant-leader.

LISTEN TO THE [REVOLUTION VIDEO HERE](#).

What do you glean from the teaching on Kingdom **REVOLUTION**?

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE CONCEPT OF KINGDOM SPIRITUALITY?

(include your thoughts after reading the following page)

WHAT IS KINGDOM SPIRITUALITY?

Jesus' strategy was very clear. He came to do His Father's will. This is the essence of Kingdom Spirituality. It differs from religious devotion in that it cuts out the "middle man." In a Kingdom paradigm each believer sees his or her personal **connection** and **value** to the King. He not only wishes to work through us, He has called us friends and gifted us with the Holy Spirit so we can be actively responsive to His voice - whenever He chooses to mobilize our hearts.

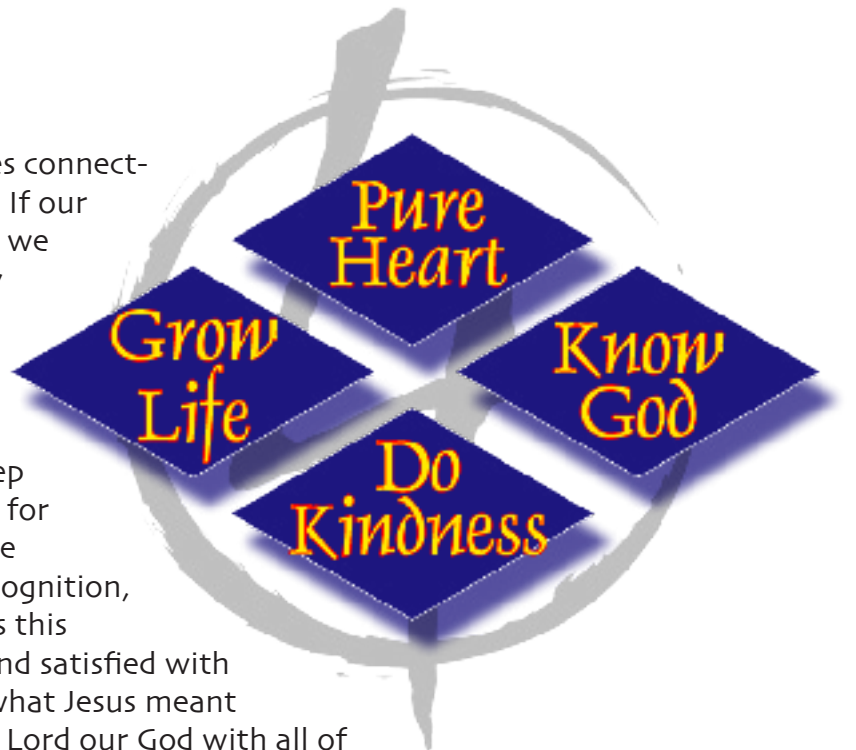
And what an adventure Kingdom Spirituality is! We can look at our past, present, and future as contributing influences to whom God has made us to be. **While there may be many things we would change about our personal history, God is a Master at growing Kingdom spirituality through imperfect and sometimes messy lives.** Mere discipline will not ensure a Kingdom walk. Religious conformity or participation is inferior to being connected with God. God's hand IS moving in the life of His Kingdom children - and He is graciously breathing eternal words of life into our mortal selves.

The Kingdom grows primarily through relational lines: blood-lines, neighbor-lines, and what I like to call LIFE-lines. Family and the people who live in close proximity are pretty easy to identify, and LIFE-lines come about as we pay attention to people in the midst of the twists, challenges, and opportunities that occur almost daily - often within the unexpected. We are privileged to engage in a series of meaningful relationships as our life unfolds. Often the best opportunities for the Kingdom are overlooked as insignificant or mundane - but think about it - **with whom do we have the greatest chance for impact?** With those we know the most about - and those who know us best!

FOUR BIBLICAL GUIDEPOSTS

A PURE HEART

Kingdom spirituality necessitates connect-
edness and responsiveness to the King. If our
basic motivation is to please God, then we
will design our lives with the necessary
prioritization that Jesus deserves in
our lives. This results in sincere
familiarity in **KNOWING GOD**,
and gives us confidence as we learn
to hear and follow His voice. As we keep
His "commandments" we set ourselves for
a lifestyle to **DO KINDNESS**, and people
priorities eclipse personal needs for recognition,
accumulation, comfort and security. As this
lifestyle unfolds, we become fulfilled and satisfied with
GROWING LIFE all around us. This is what Jesus meant
when He said that we should "love the Lord our God with all of
our heart, soul, mind, and strength - and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves!"



THESE FOUR GUIDEPOSTS ARE AT THE HEART OF KINGDOM SPIRITUALITY!



REASONS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN ENGAGE TRAINING:

- You wish to engage a **systematic, spiritual path** for becoming a man or woman of God.
- You would like to become a **solid workman** in the Word of God.
- You are serious about your spiritual life and would like to become a **Kingdom builder**.
- You would like to be **encouraged** on your spiritual path.
- You would like to be **mentored in your quest** to be all you can be in His Kingdom.
- You know there is **more to life** than merely “plugging in” with a ministry or church.
- You hunger and thirst after righteousness and wish to be **around others** with the same heart.
- You would like to be prepared to **help others** Engage the Living God.
- You believe that the world is a **spiritually dangerous** place.
- Other _____

These reasons are reflective of the goals, content, and teaching of the Engage Training series of studies. If they mirror how you wish to invest your time and your heart, perhaps this experience would be worth your commitment of time, money, and effort!

My current goals for my spiritual life:

The following pages and on-line videos investigate pure heart, know God, do kindness, and grow life!



WHAT ARE THE KING'S VALUES?

READ ROMANS 8:1-39

WHAT DOES GOD VALUE?

LISTEN TO THE PURE HEART VIDEO.



PURE HEART

Psalm 51

What do we learn about King DAVID'S VIEW of a pure heart from this passage?

PSALM 24

According to this Psalm - how do we approach God?

PSALM 42

How does a pure heart look when things are tough?

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE IDEA OF A PURIFIED HEART?

WHERE DOES A PURE HEART ORIGINATE?

LISTEN TO THE KNOW GOD VIDEO.



Read and think through these passages. What are your observations about Knowing God from each? How do we know God? How do we connect with God? How do we experience God?

KNOW GOD

John 1:1-18

John 4:7-42

Romans 12:1-8

WHERE ARE YOU WITHIN YOUR JOURNEY TO KNOW GOD?

LISTEN TO THE DO KINDNESS VIDEO.



Read and think through these passages. What do we learn about doing kindness from each?

DO KINDNESS

Micah 6:6-8

Luke 7:36-50

Ephesians 4:25-32

WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THE CONCEPT OF LIVING A GRACIOUS LIFE?

LISTEN TO THE GROW LIFE VIDEO.



GROW LIFE

Read and think through these passages. What do we learn about **GROWING LIFE** from each?

2 Timothy 4:1-8

1 Peter 2:9-20

1 Peter 1:17-25

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT THE IDEA OF GROWING LIFE THROUGH HOW YOU LIVE YOUR OWN LIFE?

The video **IF MY PEOPLE** would be helpful here.



What do you conclude from the **IF MY PEOPLE** teaching?
How does your heart respond to this concept?

The video **AWAKENING** would be helpful here.



In what ways do you feel you are hungry for a spiritual **AWAKENING**?
In what ways are you awake? Asleep? Dull of heart?

WORLD VIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A retrospective on this Engage Training Introduction

Where do you see yourself in the **phases** your kingdom journey (pages 3-5)?

In what ways do you feel you have experienced a **revolution** in your spiritual being (page 7)?

How would you articulate the difference between **Kingdom Spirituality** and other ways of looking at the purposes described in scripture (page 8)?

If you were going to pick one or several passages that have **most impacted your spiritual world view**, which would you choose (page 6 is a good place to start)?



In what ways do the Four Quadrants (Pure Heart - Know God - Do Kindness - Grow Life) make sense to you? In what ways do they seem hazy (pages 10-14)?

To what degree do you feel you are able to extract applicable principles from scripture?

How key is it that a person experience spiritual awakening (page 15)?

What do you think time dedicated to Engage Training would bring to your spiritual life (page 16)?



What are your greatest **obstacles** in the process of becoming a man or woman of God?

What are your greatest **strengths** in the process of becoming a man or woman of God?

How **deep is your desire** to grow as a man or woman of God?

MY PERSONAL GOALS FOR MORE TIME INVESTED IN THE ENGAGE TRAINING EXPERIENCE:

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The ENGAGE TRAINING WORKBOOK includes videos covering the following subjects:

Engage Training Introduction
Indestructible Life
Growing Strong in the Story of Time
First Things First
Who is God?
Reasons to Believe
Fine Tuning
What Jesus Wants: Part A
What Jesus Wants: Part B
What is the Kingdom?!
Spiritual Transformation
How People are Healed
My New Heart!
Forgiveness
Deeper in the God Story
God Story One
God Story Two
Quality Character
Spiritual Warfare & Strongholds
Talking with God
Relational Farming
Kingdom Seed
Kingdom Harvest
Principled Living
The Holy Spirit
Kingdom Leadership



KINGDOM REVOLUTION ENGAGE COVENANT

At what point does a person decide he or she wishes to become a man or woman of God?

What are the factors and motivation for making such a choice?

What does such a decision look like?

- I dedicate myself to a **pure heart, body, and mind**
- I dedicate myself to **hearing the voice** of my Creator and His Son
- I dedicate myself to a lifestyle of **doing kindness** to others
- I dedicate myself to the **growth of true life** all around me

This reflects my personal desire to engage my King.

Name _____ Date _____



RECOMMENDED READING RESOURCES

In addition to the Engage Training studies and books we have produced, the following resources will be helpful as you go through the process of sifting your worldview and ministry philosophy through a Kingdom paradigm.

Curious Journey (Nadler)

Understanding Kingdom Story and relationships

Shaping of Things To Come (Frost & Hirsch)

Wrestling with a biblical philosophy of ministry

The Insider (Petersen-Shamy)

Reaching out to others in your everyday world

Saving Your Marriage (Parrott)

Elements of a strong marriage

Shepherding A Child's Heart (Tripp)

Parenting Children

Age of Opportunity (Tripp)

Parenting Teens

Biblical Eldership (Strauch)

Soultalk (Crabb) & **Connecting** (Crabb)

Understanding effective relationships

Wild @ Heart (Eldredge)

Understanding men

Captivating (Eldredge)

Understanding women

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MyStrongHome.com

TheGodStory.com

Streamsbook.com

The Eight Great Epochs in the Fabric of Time



Finding Authentic Kingdom Faith

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