

Memorial Day Weekend

UNfinished Business

May 30th, 2010

2 Kings 18:2-7 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years... He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight... Hezekiah trusted in the Lord... There was never another king like him in the land of Judah, either before or after his time. He remained faithful to the Lord in everything, and he carefully obeyed all the commands the Lord had given Moses. So the Lord was with him, and Hezekiah was successful in everything he did.

Isaiah 38:1-5 (Msg) (Later) Hezekiah got sick. He was about to die. The prophet Isaiah said, 'Prepare your affairs and your family. This is it: You're going to die. You're not going to get well.' Hezekiah turned away from Isaiah and, facing the wall, prayed to God: 'God, please, I beg You: Remember how I've lived my life. I've lived faithfully in Your presence, lived out of a heart that was totally Yours. You've seen how I've lived, the good that I have done.' ... Then God said, 'I've heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Here's what I'll do: I'll add fifteen years to your life.'

- If God asked you to give Him the reasons He should allow you to keep living...
what would you say?
- If God reviewed the past 15 years of your life...*would He be eager to give you 15 more?*
- Are you willing to use the rest of your life *the way God planned for you to use it?*

What God wants me to do starting today:

1. God wants me to center my life around Him.

Matthew 22:37-38 Love the Lord your God with all your heart... and soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Philippians 4:7 (Msg) A sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

What do I want to be the center of my life?

2. God wants me to connect with other with believers.

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... instead let us encourage one another.

Acts 2:41-42, 46 (NLT/LB) Those who believed... were baptized and added to the church... They joined with the other believers and committed themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship... They worshipped together regularly at the Temple... and met in small groups...

My next step:

3. God wants me to cultivate spiritual maturity.

Hebrews 6:1 Let us go on... and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be.

Hebrews 5:12 (GW) By now you should be teachers. Instead, you still need someone to teach you...!

In what area do I need to grow most?

4. God wants me to contribute something back.

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other.

Psalms 116:12 What can I give back to God for the blessings He's poured out on me?

Where am I making an unselfish contribution?

5. God wants me communicate His love.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 Through Christ, God has made peace between us and Himself, and He gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with Him... So we have been sent to speak for Christ!

Who do I know who doesn't know Jesus?

2 Corinthians 6:1 (Msg) We beg you, please don't squander one bit of this marvelous life God has given us.