

David Carter Suffers A Mild Heart Attack



Last weekend David did not go out with us as he was suffering from some sinus and flu difficulties. That went to pneumonia and he was obviously not feeling well. Tuesday he was having chest pains in addition to all that, so Crystal took him to get checked out and they admitted him to the hospital, saying he'd had a mild heart attack. Wednesday morning they put a couple of stints in and Thursday he was home, and feeling better.

We chose not to go to Iowa because of this, and rescheduled those dates. I heard from David on Sunday and he said he still needs prayer as he was feeling really worn out and hadn't done anything. Please pray for David's recovery, as we hope to get him back singing as soon as possible.

True(ish)

Are we really living the truth, or are we merely living "True(ish)". What is "True(ish)"? We had a message on this at my church this past Sunday, it was the first of a series. This part asked the question, God wants you to be happy, right? Well that is a "trueish" statement, because for the most part, God does want you to be happy, but there are times that God does not want you to be happy, believe it or not.

The pursuit of happiness seems right...? Proverbs 14:12 says, ***"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; But the end thereof are the ways of death."*** When the bottom line is my happiness, happiness becomes the standard by which I judge my actions, so whatever makes me happy, must be right, right? If something doesn't make me happy, it must be bad. Some people justify things they do in this way.

God doesn't want you to be happy, if you're doing something wrong or unwise. 1 Peter 1:15, ***"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do" God does not want you to be happy when your happiness is based on this world and the things in it. So..Delight yourself in the Lord and be happy!***

A Word From Joel

Get Your Fire Back

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you..."

(II Timothy 1:6, NIV)

I believe that God has planted seeds of greatness on the inside of every one of us. We all have dreams and desires, things we want to accomplish; things we want to see changed. But so many times, life has a way of stealing our dreams. We go through disappointments, face adversity, things don't turn out as we would like. Too often, we just end up settling for second best. But God doesn't want us to settle for second best. He wants us to be determined, press on, and pursue the greatness that's on the inside. We should never let "good enough" be good enough!

I want to encourage you today to stir yourself up and get your fire back. Start speaking victory over your future. If one dream has died, dream another dream. Put yourself in a positive, faith-filled environment. Get around people of excellence who live passionately. Fan the flame that is in you so you can move forward into all God has in store for you!

In addition to Joel's comments, I think of something different when contemplating "getting your fire back". I believe that we all tend to lose our fire over time. Remember your first love? How passionate you were about being with that person, how you would do anything to spend time with them, or do anything for them? How about your relationship with Christ. What was it like in the beginning? What is it like now? Has your relationship become diluted over time? Is God only a Cosmic Coke Machine now? Is it God's failure if you're not happy, that you don't have what you want? Do you want what God wants? Time to get on your knees and stay there till you get your fire back!

LARRY FEELS A CALLING INTO A NEW AREA OF THE MINISTRY

A couple of weeks ago we were in Wichita our home city with services Saturday night and Sunday morning. We had another scheduled for Sunday night in Emporia, KS. In between the Sunday morning and evening services, I got a wild hair to stop by the Family Health & Rehabilitation Center where my mom has recently been moved to. It's difficult for her to get out, so I thought we could go and sing her three or four songs. When we got there, the word had spread like wildfire that we were coming. There were around 25 or so folks there already, and more came in as we sang. Three or four songs turned into a mini concert.

Since that time I have been getting an urge to start an outreach to places like this. The people not only really enjoy someone singing to them, it gives them something to do and they really need that. Imagine yourself in a place where the highlight of the day is taking a nap. My mom says they are still talking about it and wanting us to come back.

Unfortunately, it would be difficult to do as we are out of town almost every weekend, and during the week Mark works evenings most every night and of course David is living in Independence, MO, right now. So, my brilliant solution is to take it on by myself, maybe alone, maybe with some friends or family, not sure what the Lord is going to do for sure, but I just know I've been impressed to do something.

The biggest obstacle I will have is sound. I need a mini-sound system to do this. I have found one that is pretty much self-contained for \$650. This has two speakers with stands and hookups for 4 mics (which I have) and I can hook up my mini-disc, CD or mp3 to it. It would work out great, but of course..I don't have \$650. So I am working on a promotion to raise those funds. I think I'm going to put together a CD that I will sell or offer as a gift for donations toward purchasing the equipment.

Another way for this to work out is if someone has a small system that they would like to donate, or even loan out if they are not using it. I believe God is in this and will bless those who help to make it come to pass.

If you have thoughts about this you can contact me at DeToons@sbcglobal.net.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 17, 2009 (Saturday) - 6:30 PM
Souls Harbor Community Church
Fort Worth, TX

Oct 18, 2009 (Sunday) - 10:45 AM
Lakeside Church of God
Fort Worth, TX

Oct 18, 2009 (Sunday) - 6:30 PM
North Main Church of God
Weatherford, TX

Oct 24, 2009 (Saturday) - 6:00 PM
Church of the Nazarene
Liberty, MO

Oct 25, 2009 (Sunday) - 6:00 PM
First Church of the Nazarene
Rogers, AR

Nov. 01, 2009 (Sunday) - 11:00 AM
Sonrise Southern Baptist Church
Mcloud, OK

Nov. 01, 2009 (Sunday) - 6:00 PM
Mustang Church of the Nazarene
Mustang, OK

Nov. 08, 2009 (Sunday) - 10:45 AM
Pierceville Federated Church
Pierceville, KS

Nov. 08, 2009 (Sunday) - 6:30 PM
Sublette Christian Church
Sublette, KS

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