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RHRM Week 3 Homework: Days 11-15

Day 11

1. God released me from my previous church a couple of years ago. My husband and I had been feeling that our time at that church was coming to an end. We were very involved in ministry and are related to the head pastors but there was no growth there and it felt like the church had been in a stagnant state for a few years. We had been praying about it for a while then visited The Way during covid. It was during that time that we knew God was releasing us from the previous church and was bringing us to The Way. It was a peaceful departure and we still keep in contact with people from that church.
2. I've learned that offense blocks spiritual growth and obedience which sometimes includes suffering, promotes growth. I've been able to relax more when it comes to taking offense. I am able to trust God and surrender it all to him. I am able to pray for those who offend me and I am able to release them from the offense.
3. When I suffer, I respond in prayer. I feel like I've suffered a lot in life (different times/different situations) which affected my mind and took me to a dark place and I don't want to ever go back to that place so I've learned to give it to God before I make a mess of it.
4. When I must obey, my attitude is not always joyful. When I must obey, I obey, but sometimes I have to pray, repent, and ask God to help me be submissive.
5. Write a prayer: Heavenly Father, I pray that I am able to surrender all in obedience to you and that I'm able to offer myself as a vessel willing to suffer for YOU. Help me fight the doubt, rebellion, and disobedience that the enemy might throw at me. Help me be all that you have called me to be. In Jesus name, amen.

Day 12

1. Mat 7:1-5- Don't be a hypocrite! Don't try to fix someone else when you yourself are a mess.
2. Mat 5:21-26- If you got beef with someone you better fix it before coming to the Lord with praise and gifts or else it will not be accepted by Him.
3. Luke 6:36-37- Treat others with the grace and non-judgmental attitude that God had and continues to have for you. How can you judge someone when you were just as dirty as they were but God still chose to love you and forgive you.
4. Romans 2:1-2- whenever you judge someone else, you are guilty of the same thing and are condemning yourself.
5. Romans 12:17-21- No matter what anyone does to you, don't take revenge. Let God handle it.
6. Romans 14:10-13- we will all be judged for our own actions, don't make it worse for anyone causing them to stumble. Instead love them.
7. James 4:11-12- don't even speak bad of your neighbor because that makes you the judge. There is no other judge but God.
8. Write a prayer: Father God help me to face offenses that may come my way and not run from them. Help me to immediately take them to you and release the person from any offense sent my way. Help me to forget the offense and to cancel it by loving them in return. In Jesus name, amen.

Day 13

1. In what ways do you hear God's voice for your life?
 - 1) Bible study
 - 2) Worship
 - 3) Bible reading
 - 4) Reading Christian books
 - 5) Teaching
2. When you hear a word from God, what is your immediate response?
 - 1) I rejoice in learning what God is saying
 - 2) I repent
 - 3) I am confused

4-7) I don't feel that I get angry, feel hurt, get offended, or blame anyone. Hearing a word from God is something to rejoice about not get mad or offended.
3. Write a prayer: Thank you Jesus for your living word. Thank you for speaking to me through your word. Thank you that your word can speak so many different things even though the words themselves never change. Thank you for allowing the word to illuminate my life. In Jesus name, amen.

Day 14

1. Describe a time when you took offense to the Word and did not obey. What were the consequences? I remember when I was luke warm, I read Matthew 7:7 and thought that if I asked God for something then He would give it to me. Well that didn't happen. I thought I was in his will but wasn't so I took offense to that scripture and rebelled. I ended up doing things my way which led me down a path of emotional turmoil.
2. Which worldly foundations have you been tempted to use:
 - a. Money- when I was younger, I thought money would solve all my issues
 - b. Success- I thought I was considered successful when I began my career and started making a certain amount of money
 - c. Possessions- I thought material things would make me happy and impress people
 - d. People- I thought hanging with certain people would make me more valuable
 - e. Religion- I thought I had to hit a certain level of spirituality and operate in certain spiritual gifts to be important to God
3. Write a prayer: Heavenly Father, I pray that your spirit would reveal your word to me and help me to build my life upon you, the rock. Help me to operate in love and accept your unconditional love and grace as the gift that it is. Help me to understand that love and love you and others in the same way. In Jesus name, amen.

Day 15

1. Worldly things that God will shake form our lives: On a scale from 1 (needs to be shaken) - 10 (already shaken)
 - a. Lust of the flesh 7
 - b. Lust of the eyes 7

- c. Pride of life 7
- 2. If God is shaking your life which of the following is a reason why He could be doing it?
 - a. Bring my life closer to its foundation
 - b. Remove what is dead, such as pride, from my life
 - c. To harvest what is ripe within me
 - d. To awaken a dormant area of my spiritual life
 - e. To solidify my life so that the truth in my spirit man can no longer be separated from my soul and body
- 3. Write a prayer: Heaven Father I ask Lord to sift the pride, selfishness, and lust from my life. Lord help me to have a pure heart with pure intentions. Looking forward with a kingdom perspective and not a worldly perspective. In Jesus name, amen.