

On April 22, 2012

Stir Up!

Key Texts:

- Deut. 30:6
- II Thess. 3:5
- I Jn. 4
- Hosea 1-3 & 11

This weeks **StirUp!** sheet is quite simple. Spend some time reading and discussing the heart of God towards us as He has chosen and seen fit to reveal it through the scriptures.

This exercise is intended to generate a responsiveness to His love which He has and continually does pour out on and within you. In order to get to the place where you really know and believe (I Jn. 4:16) the love God has for you, you must praise Him and worship Him for doing so. Reading, meditating, singing and talking about His love will stir the heart to respond to His love. It will place your heart in a state of receptiveness to what He has been shouting over you from eternity past - "I LOVE YOU"!!!

In his book, *The Normal Christian Life* by Watchman Nee, he said,

"Oh, it is a great thing to see that we are in Christ! Think of the bewilderment of trying to get into a room which you already are! Think of the absurdity of asking to be put in! If we recognize the fact that we are in, we make no effort to enter. If we had more revelation, we should have fewer prayers and more praises. Much praying for ourselves is just because we are blind to what God has done."

This is not an attempt to get you overly focused on you - quite the opposite. The scripture says in I Jn. 4:19 that we love Him BECAUSE He first loved us. IF read with verse 16 it becomes clear that only the hearts who KNOW and BELIEVE they are loved - love in response, for everyone is loved by God - but not all hearts love Him. So our focus is on How He loves us - not some superficial, sticky sweet, boarder line obnoxious love that is overly sympathetic and doting, but deep, penetrating, all pervading and dedicated love. The kind of love that creates You FOR HIS PLEASURE. The kind of love that speaks words which break the heart so that it can be truly healed, the kind of love that redeems the rebellious, that marries the backslider, that dies for the lost and lives for the reconciled. The kind of love that rejoices over us with spontaneous singing and shouts of joy!

Song of Solomon might be a good place to start,

"I am My beloved's and my beloved is mine - his desire is for me. I charge you, o daughters of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, that you tell him I am lovesick!" ~ S.S. 5:8; 6:3 & 7:10

Remember you cannot believe until you hear His voice speak to you! So your "assignment".. invite God...let God love on you! - Deut. 8:3; Rom. 10:17