

Bay City Wesleyan Church
October 8, 2017

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Sunday Morning 10-08-2017

Our Challenge for 2017 is to regularly ask Jesus, "Am I following you?"
When was the last time you asked?

<http://bible.com/events/292310>

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How much spice do you use in your chili?

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Annual Chili Cook-Off for AWAKEN Youth Ministry

Get out your chili fixin's and mix up your best for this year's Cook-Off.

WHEN: Saturday, October 21st, at 5 PM

WHERE: The Fellowship Hall (in the basement of the parsonage)

COST: \$5 for each entry

\$5 to eat and judge without an entry

kids under 5 years old are FREE

CATEGORIES: Mild, HOT, White

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If Jesus came to our community now, he might say, "Friends, everything I needed to know about life I learned on the ball diamond. Life and baseball are full of fresh starts. Every batter will strike out and every player will make an error from time to time. Keep swinging. Keep trying. Never; never; never; ever give up!"

A Lesson from the Life of Daniel

Daniel's life...

---Born into an upper class, powerful family in Jerusalem

---His nation and city were conquered by Babylon (Iraq) when he in his early teens

---Daniel and other young men like him were taken to Babylon

---Educated by the king's university but he and 3 friends refused to compromise

Daniel 1:19-20 NIV

The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

<http://bible.com/111/dan.1.19-20.NIV>

Daniel 2:48-49 NIV

Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

<http://bible.com/111/dan.2.48-49.NIV>

Daniel 6:3-4 NIV

Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

<http://bible.com/111/dan.6.3-4.NIV>

Daniel 6:28 NIV

So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

<http://bible.com/111/dan.6.28.NIV>

A New Way to Look at Life:

Your life's mission is found in pleasing Jesus, not your career, spouse, kids, grandkids, power, position, popularity, or any other idol. Your ultimate purpose is found in pleasing Jesus, so, live and work for your Creator first!

Sermon in a Sentence:

Live and work for your Creator first, last, and always, in all things.

Ephesians 6:7 NIV

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,

<http://bible.com/111/eph.6.7.NIV>

FOUR ZONES IN EVERYTHING

The STARTING Zone

The BATTLE Zone

The STRESS and STRUGGLE Zone

The CELEBRATION Zone

You need to persevere to accomplish your mission.

The motivation to persevere through the Battle Zone and the Stress and Struggle Zone comes from wanting to please Jesus.

The power to persevere through the difficulties comes from Holy Spirit.

The final goal of persevering until you accomplish the mission Jesus has for you is knowing the fulfillment that comes in the Celebration Zone.