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EXTREME FAITH

Dreams & Goals

"Dreams become Goals and goals have plans that make them become reality..."

Take me home!

I'm
Third



Living like Jesus

GO FOR IT

Who we are in Jesus...

The second greatest command tells us to love or neighbor as you love yourself. Now that sounds cool and all, but what if you don't love yourself all that much. Then it could be rough being your neighbor or your friend, cause you might not treat them so well. We have looked at identity and who we are many times. It is a big deal how you see yourself and what your self image is. It is the number one attack of the thief. Think about it if we don't know who we are in Jesus than we can't do much in the battle. So what is the answer to the big riddle? You are third, but that is the coolest thing, and it only works if you follow the proper order.

Lets take a look at the order:

God First, which means you are in constant connection with God. You know who you are because of the relationship that you have with God. God leads you and strengthens you always. God is your source and your No. 1. So with God as your No. 1 you can serve others and be a person who shows others who Jesus is. You can love your neighbor as yourself because you know who you are because God is your No. 1. If you try to love others without loving God first it will not work. You must love God as your No. 1 to love your neighbor. So who are we and what does it mean to be third. When we are third we are saying that we love what God loves more than anything else. It means that we become

the person we are suppose to be because God makes us that great person. Being third does not mean that we don't count, it means that we count the most, because we are being used by God for great things. When we are third we lead the way in all that we do, because God is always giving us what we need to do whatever we are doing. God provides all the tools and all the knowledge to do anything. When we are third we rise to the top not because we are great, but because we being lifted up by God.

You have to see that the world turns everything upside down and twist it all around. If you run after what the world says will make you happy then in the end you will only find broken dreams and sadness. Jesus put it this way to his Disciples. Mark 9:35 "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." When we become third we become first.

As you look at this challenge to become third it is not an overnight event, it is a journey and it has to have a starting point. You have to use your faith in God and allow Him to lead the way. God way is the best way and when you discover that is truth you will never turn back and you will always seek to fight to live the way that He longs for you to live. Keep reading and digging into this Extreme Faith Mag. Seek who you are in Him. Become Third and you will never turn back.



The challenge...

Becoming third means you need to know who you are in God and learn that He has wonderful plans for you. Stop believing the lies that say you can't. If you here that you can't do something then it is a lie for sure! Because we know that we can do all things through Jesus who gives us the strength to do all things. The lies that you believe about your self is just foolishness and you must learn the truth of who you are. Who made you a question I ask often. In reply you always say God made you! This is truth, so I challenge you to live up to that truth. God made you and He loves you and has good things for you. The lies that you believe keep you from living the life that He has for you! What is the truth about who you are? That truth is found in all that God has to say about you. That truth can be found when you become third and follow God to the end. Fight the good fight and trust God!

A New Creation

You are a new creation! This is who you are and what you have been called to!

Check it out: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

You are a new creation, and you are the messengers for God!



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EXTREME APPLICATION

Becoming Third means that you trust God more than you trust the world around you. You Trust the truth more than you believe the lies. Extreme character means that you know how to determine the truth from the lie. If you can be a lie detector in your own life then you can be a truth giver to others. Being Third means that we are extreme people who are seeking to make a difference because we know the TRUTH!

Think About it The tension of (of being Third)

Who are you? As you try to become third, and take on this challenge to be a person who makes a difference, you are going to have to know who you are!

So who does God say you are? This is the truth and you must believe it more than you believe in anything else.

You are God's child and He loves you more than you could imagine. He is perfect and He loves you and makes you perfect in all that you do! The truth is that you are more precious than you know. You are more powerful than you believe yourself to be. You are a warrior and you have won the battle through Jesus Christ.

You are the light of the world and that light is used to guide and assist others. The light that you carry is not to be used just for your path but to assist others on their path. Matthew 5:14 You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. When you are third you carry the challenge to be a city on a hill showing people where to go! You are third and you are a leader who serves.

Who you are depends completely on your ability to know truth from lie. If you want to know the truth then start reading the Bible, start working on your relationship with God. Stand with God in all things which means you talk with Him about everything. It means you ask questions to God and then you listen for the answer. When you do this you will find that the world will think you are crazy, but that is okay. God will tell you the truth and He will not let you fail.

We have to trust in God with everything and stop believing in the lies that the world tells us. Knowing who you are is key and seeking to be third you will have to know who you are. You will have to know who God says you are! You will have to be the person that says no to the lies!

Do This:

God First talk to Him everyday and all day

Others Second talk to God about the people around you

I'm Third talk to God and learn who you are and what He thinks of you.

Be Third and Rise up to the challenge!



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How do you define yourself, is very important it contains all that you are and all that is dear to you. We all have a defining definition that helps us know who we are and what we are to do with our life. Think of it this way, if you name and face were to be placed in a dictionary, what would the definition be that would follow your name and picture....

1. What defines you, or how would you define yourself? (Not easy I know but do try)

2. How do other people define you? (Yes I know that is harder but do try)

3. How does God define you? (I hope this is easier for you)

4. How come we talk about and make you think about identity so much?

(choose all that you think apply)

A. We like to mess with you.

B. Because it is hard to know who you are?

C. It is so important to know who you are.

D. Because satan attacks us there all the time.

E. If you know who you are, then you are powerful.

5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 at the top of the page and answer this question. How does God Define you according to this verse. What does He say about you? What has He done for you? What job has He given you to do?

6. Being Third means that we have to know who we are and who we are is who God made us to be. Why do you think it is important to Keep God as No 1 in your life? How will that help you be Third?



GOD FIRST

**MATTHEW 22:37 JESUS REPLIED:“
'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL
YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR
SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. ' 38
THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST
COMMANDMENT.**

**PUT GOD FIRST AND TRUST IN HIM TO
MEET ALL OF YOUR NEEDS!
TRUST IN HIM WITH EVERYTHING!**

OTHERS SECOND

**MATTHEW 22: 39 AND THE SECOND IS
LIKE IT:'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF.**

**PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-4 1 SO IF THERE IS
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PARTICIPATION IN THE SPIRIT, ANY
AFFECTION AND SYMPATHY, 2
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AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN
HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS MORE
SIGNIFICANT THAN YOURSELVES. 4
LET EACH OF YOU LOOK NOT ONLY TO
HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO TO
THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS.**

**THINK OF OTHERS BEFORE YOU
THINK OF YOURSELF! LIVE WITH A
SERVANT HEART AND TRUST GOD NO
MATTER WHAT!**

I'M T H I R D

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I CHOOSE TO PUT GOD
FIRST IN MY LIFE.**

**I AM THIRD BECAUSE I LOOK TO
SERVE OTHERS AROUND ME
BEFORE I SERVE MYSELF**

**I AM THIRD BECAUSE MY IDENTITY
COMES FROM GOD**

**I AM THIRD BECAUSE I BELIEVE GOD'S
TRUTH OVER LIES**

**I AM THIRD BECAUSE IT IS
THE BEST WAY TO LIVE!**

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