

Desperation- A Catalyst for Change"

1 Sam 1:10 - And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish.

What does it mean to be desperate?

We are become desperate when we have no other options.
In third world countries, they don't have a lot of safety nets....

Look at **Rev 3:17** -

"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked"

Options are good, but let Jesus be #1 in your life.

Don't let JESUS be the Last Resort but let him be your Greatest Resource in life.

Don't let JESUS be the Spare Tire in your trunk that you use for emergencies, but let him be the Drivers Wheel that controls every turn in your life.

Why is desperation so important?

*Desperation is a powerful catalyst for change.
Your desperation is the passport to the next level in your life.*

Nothing significant will ever change unless people are dissatisfied and desperate in their current status.

Illustration: Hannah Curlee lost 120 lbs. on biggest loser show. The interviewer asked her the key to her transformation she replied - "I became desperate".

Without desperation we tend to run our lives on cruise control, we can plateau in our spiritual lives. Nothing much will change 10 years from now.

How do we get desperation?

Desperation is sparked by the WORD of GOD and fueled at the ALTER of REPENTANCE.

2 Chron 7:14 - *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land"*

God is inviting His people to come to the ALTAR of Repentance.

There are times I look into my own life and see my Love for the Lord has been lukewarm.

Rev 3:15-16 - *"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot I will vomit you out of my mouth."*

What are some characteristics of desperate people?

A. Desperate people care more about their character with God, rather than reputation with man.

1 Sam 1:12-14 -

12 And it happened, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth. 13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!"

B. Desperate people cannot be easily satisfied with Comfort

1 Sam 1: 8 - Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

C. Desperate people will end up answering Gods heart cry and fulfilling Gods dreams.

1 Sam 1: 11 - And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life..."