

Something is Missing. Have you ever had that feeling? Don't Stay that way!

Introduction:

Maybe you are stuck in a rut Maybe you don't know Him Maybe you keep making the wrong choices How's your prayer life? How is your relationship with God and Family? Are you using the gifts God has given you?	Are you still trying to figure out your purpose in life? Do you not feel clean? Are you headed the Wrong Way? Do you feel like a failure at God's Work? Are you a friend of God?
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Slide 4&5. [Deu 1:3, 6-7 KJV] 3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first [day] of the month, [that] Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them; ... **6 The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:** 7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all [the places] nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

The Israelites are at the end of their 40 year journey. It is time to go get the land God promised them. Are you ready?

Do you Believe Him? If you don't know Christ, it may be the Holy Spirit communicating with you. Unbelief can get in the way.

Slide 6&7. God decides who can know him.

On the road to Emmaus: [Luk 24:16 KJV] 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

Jesus told Nicodemus: [Jhn 3:3 KJV] 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Jesus told a group of Pharisees: [Jhn 8:43 NKJV] 43 "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

[1Co 2:9-12 KJV] 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

[1Co 2:9-12 NLT] 9 That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. 12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

When the Holy Spirit deals with you, the choice is yours.

Slide 8. Peter's 2nd Sermon: [Act 4:4 KJV] 4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

Slide 8. To people in Jerusalem: [Jhn 12:37 KJV] 37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

Slide 9. [Rom 4:18 KJV] 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Do you know him?

Slide 10. [1Jo 2:3-4 KJV] 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Slide 11. [1Jo 5:20 KJV] 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, [even] in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Is it lack of prayer? Maybe your prayer life is slacking up some.

Slide 12. [Psa 119:2 KJV] 2 Blessed [are] they that keep his testimonies, [and that] seek him with the whole heart.

[Mat 26:41 KJV] 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak.

Right and Wrong way to pray

Slide 13-15 [Mat 6:5-8 KJV] 5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites [are]: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. **7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen [do]: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.** 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

[Mat 26:36 KJV] 36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

Do you need a reason to pray?

Slide 16 Pray Because you are forgiven

[Psa 32:5-6 KJV] 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. 6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Pray in faith

Slide 17 [Isa 37:14-15 KJV] 14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. 15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying,

Slide 17 [Isa 38:1-2 KJV] 1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

[Dan 9:3-4 KJV] 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: 4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

Maybe what you are missing is lack of relationship with God or family?

Slide 18 [Psa 119:2, 4-6 KJV] 2 Blessed [are] they that keep his testimonies, [and that] seek him with the whole heart. ... 4 Thou hast commanded [us] to keep thy precepts diligently. 5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! 6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

Slide 18 [Jas 2:21-23 KJV] 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

[Psa 119:10-12, 15-16 KJV] 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. 12 Blessed [art] thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. ... 15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

Don't hang out with the wrong friends.

Slide 19 [Jas 4:4 KJV] 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Are you using the gifts of the Spirit God gives you?

Slide 20 [Luk 19:16-24 KJV] 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

Slide 21 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, [here is] thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, [thou] wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give [it] to him that hath ten pounds.

[Mat 25:25 KJV] 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, [there] thou hast [that is] thine.

Slide 22 Do you not feel clean?

[Psa 19:9 KJV] 9 The fear of the LORD [is] clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD [are] true [and] righteous altogether.

[Psa 119:9 KJV] 9 BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed [thereto] according to thy word.

Slide 23 Maybe you need to turn your direction.

[Joe 2:12 KJV] 12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye [even] to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

[Act 26:18 KJV] 18 To open their eyes, [and] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

[Jer 32:40 KJV] 40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

Maybe you feel like you are a failure at serving God. Success is to Obey God

Slide 24 God Told Joshuah [Jos 1:8 NKJV] 8 "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Slide 25 If you have obeyed God in all you do ...

[Deu 11:27-28 KJV] 27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: 28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

[Deu 13:4 KJV] 4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

God will open our hearts to understand consequences of disobedience.

[Job 36:10-12 KJV] 10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity. 11 **If they obey and serve [him], they shall spend their days in prosperity**, and their years in pleasures. 12 **But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword**, and they shall die without knowledge.

Slide 26 God doesn't judge our success by our accomplishments. Our success is determined by our obedience and faith.

[Eze 14:13-14, 17-20 KJV] 13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it: 14 Though these three men, Noah,

Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver [but] their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD. ... 17 Or [if] I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it: 18 Though these three men [were] in it, [as] I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves. 19 Or [if] I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast: 20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, [were] in it, [as] I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall [but] deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

Be a friend of God

Slide 27 God's friends obey him: Abraham, Moses, Joshuah, Daniel, and others

Slide 28 Instantly

Abraham headed to the place God told him to go the next morning.

[Gen 22:3 KJV] 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Slide 29 Even though it doesn't make sense

Abraham: God, killing my son doesn't make sense. (25 years of waiting and finally getting)

Moses: God stretching out my hand over the sea doesn't make sense. Can't you see the enemy coming?

Joshua: So, you want us to just march around the walls and they will fall down when we shout?

Slide 30 Even if there is not apparent benefit for you

Mordecai don't you understand, I will be put to death if I go to the king and he doesn't extend an invitation to me.

Slide 31 Obey Even if it is painful

Losing a loved one, a friend, a dream job,

Nadab and Abihu died and Aaron was not allowed to grieve

Slide 32 God's Friends Obey To Completion

Abraham drew back the knife to kill Isaac.

Moses went to the rock, spoke in anger to the people, then struck the rock instead of speaking to the rock as God told him.

In Closing

Slide 33 Only 30% of Christians live the way they say they believe.

You need a friend on this journey. You cannot stay where you are. Let the Holy Spirit Reveal what's missing