

WAH Part 6-Adventure to Live

Up to now we have covered some important ground. We should have identified the poser within us. We hopefully have identified our wound or wounds and moved somewhat towards healing of those wounds. Last week we covered 'A Battle to fight' and saw how guarding our hearts is absolutely essential. The restoration and healing of our hearts is required before we can be useful in the battles we have to face. If we are not healed and restored we are walking wounded and may even be a handicap. This week's session is very exciting as it leads us towards the crucial decisions we make that will launch us into our role in the battle.

How has this last week gone for you and your family? Has the enemy been harassing you?

Objective

This week we are going to rouse the spirit of adventure within us. We want to dig deep and find some of those buried desires and dreams that you had long ago. Some may go back to boyhood, while others will be about your hopes for yourself before you married, this includes single guys, and some will be for your family. We need to be able to distinguish our desires and the deep desires placed in our hearts by God.

Opening.

As John will say in the video there are three levels of adventure. a) the ordinary like surfing, footy etc. b) the critical which involve decisions about work, where to live etc. and c) the crucial:-these involve God. These are the most exciting adventures but also the ones that require our total trust in him. On page 202 John relates how God intimated to him "If you want to follow Me, he continued, I'm heading that way." I knew exactly what 'that way' meant. It meant heading into the wilderness.

This week's movie clips are:

- a) Never Cry Wolf. It is about the dream of a Canadian biologist to study wolves in their natural habitat, the wilds of Alaska. Heads up: the cure for boredom is Adventure! Chapter 3 of DVD.
- b) The Natural. A movie about a young lad's dream to become a great baseball player, one that is admired by all in America. The Adventure was to follow his passion: a life of playing baseball. He had to answer that question: do I have what it takes? When his 'wonder boy' bat is shattered. The movie includes a battle to fight which relates to his health. He is told by the doctor 'if you play you may die'. It includes a beauty to rescue: he rescues his beloved from a life that could easily have been lived without him. A most unusual twist don't you think?

Roll the video

Let's watch the video and see how John and his mates come to terms with it.

Take a coffee break and then talk about the video.

Talk about the video. Do you think you can separate your dreams and desires into the three categories? Let's try category a) first (the general desires) and then go to b) the critical desires and c) the crucial desires.

1. Write down what stirs you? Dig out those dreams? What is your passion?
2. Who would you like to play in your favourite movie? Quite often the desire of your heart is related to the character you want to play in the movie. John saw himself as Wallace in Brave heart which related to fighting for the freedom of men in God's kingdom.
3. What is keeping you from following your dream? What act of faith would it take?

Close

Adventure is a deeply spiritual longing that God put in every man.

John quotes from a book by Gil Bailie which says 'Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go and do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive

God simply wants us to walk with him day by day, to let him talk to us about the adventures he has planned for us, and enjoy his friendship and counsel.

The call of God can never be stated explicitly, it is always implicit. The call of God is like the call of the sea, no one hears it but the one who has the nature of the sea in him.

The only way to live in God's adventure-with all its danger and unpredictability and immensely high stakes-is an ongoing, intimate relationship with God. The control we so desperately crave, along with stale formulas is an illusion. All, are far better to give it up in exchange for God's companionship.

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