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Modern Day Samson

by Lance Logan

"I can barely remember when I had any self-esteem," Dustin began. "The only time I felt good was when I had my expensive iPhone and expensive clothes. If I didn't have really nice things, I didn't want to go to school."

Could anyone of imagined that below Dustin's image of cool was an ego that could be crushed by inexpensive clothes or a cheap phone? Too bad some of his enemies didn't know. Little did anyone realize that Dustin was a modern day Samson: his strength was in his clothes and iPhone. Take these and he will be defeated.

The stuff isn't the problem with Dustin. The problem is how he feels about what others think. Dustin's life was controlled by other people. Unfortunately, this made him no different than most.

Dustin, like others lived controlled by what others thought or might possibly think. Many don't know where to go from his way of thinking. They feel that it is a way of living only to be managed, not cured.

These feelings of self-consciousness only grow. It moves on to "If I only worked harder, then I could of accomplished something." Every rejection, perceived failure, everyone you want to be noticed by who didn't notice, traps you in your own feelings.

Then Dustin thought, "If I know God then I just need to remind myself that I'm the beloved of God." What a break through. All he needed

to do was persuade himself that God's opinion is enough. However, doubts kept coming back for Dustin. It wasn't long and he realized that he was empty inside. He was walking around looking for someone to fill him with acceptance and affirmation.

Still controlled and empty, Dustin kept searching until he realized he was actually afraid of others. He discovered that in biblical language this epidemic is called, "the fear of man." Instead of fearing God, he feared people. This goes by other names today, for teens, "peer pressure." For adults it is called, "people pleasing", or "codependency." He realized, "This isn't just for shy people!" Others can qualify. Those who were easily angered, or intimidated others and those who one-upped, were just wanting to control others. If you feel you don't suffer from the "fear of man" description than I guess you've never been afraid to share your faith and evangelize someone. Gotcha. Fear of man is so common, that if anyone denies it, check their pulse.

Later, Dustin discovered that God has given us a task: need people *less* and *love* them more. Instead of manipulating people, we ask God, "What is my duty toward them." The path of service is the road to freedom.

>>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS<<

January 31: Teen Time//3:00 pm till 7:30 pm//
SEE ARTICLE ABOVE: must be 13 to attend this event
Movie Night: To Save A Life. Purchase your ticket in advance! Leave MBCC at 3:00 or meet at Century Rio at 3:30 pm. Everyone bring their own ticket. Return to the Teen House. **Bring \$ for Dinner** at a fast food place. Discussion & pickup at Teen House. Movie Rating: PG-13

February 7: SUPER BOWL PARTY//4:00 PM till the End. Everyone bring football food! Desserts, Snacks, & Appetizers.

February 12-15: Skiing for the Presidents//Meet at MBCC at 4:15 pm. We have 47 people attending.

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AND, AS ALWAYS, I WANT TO REMIND THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT YET FANNED OUR CHURCH ON FACEBOOK TO DO SO

ONE IN SPIRIT AND IN PURPOSE

"...make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." Philippians 2:2

NEW CLASS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

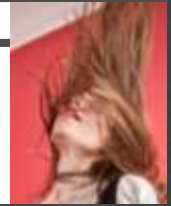
Emily Cocchiola 1/10 15 yrs.
 Marckey Garner 1/18 17 yrs.
 Bridgette Maloney 1/20 15 yrs.
 Colleen Crowder 1/22 17 yrs.
 Carter House 1/31 16 yrs.

One Wednesday's in starting Jan 13

Jesus prayed that we would be one like he and his father are one

>>USELESS FACTS

Banging your head against the wall burns 150 calories an hour.



HELP WANTED

We need volunteer youth workers!

- Small Groups: Adult & Student Leaders
- Greeters: Make students and parents feel welcome, gather registration forms Adult & Student Leaders wanted.
- Hosts: Parents and adults who can provide both food and a place for small groups to meet regularly or occasionally.
- Drivers: Parents & adults who can drive their own vehicle, vans or the Bus. Will provide training.
- Teen House: Parents & adults for up-keep and improvements.
- Fundraising: promotion & operation.

>>UPCOMING MSFM EVENTS

Set your phone alarm to go off daily at 3:16 pm as a reminder & pray to love like Jesus in your world.

Sunday Morning: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

What are you waiting for? You have a life to build for eternity. Everyday is critical to God. You are a part of a generation that grasps more, that has a conviction to access more and experience the deeper things of God. We don't just "tell the way", we "show the way" at CROSS CURRENT. Come and worry less about what is changing around you and focus on what will always be true about **us**.

6th—7th Grade//Rm D221—Billy S.//New Testament Survey
 8th—9th Grade//Rm D204-Robin O.& Tom N. //Life of Jesus
 10th-12th Grade//Rm D218-Burnhams & Statzulas//The Books of Romans & James

Praying for Haiti//Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Teen House

This Wednesday we will meet in the Teen House for 10 minutes after class. Our eyes and ears have been open to news and we have imagined the pain and loss. We have listened and watched in our well organized and provided for homes made comfortable with little thinking. Please come Join us at 7:30 pm.

SKIING WITH THE PRESIDENTS **FEBRUARY 12-15,2010 **

We will be going to the Wolf Creek Ski Area just outside of Pagosa Springs, CO. The balance is **PAST DUE** today. Please pay Jamie Smith, Linda Rogers or Lance.

47 people are attending!



SACRED MARRIAGE

DEEPIING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The tendency to avoid difficulty is a grace spiritual failing that can and often does keep us in Christian infancy. Marriage is difficult and we should use the difficulty to build up our character.

3 Things To Look For in a Mentor

1. A good track record or a History of success.
2. **Mutual Benefit: It can't be one-sided.**
3. Unforced relationship: Just serve & help.

Parenting Class

Changing lives

Age of Opportunity:

A Biblical Guide to Parenting

Time: 9:30 am

Where: D104
Develop your skills as an agent of reconciliation in this Bible Study & Application Class.

BEING A PERFECT MINISTRY DOESN'T MATTER. BEING A PRAYING MINISTRY DOES.

"...that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ..." Philippians 1:9-10