

The title "STILLNESS in STRUGGLES" is written in a stylized, cursive font. The word "in" is smaller and positioned between "STILLNESS" and "STRUGGLES". The background of the title card shows a silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with tall grass or reeds in the foreground and a soft, hazy light in the background.

STILLNESS in STRUGGLES

Sunday, October 1, 2017

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — “*to obey is better than sacrifice*” (1 Samuel 15:22)

Stillness in Struggles (Psalm 46:10)

The underlying theme of this series is simply; “*Lessons **being** learned in my struggles.*” The **ongoing process** in the schoolhouse of life as God providential orchestrates each class, each lesson, each exercise to keep me to my knees in **continual surrender**.

When we have quietness of soul, we will have quietness in the storm.

I. Stillness through _____ (Psalm 46:10)

Psalm 46:10 Be still [*relax in perfect trust*], and know [*intimately and personally*] that I **AM** God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

A. 1st Command: _____

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight**, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

The key to embracing the trial is learning to “*be still*,” being quiet before the Lord. Instead of rushing we rest, instead of giving into distraction we direct our attention and focus on the Lord. In our stillness, as God speaks, we can listen and embrace the truth. This is when we begin to truly “*know that He is God*.”

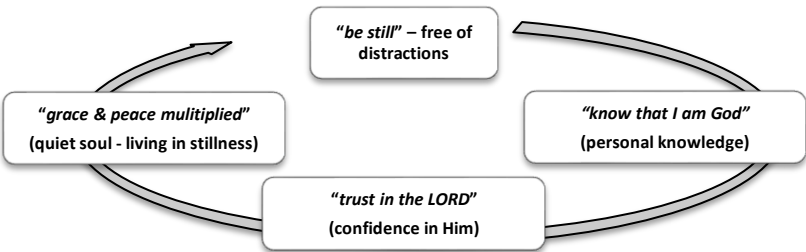
B. 2nd Command: _____

Psalm 86:10 For *Thou art* great, and doest wondrous [*extraordinary*] things: *Thou art God* alone.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth **Me**, that *I am* the **LORD** which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the **LORD**.

This knowledge of God will “*multiply grace and peace*” (**2Pe 1:2**).

Our intimate, transforming knowledge of God will shape **our response** to the trials of life.



The more we are *still* before the Lord, the more we will know His transforming truths, the more we will be at peace though the storms of life still rage.

II. Stillness through _____ (Isaiah 55:8-13)

A. Understand His _____ ways (v. 8-9)

God's ways are counter-cultural to my ways. What He knows is best is not what I think is best.


B. Understand His _____ Word (v. 10-11)

C. Understand true _____ (v. 12-13)

True worship of God is rooted in the knowledge of Who He is.

When I, in stillness, submit, "coming under" the ministry of the Spirit of God, teaching me the Word of God, I will embrace the truth of God and be changed into the likeness of the Son of God.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

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What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God,... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: to Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!