Faith Christian Fellowship Sunday, November 18, 2018 A Supernatural Church 15: How to Seek the Lord

TEXT: Ephesians 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Psalm 103:7

Psalms 27:8 NKJV *When You said,* "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek." NLT My heart has heard You say, "Come and talk with Me." And my heart responds, "LORD, I am coming."

Seeking God is a term we use a lot that has no meaning to most of us. We use the term "pray about it" and folks don't have a clear picture of what that means. To be a supernatural church, we need supernatural people~ Join us this week in "praying about" the process and future of FCF Tucson. Greater glory cometh. Don't miss the boat.

- 1) Set aside time to seek the Lord
 - a) If you don't make time, you won't have time.
 - b) This is called "fasting." It isn't just getting hungry, It is getting serious.
 - C) In order to "make time", you have to take time from something else. For most, this means laying aside something else in order to find time to seek Him.
 - i) Matt 6:16
 - ii) Acts 13:1-2
- 2) Pray. This is a time of seeking intimacy, not stuff
 - a) Worship: John 4:23
 - b) Pray in the Spirit 1 Corinthians 14:2,4/ Romans 8:26
 - c) **Be quiet!** Habakkuk 2:20 / we have a talking God. We have to shut up in order to hear.
- 3) Read. Keep your Bible handy
 - a) God talks through His Word
 - b) 2 Pet 1:16-21. It is our most sure means of communication from Him.
 - c) Read it from <u>your</u> Bible, don't just quote it or try to remember it. Look at it. Read the surrounding context.

- 4) Write it. Keep a note pad and pencil close by.
 - a) Habakkuk 2:1-4. When God talks, we need to write it.
 - b) To get it clear for yourself
 - c) To get it clear for others
 - d) To give it substance in the natural and provide direction for our faith.

e) No write / no happen

- i) New things to do
- ii) Topics to study
- iii) People to contact
- f) **De-clutter your head:** When issues of life intrude into your thinking, make a note and let it go. This is a means of keeping your mind on Him, not on painting the nursery.
- 5) Schedule it. Put it on the calendar
 - a) You need a calendar of the new year. God works by dates. He is usually quite precise in His timekeeping. Numbers 7:11, etc.
 - Everything He tells you or that you think of, put it on the calendar somewhere: To do list, appointment, something that gives it a real time
 - C) Bring your calendar with you to your prayer closet: pray over the things that are coming up.
 - d) Bring your calendar to church and listen for connections.
 - e) See where your vision fits in with the vision of your community of faith. **Get in the flow and let's go!**

Just remaining quietly in the presence of God, listening to Him, being attentive to Him, requires a lot of courage and know-how. -- Thomas Merton