

SET APART WITH BOLD FAITH

THE PROMISED LAND WEEK 9 | DAVE D'ANGELO

Joshua 3:5

Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.”

→ The nation of Israel was living a relational story.

The story you believe that you are living determines the preparations you make in your life.

In the beginning, God was with Adam and Eve.
In the middle, Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.
In the end, the dwelling place of God will be with man.

→ Consecration is about preparation to meet someone of importance.

Consecration is an intentional, sacrificial way of dedicating ourselves to the things and ways of God—setting us apart from the world, for Him.

The Israelites were told to consecrate themselves before receiving the stone tablets and before the office and role of the Priesthood was instituted.

Consecration involves:

- **Cleansing:** removing anything that is impure from our lives
- **Sacrifice:** giving up something of worth for God
- **Dedication:** anointing for a purpose

→ **Consecration** is intentionally setting yourself apart for God through cleansing, sacrifice and dedication.

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

→ Consecration positions us to see God in a dark and broken world.

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

→ Consecration positions us to discern the will of God.

Timothy 2:10-22

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

→ Consecration positions us to be used by God for good works.

To end the moral revolution, our world needs a consecrated Church.

North Way Christian Community was created to be one body—a family.

1 Corinthians 12:7-13

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

Declaration of Prayer and Thanksgiving, 1994

*Oh Lord our God, creator of everything that is, we come to declare our thanks and praise to You this day. Thank you for the privilege of sharing Your goodness with these people that call themselves by Your name. Thank you for this awesome place which You have provided for us by the goodness of Your grace. We declare this to be a house of prayer for all nations and a place of praise for all generations. We humbly acknowledge that You have done exceedingly, abundantly beyond that which we are even to ask or think. Everywhere we look, we see the evidence of Your favor and blessing upon this people. We proclaim this day that everything on these grounds belongs to You and that we are simply stewards of the treasure that You have given. We declare that from this day forward that all glory, honor, and praise for this great achievement will be Yours alone. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. **Amen.***

We all speak boldly about what we believe in deeply.

“I have a vision that Pittsburgh will be more famous for God than for steel.”

- Sam Shoemaker

1. If we believe deeply in the gospel we have to be willing to share it.
2. We must examine our hearts and be willing to let go of other things.

Luke 15:4-7

Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when

he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." I tell you in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

"I stand by the door.
I neither go too far in,
Nor stay too far out,
The door is the most important door in the world—
It is the door through which men walk when they find God.
There's no use my going way inside, and staying there,
When so many are still
outside and they, as much as I,
Crave to know where
The door is.
I admire the people who go
Way in.
But I wish they would not
Forget how it was
Before they got in. Then
They would be able to help
The people who have not
Even found the door,
Or the people who want to
Run away again from God.
You can go in too deeply,
And stay in too long,
And forget the people
Outside the door."

-Sam Shoemaker, *I Stand by the Door*

Question: Am I too focused on the 99, instead of the 1?

→ To Jesus, the table was consecrated, set apart and used to bring people closer to Him.

John 13:21-23, 25

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side,...So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?"

Everyone needs a safe place to ask hard questions and receive trusted answers.

Question: What is my table dedicated to?