

Weird Desires

- If you want what *normal* people have, **do** what normal people do.
- If you want what *few* people have, **do** what few people do.

I John 2:15-17

Normal People:

- **Want what they want NOW, not Later.**

Luke 15:12

- **Trade the Ultimate for the Immediate.**

Genesis 25:29-32

What's your bowl of stew? _____

Weird People:

- **Know Later is often BETTER than Now.** Prov. 16:32

- **Seek God until His desires become Their Desires.**

Psalm 37:4

Gal. 5:16-17

✓ **When you follow Jesus, you find true Life.**

TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

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- What is one of the most impulsive things you have ever done or bought? What was so satisfying about your impulsive act?
 - Read I John 2:15-17; Luke 15:12 and Genesis 25:29-32. What do you think are some of the causes of normal people's need for immediate satisfaction?
 - What desires are holding you back from living like God is calling you to live?
 - What is your bowl of stew? _____
 - Read Proverbs 16:32; Psalm 37:4 and Galatians 5:16-25.
 - What does patience and self-control look like in your life? Where do you need improvement?
 - Why is having patience and self-control such a struggle for most people? What is the Spirit's role in this conflict? ?
 - In what ways do your desires match up with God's? What makes these desires so different than any others you may have?
 - How will you get help to overcome the sinful desires that have a hold on you?

Weird in a God Way is BETTER

May's Memory Verse: *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind....*

Romans 12:2

Monday 5/17- Read Ephesians 4:29-32

Question: If I have accepted Jesus' forgiveness, how should I treat others?

Truth: *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Meditate: Ephesians 4:30- *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for your forgiveness. Help me be a forgiving person.

Action: *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Vs. 29*

What God is asking me to do: _____

Tuesday 5/18- Read Luke 6:37-38

Question: How should I treat others if I want God to treat me the same way?

Truth: *"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Vs. 37*

Meditate: Luke 6:38 – *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

Prayer: Father God, you love all people help me to love others like you do.

Action: The more I love others, the more God's love will bless me.

What God is telling me: _____

Wednesday 5/19- Read Matthew 9:1-8

Question: *Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to*

say, 'Get up and walk'? Vs. 5

Truth: *But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home. Vs.6*

Meditate: Matthew 9:2- *Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."*

Prayer: Lord Jesus, your forgiveness is the greatest gift I will ever receive. Thank you!

Action: By faith bring my friends to find healing in Jesus' salvation.

What God is telling me: _____

Thursday 5/20- Read Colossians 3:12-14

Question: How should I deal with someone I have a grievance against?

Truth: *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Meditate: Colossians 3:12- *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Prayer: Thank you Lord for all the blessings you have given me. I will clothe myself in love.

Action: *And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Vs. 14*

What is God telling me: _____

Friday 5/21- Read Galatians 5:1

Question: From where does true freedom come?

Truth: *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.*

Meditate: 2 Corinthians 3:17- *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

Prayer: Lord thank you for your freedom. I'll use your freedom to help free others.

Action: *Freely you have received; freely give. Matthew 10:8*

What is God telling me: _____