



# LET'S GO DEEPER

## SERMON NOTES - MAKING ROOM FOR MORE - Sept 8 - Pastor Peter

**Leviticus 26:9-13** "I will look on you with favour and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep My covenant with you. You will still be eating last year's harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new. I will put My dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be My people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high."

**2 Corinthians 3:18** "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

### 1. Making Room for God

We start by making room for God.

What if we stayed as connected to our Creator as we are to our devices? What if we make room to have more of God in our lives. What if we have more of God. What would our lives be like?

**Acts 9:36-38** "There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, 'Please come as soon as possible!'"

Tabitha dies and they send two people to Peter and they ask him to come as soon as he can.

**Acts 9:39,40** "So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. But Peter asked them

### QUESTIONS:

1. Is making room for God something we should do? Why?

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2. What should we do when we feel the passion for God wane?

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3. Is the spiritual fervor something we control or God?

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This verse presupposes that we can be lacking in spiritual zeal and we can lose our spiritual fervor or it wouldn't have been written.

God says keep your passion going.

## 2. Making Room for God's Purpose

And we can make room for God's purpose.

**Philippians 2:13** "For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him."

God works in us to fulfill His purpose, what pleases Him. God energizes us and moves in our lives and gives us desire and power so that we'll actually fulfill our purpose for even being here and being alive.

## 2. Making Room For People

**Matt. 22:37-40** "Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

As His followers, we're to love God with everything. With all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind. With everything. And we're to love our neighbours, other people, just like we love ourselves.

**Galatians 5:14** "For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

**James 2:8** "Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Jesus says the Law is fulfilled by two things, love God and love your neighbor.

### QUESTIONS:

1. How can you know your purpose?

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2. Is the purpose has for us the same for everyone?

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3. Trying fulfill another person's purpose will bring frustration to you, why do think that is?

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What is the benefit of making more room for God? More of him! Even the apostles like Peter continuously made more room for God. Spiritual fervor is a personal decision. Cry out to him, ask for him to restore your passion. Ask him to take you back your first love for him.

2. What is your purpose? Such a hard question to answer. But really the answer is not complicated or difficult to answer. Simply ask yourself, what skills has the Lord given you? What abilities seem to keep surfacing? What are you good at? What stirs you? What excites you? What puts a fire in your heart? Ask God to show you His purpose. Ask the Spirit to guide you. Start doing something and start this week. Serve at Bethel. Be the church. Serve at your school or work. Serve in a community organization. Like a ship, God can't steer you if you aren't moving. God has a purpose for you. So start making room for His purpose in your life.

3. Love God and love your neighbor. The first one is what we say, the second is how we show it. We can say we love God, but we don't see him. How can we show it? By complying with the rituals and religious schedule? Make sure you don't miss coming to church on easter and Christmas, be a good person, tithe/ give to the church, come to church every Sunday, etc. No. We do it by truly loving our neighbors. Specially those who don't love us back. If we love God, we will have the love to do so, and by doing so we will demonstrate that we are his followers and that he is real. Because our behavior is going to be so anti-world culture that people will have to recognize that we are being driven by something else than what the world has. Something superior and stronger. That something is Jesus.

### ACTION STEPS:

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What are the two commandment Jesus replies in Matthew 22:37-40?

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2. Why is his response directed to non-believers? How can you know that?

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3. What does Jesus teach to do with our neighbors?

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4. Why is this important?

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5. Can you love God but not one of your neighbors?

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