

MSG: THE PRACTICE TO BUILD LIFE

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-15 NLT

SZN 2: REVIVAL THROUGH LOVING

Matthew 3:13-15 NLT

“Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?” But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize him.”

Intro:

John the Baptist was:

-A PREACHER OF REPENTANCE

-A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE

-A BAPTISM OF RITUAL CLEANING

-A MEGA PREACHER

-HE PREACHED FAITH, REPENTANCE & CLEANSING

-JOHN AND JESUS WERE COUSINS

What are some practices to building life that we can see as a model to continue experiencing revival!

Let's discover some practices to build life...

1. BUILD LIFE BY THE PRACTICE OF SUBMISSION

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SUBMISSION BRINGS OBEDIENCE

**JOHN SUBMITTED TO JESUS,
WHILE JESUS SUBMITTED TO JOHN**

SUBMISSION BRINGS AFFIRMATION

Matthew 3:16-17 NLT

“After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

GOD WANTS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE BY HIS SPIRIT

JESUS SUBMITTED TO THE FATHER

**JESUS WAS AFFIRMED BY THE FATHER
BEFORE WE WORKED FOR THE FATHER**

2. BUILD LIFE BY THE PRACTICE OF JOY

John 3:28-29 NLT

“You yourselves know how plainly I told you, ‘I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.’ It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom’s friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success.”

JOY IS FULFILLED WHEN PEOPLE EXPERIENCE REVIVAL

- John was excited that people were coming to Jesus!
- The Jewish leaders tried to pit John’s disciples vs. Jesus Disciples

-You need more joy? Celebrate revival when people come back to life

JOY IS FULFILLED WHEN COMPETITION IS REJECTED

JOHN WASN'T COMPETING WITH JESUS

JEALOUSY IS NATURAL, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE HABITUAL.

3. BUILD LIFE BY THE PRACTICE OF HUMILITY

Matthew 3:17 NLT

“And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

HUMILITY IS THE SEED OF REVIVAL

Jesus IDENTIFIED with sinful man

-Jesus Humbled Himself as:

- A baby
- Allowed John to treat him like a sinner!
- The cross!
- HE LOOKED LIKE A SINNER!
- He identified with SINNERS!
- He was motivated by love for SINNERS!

HUMILITY IS HOW GREATNESS IS MEASURED

THE MORE YOU DECREASE, THE MORE HUMILITY INCREASES

John 3:30 NLT

“He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.”

JESUS MUST INCREASE I MUST DECREASE