



21-DAY FAST Devotional #7 – THE WINNING TEAM!

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Everyone likes to be on a winning team! When you are winning, you feel the adrenaline pumping and you're on top of the world. It seems that nothing can go wrong! The problem is, there are only so many on the field playing, while the stadium is filled with spectators. Take football for example. There are 22 players on the field while there are hundreds or thousands of spectators. Too often the church is like that. We want to come and sit back and observe rather than get involved. But that's not what God expects. **Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)** tells us, **"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."** This means we are more than spectators, we are members of the team, and as such, we are to be encouraging others and worshipping God! When we actively participate in church, the team becomes stronger and God is pleased. **Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)** says, **"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."**

Today make plans to come to worship and participate. When I was young I was told that the term "worship" was an action verb. ***An action verb is a verb that expresses physical or mental action. The action verb tells us what the subject of our clause or sentence is doing, physically or mentally.*** This means engaging your mind by focusing on the songs, scriptures, message, testimony, offering, etc. It means being a part of the service by engaging others, taking notes, saying "amen", etc. It means... it's not about us... it's about HIM! Come WORSHIP with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength!

Challenge Question: Are you coming to church as a participant or as a spectator?

Verses to look up: Matthew 18:20; Ephesians 4:12; Colossians 03:16; Acts 2:42; Psalms 100

Prayer for this week: Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving me, thank you for giving your life, thank you for rising again, and thank you for giving me your Holy Spirit. Help me this day to not drift from the vine and into vice. I know that there is a power that comes from staying connected to You and enables me to bear fruit. Help me to walk in Your power! May others see the fruit that is being produced in my life, through my relationship with You, and desire to do the same. I pray for my church that we will see breakthrough! Help people to come to you through my witness and through my congregation. I pray for breakthrough in marriages, health, finances, emotions, habits, and all areas. May I be the person You want me to be and may our church be the church You want us to be. Let change begin in my heart and flow over to my home, my church, and my community! Amen