

Series: "ALL DAY EVERY DAY"

For Message: Jeremiah 15:29a; Matthew 6:33, 15:8; James 4:8; Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 122:1

Message Title: "Every Sunday"

Introduction: Welcome to BMZ CHURCH! The HEART behind "**ALL DAY EVERY DAY**" is that we go DEEPER in our FAITH at the BEGINNING of 2024, which will HOPEFULLY Help us BE DEEPER in our FAITH at the END of 2024. Why? So, we GROW in our FAITH and SHARE it with OTHERS ... as we FIND THROUGHOUT the BIBLE. This is about ENGAGING our FAITH more CONSISTENTLY. NOT just on SUNDAYS, but ALL DAY ... EVERY DAY.

We started with MORNINGS ... GOOD ROUTINES to get the RUDDER in the WATER and HEADED in a GODLY DIRECTION for our DAY. Then, we talked about our DAYS ... when we WORK or GO to SCHOOL, HOW do I WORK for CHRIST ... ON MISSION with GOD, DURING the DAY? LAST WEEK ... PART of ALL DAY is the NIGHT / EVENING ROUTINE ... Did anyone GET a NEW ALARM CLOCK? We start setting ROUTINES in the EVENING that help us ENGAGE CHRIST at NIGHT.

So, we've spent TIME talking about DIFFERENT PARTS of the DAY and HOW we COME CLOSER to GOD by CREATING GODLY HABITS / SMALL STEPS in HIS DIRECTION. **JAMES 4:8 = Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.**

TODAY, I want to TALK about an ENTIRE DAY, and ACCORDING to our BIBLES, it's the MOST IMPORTANT DAY ... SUNDAY!

And here's the DEAL: a LOT HAPPENS during the WEEK (Mon-Sat) that DRAINS YOU / WEARS you OUT. You're RUNNING and RUNNING and SO BUSY it's EASY to GET DISTRACTED ... from our FAITH Relationship with JESUS!

It's like MON-SAT WORK HARD to PULL us AWAY from GOD. And SUNDAY is the ONLY DAY of the WEEK DEDICATED to RECHARGING our FAITH LIFE. It's the DAY we UNPLUG from our WORK / SCHEDULES / HECTIC and PLUG INTO GOD. TODAY is the DAY we get RECHARGED from LAST WEEK and FOR the COMING WEEK.

Our FAITH is NOT a SET of BELIEFS and RULES. It's PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with JESUS. IF we NEGLECT ANY Relationship for SIX DAYS, it is going to LOSE POWER. It NEEDS RECHARGED! And EVEN though we are WORKING to keep ROUTINES EACH DAY to stay CONNECTED with CHRIST, THOSE DAYS are FULL of OTHER THINGS, right?! But SUNDAY is SET ASIDE. It is the DAY we WORSHIP INTENTIONALLY with OTHERS. I HOPE you get KIND of EXCITED about COMING to WORSHIP HERE on SUNDAYS. We find in PSALMS maybe we SHOULD ... **PSALM 122:1 = I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

I HOPE that's YOUR HEART and you're GLAD when you get to COME to the HOUSE of the LORD. It's our CHANCE to RECHARGE our FAITH RELATIONSHIP with The LORD ... IN your NOTES: **To Make Sunday a Day of Worship, and Fully Recharge, I ...**

TODAY, FOUR SMALL STEPS to TAKE on SUNDAY to FULLY RECHARGE...
#1 = PROTECT Sunday in My SCHEDULE

Write that down. I UNDERSTAND, there are SO MANY things that COMPLETE for SUNDAYS these DAYS. SATURDAY Nights are the nights to STAY out LATE. SUNDAY

MORNINGS are MADE for SLEEPING IN ... ONLY DAY to DO SO! YOU need to get CHORES done BEFORE the FOOTBALL GAMES.

IF you are a PARENT, it seems EVERYTHING happens on SUNDAYS: Birthday Parties, SPORTS, FAMILY TIME. ALL these are GOOD THINGS, but are you PROTECTING your SCHEDULE for the BEST THINGS? WILL we make GOD a PRIORITY in your SUNDAY SCHEDULE, making COMING to CHURCH the NONNEGOTIABLE ANCHOR around which ALL ELSE in your WEEKEND is BUILT AROUND? IF we are going to be FULLY RECHARGED in our FAITH to be READY to GO PUBLIC and be WITNESSES to JESUS in this WORLD ... WORSHIPPING TOGETHER on SUNDAY MATTERS!

It's BEEN important since the FIRST CENTURY ... **HEBREWS 10:25 = *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.*** It's DIFFICULT for us as BROTHERS and SISTERS in CHRIST to ENCOURAGE one another IF we are NOT TOGETHER!

And I GET IT ... some of you WORK on SUNDAYS or EVERY OTHER or TRAVEL or WHATEVER and maybe it's NOT POSSIBLE to MEET on SUNDAY Morning. Then, at LEAST FIND TIME to WATCH ONLINE. Pull up the ARCHIVES, if NECESSARY, but SET ASIDE TIME for the LORD ... and FIND SOMEONE to ENCOURAGE in THEIR FAITH!

JESUS INVITES us to SET ASIDE whatever it is that PREVENTS US from PUTTING Him ABOVE ALL ELSE ... whatever EXCUSES you USE to NOT PRIORITIZE your FAITH on SUNDAY ... **MATTHEW 6:33 = *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.***

Listen, you can STILL DO OTHER STUFF on SUNDAYS, BUT ... IF we are going to SEEK FIRST the KINGDOM, we NEED to PRIORITIZE what HE PRIORITIZES. ONE of those is SUNDAY / RESURRECTION DAY ... DAY to WORSHIP The RESURRECTED CHRIST. 2nd STEP to Fully RECHARGE:

#2 = PREPARE My Heart BEFORE Coming to Church

The CONDITION of your HEART is VITAL to get TRUE WORSHIP out of SUNDAY SERVICE ... to be ABLE to HEAR from GOD and KNOW of HIS PRESENCE. Truth: A **HARD HEART** BLOCKS God's POWER in your LIFE ... you CAN'T GET RECHARGED in your FAITH, and you CAN'T FEEL God's PRESENCE.

HONESTLY, many Sundays we COME to CHURCH DISTRACTED, right? You have EVERYTHING on your MIND ... WORK / FINANCES / FIGHT with SPOUSE / waiting on TEST RESULTS ... and you WALK in with your MIND EVERYWHERE ELSE, but NOT on GOD. IOW—Your HEART is NOT PREPARED to CONNECT with GOD.

Maybe you have the WRONG MOTIVATIONS and ATTENDING is an OBLIGATION and you are just GOING through the MOTIONS. You're SINGING and taking NOTES, but your HEART is NOT IN IT. Then you WONDER WHY the MESSAGE did NOT SPEAK to YOU and you did NOT HEAR from GOD and GOD seems so FAR AWAY.

Jesus talks about this ... **MATTHEW 15:8 = *'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*** They're DOING the RIGHT THINGS ... SINGING / PRAYING / LISTENING, BUT their HEARTS ... HAVE you EVER FELT THIS? You're just GOING through the MOTIONS, and you KNOW your HEART is NOT CONNECTED to GOD?

Here's a COUPLE SMALL STEPS to TAKE if this is YOU. **First**, GET your HEART RIGHT for SUNDAY, on SATURDAY NIGHT. PLAN SATURDAY Night with SUNDAY in MIND. Remember, SUNDAY WORSHIP is your NONNEGOTIABLE ANCHOR for your WHOLE WEEKEND. If you NEED to be out LATE ... ATTEND at 11am at MT. ZION.

OTHERWISE, Get to BED in EARLY ENOUGH that SUNDAY MORNING you're ABLE to SAY ... **"I was GLAD when they SAID, LET'S GO to the HOUSE of the LORD..."** What you DO the NIGHT BEFORE AFFECTS our HEART for WORSHIP the NEXT DAY!

Second, HOW about PRAYING on your WAY to the CHURCH BUILDING. PRAY for your OWN HEART to be READY to HEAR what The LORD has for YOU. PRAY for our KID PROGRAMMING and the LEADERS / kids. PRAY for the PEOPLE who are COMING and for THEIR HEARTS. PRAY for the WORSHIP TEAM and your PASTOR. PRAY for GOD'S WILL to be DONE. Prepare your HEART BEFORE you ARRIVE.

Finally, WHEN you ARRIVE and get a SEAT, PRAY and GIVE God WHATEVER is on your MIND. Don't just TRY to FOCUS on WORSHIP, PRAY that GOD will REMOVE all your DISTRACTIONS, WORRIES, FEARS ... GIVE them to The LORD. **ASK HIM to FILL you with HIS SPIRIT so you can WORSHIP in SPIRIT and TRUTH and get RECHARGED!** Don't just HONOR God with your LIPS, BUT with your WHOLE HEART. #3...

#3 = PARTICIPATE Fully in the SERVICE

When we are HERE, we need to be FULLY ENGAGED in the WORSHIP of JESUS.

Now, SOME of you KNOW THIS: 400 years ago, it was WIDELY BELIEVED the EARTH was the CENTER of the UNIVERSE ... all the PLANETS and STARS REVOLVED around EARTH. Then, GALILEO Discovered the EARTH is NOT the CENTER of the UNIVERSE, but The SUN IS ... and EARTH is just a SMALL PLANET and REVOLVES around the SUN with ALL the OTHER PLANETS. IT REQUIRED a HUGE MINDSET CHANGE for people to UNDERSTAND WE are NOT the CENTER of the UNIVERSE.

There is a SIMILAR MISCONCEPTION in MANY CHURCHES ... people COME and THINK THEY are the CENTER of the SERVICE, and EVERYTHING ELSE should ROTATE around THEM and what THEY WANT. They say things ... **"WELL, that MESSAGE did NOT SPEAK to ME. I have NO IDEA what Pastor Stan was TALKING ABOUT. I did NOT LIKE the SONGS TODAY EITHER. MAN is it COLD in HERE ... and WHO CUTS STAN'S HAIR BTW? THAT'S a MESS!"**

When we COME into WORSHIP like THAT, it INDICATES that WE THINK THIS is ALL about ME and EVERYTHING and EVERYONE ELSE ROTATES around ME to MEET MY DESIRES and NEEDS. Well, THIS is a WRONG MINDSET. We need to DISCOVER (Galileo) WE are NOT the CENTER of the UNIVERSE; GOD IS! ALL we DO on SUNDAYS REVOLVES around JESUS CHRIST ... NOT any of US.

5 Ways to Worship on Sunday:

LET me GIVE us FIVE WAYS we can KEEP GOD at the CENTER of our WORSHIP...

- SERVING

IF you GET HERE a little EARLY and GREET people at the DOOR or HELP people FIND a SEAT ... it tends to ENGAGE us MORE in WORSHIP. IF you WORK with KIDS on SUNDAY (or WED), well, THEN you will be INVESTED and DEFINITELY NEED to RECHARGE on SUNDAY. SAME with GGS ... get INVOLVED during the WEEK helps us to be PREPARED / HUNGRY for WORSHIP on SUNDAY.

- Singing

Some of you LOVE to SING and I SEE you! Some of you would RATHER NOT. I GET it! When we're SINGING ... Sing LOUD / SOFT / READ and MEDITATE on the WORDS / PRAY. But ENGAGE the WORDS at the LEAST...

- Taking Notes

Pen and NOTES EVERY WEEK. It helps us to ENGAGE and RETAIN what you HEAR. We REMEMBER a LOT MORE of WHAT we HEAR IF we WRITE it DOWN. Otherwise, studies show we FORGET 95% of WHAT we HEAR within 72 HOURS. Like, by TUESDAY you've FORGOTTEN it all. RETENTION goes WAY UP with WRITING. ALSO, we want you to TAKE your NOTES WITH YOU ... REMINDERS throughout the WEEK!

- Giving GENEROUSLY

We just did the series, GENEROSITY SECRET last FALL. GO back and LISTEN. WORSHIP is about HONORING ... we HONOR GOD when we are OBEDIENT to HIS WAYS / Biblical Directives. IF our HEARTS GO to where our TREASURE IS, then our HEARTS will be ENGAGED in WORSHIP when we GIVE in a GOD-HONORING WAY. (envelope / auto)

- Taking NEXT STEPS

I put these in your PROGRAM to help us GROW in our FAITH and PREPARE to SHARE our FAITH with OTHERS ... it HELPS with ALL DAY EVERY DAY! Take them with you ... TAKE TIME in God's WORD (Psalm 122, Matt 6, 15). Maybe it's the 3rd one ... HONOR GOD by PROTECTING my SUNDAYS. Do you have a CALENDAR? Put your WORSHIP TIME in your CALENDAR (phone = set an alarm!). EVERY 7 DAYS!

Paul writing to Church in Corinth ... 1 CORINTHIANS 14:26 = *Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you.*

WORSHIP is to STRENGTHEN ALL of US ... NOT just YOU. Finally ...

#4 = PRAY about WHO to INVITE Next Sunday

GOD wants you to RECHARGE your FAITH in WORSHIP, so ... PROTECT your Sunday SCHEDULE, PREPARE your HEART BEFORE, PARTICIPATE in WORSHIP and FINALLY ... DO NOT FORGET to PRAY ... about WHO to INVITE NEXT SUNDAY!

It is VERY DIFFICULT to NOT POSSIBLE to get FULLY RECHARGED by GOD in WORSHIP IF we are ONLY THINKING of OURSELVES ... and NOT CARING FOR the PEOPLE GOD has PLACED in your LIFE who do NOT KNOW JESUS. ONE WAY to get the MOST out of your WORSHIP EXPERIENCE is to BRING someone WITH YOU who does NOT GO to CHURCH ANYWHERE ... someone who has NOT BEEN to OUR CHURCHES...

WHAT would WORSHIP be like for YOU IF you had a FRIEND / Co-WORKER / FAMILY Member who's been STRUGGLING and OVERWHELMED by their PROBLEMS / Circumstances ... SITTING NEXT to YOU ... and GOD SPEAKS to them, and it CHANGES their LIFE? THEN, THEY make WORSHIP a PRIORITY on SUNDAY. They INVITE THEIR FAMILY / OTHERS they KNOW ... PASS it DOWN to their KIDS / GRANDKIDS, and LIVES CHANGE / ETERNITIES CHANGE for GENERATIONS!

We DON'T KNOW what GOD wants to DO with our INVITATIONS ... we just KNOW to GROW in our FAITH and SHARE it with OTHERS ... ACTS 22:15 = *For you are to be his witness, telling everyone what you have seen and heard.* We have NOT SEEN or HEARD ANYTHING unless we are GROWING in our FAITH through WORSHIP and SHARING IT.

Next Sunday is a SPECIAL SUNDAY. We are in a TIME of TRANSITION. Don't miss. INVITE SOMEONE. Let ME KNOW WHO and I'll PRAY TOO! (CC ... PRAYERS)

I HOPE you will DO THIS ... THIS WEEK. Or next: RELATIONSHIPS (Feb 11)

JEREMIAH 15:19a = *This is how the Lord responds: "If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me.* Let's RETURN to HIM ALL DAY EVERY DAY so we can CONTINUE to SERVE. Let's PRAY!

Next Steps: *I will Memorize Psalm 122:1*
I will Read Matthew 6 and/or Matthew 15
I will Honor God by Protecting Sundays in my Schedule.
Receive Information about being Baptized as a Believer Sunday, February 4th.

Hosting (Closing)

HEY, it has been a GREAT DAY here at BMZ... Glad you've been here with us!
 In a moment, we are going to RECEIVE the OFFERING so please take this time to finish COMPLETING any information.

- Or NEXT STEPS on your CONNECTION CARD (**FULLY FILLED OUT!!**)
- AND when our ushers come around to RECEIVE our OFFERING
- You can drop that card in the offering basket.

IF you are a First-Time Guest with us today

• We are so glad you joined us ... And we have a GIFT for you.
 It's this book "**UNSHAKABLE**" and it's at the BACK TABLE / By the DOORS...

- all you need to do is HIT "**SEND**" your COMPLETED Connection Card

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- I just want to remind you ... STEWARDSHIP is DISCIPLESHIP ... we RECEIVE an OFFERING EVERY Sunday BECAUSE it's BIBLICAL ... AND it HELPS us GROW in our FAITH!
- STEWARDSHIP VERSE ... **MATTHEW 15:8 = 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'**
- FIRST of our EARNINGS go back to the ONE who Blessed us in the first place!
 That's why WE/I do Automated Giving! I get paid ... the TITHE comes OUT FIRST!
- God's plan for BUILDING His Church was through TITHING and GIVING of the FOLLOWERS ... Share the GOOD NEWS! To REFRESH OTHERS!
- As Developing Followers of Jesus Christ, WE need to KNOW what the BIBLE says about GIVING ... NOT just what we THINK it should say.
- **MONEY is a HEART ISSUE.** And GOD wants what is BEST for your HEART!
 Listen, if GOD LOVES US so much that HE is willing to GIVE UP His OWN SON FOR US, WHY would GOD LEAD us ASTRAY in FINANCES?! USHERS ...
- NEXT WEEK: **A SPECIAL SUNDAY ... As Mentioned, we are CHANGING Some THINGS in our CHURCHES. See you NEXT WEEK!**

"Truth without Grace is Fundamentalism (Brutality). Grace without Truth is Sentimentalism (Hypocrisy)."

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