

Shadrach Youth Ministry

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A Word from Pastor Schultze... **Of Thermometers & Thermostats!**

We just came home from a wonderful Shadrach Weekend. Oh, what a joy to my heart to see how you responded to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Your prayers and praises blessed me beyond words to describe. Indeed, I'm seeing you climb Jacob's ladder. Worthy is the Lamb!

But now, as you are home again, let me remind you to keep pressing to be a leader, not in an earthly sense, but a catalyst for Jesus wherever you are. Learn, by the grace of God, never to be the last one to respond, to stand up or speak out for Jesus. More than just following signals, begin giving signals for others to follow. This means that instead of waiting for someone to urge you to pray, to witness, to praise, or to change the spiritual atmosphere, you do it without being prompted. It's about raising the standard of righteousness wherever you go—at school, at church, at home and at work.

This is what makes a true Shadracher. He is not just a **thermometer** who just registers the temperature; but rather, he is a **thermostat** who changes the temperature. Wherever Jesus went, He changed the temperature—the atmosphere—about Him. Whenever He left a place, there was a higher God-consciousness among all He left behind. It is the same for every true servant of God.

Become a leader—a thermostat—and God will smile upon you all day long, and every day of your life.

Shadrach Weekend Review by Marcia Schultze

Nicky Farmer and Jenn Johnson started the Weekend by sharing how God brought them together. In their earlier years, both had dated other people, but after being saved, God spoke to each of them individually about waiting upon Him for their companion. They are getting married in May. They had a very attentive audience! (If you want the details, order the tape! ☺)

Friday evening, Brother Edgar Martin shared a tremendous message on "You are a chosen generation." He gave a wonderful challenge to the youth to be the ones that will turn the tide towards revival, to turn America around.

Saturday morning, Reimar was scheduled to preach. Although he worked several days on the message, he couldn't really get it together. So, he decided to tell his life story Saturday morning, and God really helped him. He challenged the youth to stand firm, no matter what the circumstances. One thing he said was that you cannot walk with God if you are an excuse maker.

After lunch, the staff prayed concerning the remainder of our Weekend. Although the schedule was made up, the Lord changed the order of things. In review, we could see the Lord's hand in the changes, as He came down in a wonderful way.

After the rest period, Esther and Karin had a special time of questions and answers with the girls, and Nicky led the boys in a session on etiquette. Following these classes, Robert spoke on

prayer, challenging everyone to, first of all, have the DESIRE to pray. A deep desire and longing to have your prayers answered makes your prayers more specific and purifies them. As long as it doesn't make a big difference to you if your prayer is answered, you won't prevail. It was a tremendous message, and the anointing was on him from the very beginning.

We went right to dinner and immediately back to the evening service of intercession and prayer. I wish you could have heard some of the prayers of the youth, weeping and crying out to God for unsaved parents and for friends, for revival, and for cleansing of their own hearts. One wept and prayed for a friend at school to be saved out of Buddhism. A number of them cleared their hearts through confession. It was a precious three-plus-hours together.

Sunday, our church joined the youth at the campground for our morning service. What a precious time we had together. After some tremendous specials, Pastor Michael Hubbard gave a very soul-searching message on "Holiness." He challenged the youth (and the adults) to be holy on the inside as well as on the outside. He got very specific about how one should dress to please God, what we shouldn't be watching on TV or listening to as far as music, challenging everyone to put church first before sports or other activities. One must have a personal holiness within as is taught in the Scriptures. It was just the message needed for the hour.

Thank you so much for putting so much time, energy, and prayer into this last retreat. The Lord really helped me in several ways. Jesus is also still helping me when I meditate on the sermons. What an awesome God we serve! —Jordan C.

Let Go by Fenelon

This book was great! To give you an appetite for reading it, I'll give you some of the chapter titles: "The Advantages of Humility," "The Death of Self," "The True Source of Peace Is in the Surrender of the Will," "Sensitivity to Reproof is the Surest Sign We Needed It," and "Suffering Belongs to the Living, Not the Dead" (spiritually speaking—dead to Self).

Let Go is made up of 40 letters to individuals, each going through separate struggles and circumstances. I read one letter a day to try to absorb as much as I could from each. There are sooo many insights that it's REALLY hard to write this report.

In "The True Source of Peace Is in the Surrender of the Will," Fenelon says to "learn to be detached from the world and completely abandoned to God. Love Him more than yourself and His glory more than your life." This is really helpful, because when something comes up, you can ask yourself "Am I loving God more than myself?" or "Who's going to get the glory for this, me? or God? Another part that particularly helped me was in "The Death of Self" chapter. The point was that God doesn't cut out the major areas that you confessed (repented of) at conversion. That stuff is dead. He cuts the little stuff out that's still alive. (Example: He doesn't work with you to not steal anymore, but to be patient when your stuck in a long line at the store.) After reading this, it's nice to know that there's a reason God's bringing you around certain circumstances/people. Usually it's because your Self is still alive in some area(s).

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One reason I picked this book to read is because of the title, Let Go. All through the book, Fenelon encourages his reader to fully surrender to God in every area of life and trust for God's best for their life. It was very encouraging, and I highly recommend reading it, even if it's not for Shadrach. —Nichole

For my deeper walk book, I read Let Go by Fenelon. It is a very small book with a very large message. All throughout the book, he talks about surrendering everything to Jesus. This is an area I need a lot of help in, for, often times, I find I'm not as surrendered as I thought I was. He also tells how important it is to let yourself be crucified on the cross. This is another area in which I need Jesus' help. This book definitely tells how to "let go" in all areas of life. I need to read it again to get everything out of it. —Christa

Excerpts from Short Talks by D.L. Moody

"I do not believe that there is any doctrine needed today in the Christian church in America than the doctrine of separation. We have lost power because the line between the church and the world has been almost obliterated. If you want power, my friends, keep as far from conformity with the world as you can. "Be ye separate." If the kingdom of God is to be extended, we must have separated men and women, not card-playing, theater-going, dancing Christians. That kind of Christian will never accomplish much for God in this world. "Be ye separate."

"Jesus taught His disciples that they must be in the world but not of it. A Christian in the world is one thing, and the world in a Christian is quite another thing. A ship in the water is all right, but when the water gets into the ship, it is quite a different thing.

"Some people say that if you take that ground, you will stand alone, but I would rather be alone with God than to be with the whole world without God.

"My friends, if you want power with God, and with men, keep as separate from the world as you can.

"Keep the standard high and let God have the first place, and then He will withhold no good thing from you. Let the world call you a bigot – I would not give much for Christianity if the world had nothing to say against it."

takes the Holy Spirit power right out of us when we aren't separate. It will be a battle, and you will want to grow weary, but I encourage you to raise the standard!

In the big cities in Latvia, the women wore the finest designer clothes. We were told that they didn't buy groceries some weeks, just so they could buy one or two sharp things that they would wear over and over again. I didn't think about it in comparison to the States until I was back in Kokomo and made my first trip to Wal-Mart. It hurt my heart the way most of these women were in blue jeans and sneakers. Their standard was down. Their standard was all about, "This is what I want to wear. It's what is comfortable. I don't care if I look that sharp or not"—not to mention what Jesus thinks. There was a day when women always dressed attractively when they went out. What happened? A few good Christian people decided it wasn't really necessary. They didn't think about the affect their actions were taking on those around them or the next generation. While we were in Kentucky, there were some standards there that were different than mine were. I had the choice of rising to their standard or of having the attitude of, "There's nothing wrong with what I'm doing. They'll just have to love me the way I am." However, the second option would have caused me to contribute to the lowering of a standard. I wanted to help them by making the changes that I could!

What we wear and what we do makes a statement. *When the statement we are making matches the statement the rest of the world is making, then the statement isn't really ours.* When you walk into a room, what thoughts go across people's minds: "Oh, she has a cute figure"/"He's kinda cool" or do they say, "Oh, she/he must be a Christian!" just by our appearance and demeanor! In my teen years, the young men dressed with tight jeans like "The Fonz" (your parents can tell you who that is ☐). Now, there is a trend for young men to dress and wear hair like "The Beatles." This is not dressing for Jesus – and it really isn't *you!* You may say, "I would rather be a Christian on the inside than one only on the outside." Well, you had BETTER be one on the inside if you look like one on the outside ☐, but the good news is we don't have to choose between the two! Jesus wants us be a Christian on the inside *and* the outside!

Personally, I have been challenged in my heart to give up a certain kind of entertainment, and I have been challenged to portray a nicer image than I have been when I go out. Jesus has to help me because I don't always think in those terms, but I know He will. I want to be a standard raiser. I want to work on having a spirit of excellence. I want to be separate from the world – and a light and blessing to it. How about you?

What about the standard of keeping the Sabbath holy? How many business owners and restaurant workers have you heard say, I just have to work/open on Sunday, it's one of the busiest days of the week? Why is that? We as Christians may be the most responsible for making many of these people work on the Sabbath. Be sensitive that you don't unnecessarily do business on Sunday. It used to be that nothing was open on Sunday and people did fine without it. It is nice to have these establishments available in case of unusual circumstances, but we as believers shouldn't make it the 'big' day of business requiring a large number of employees to work on that day.

When you are out and about, be standard raisers with a spirit of excellence—not in a snobbish way, of course—but how about in a joyful way? Delighting in who Jesus is making you to be...as lights shining in a world of darkness and as a city set on a hill that cannot be hid (Matt. 5:14-16)! Not blending in with the world in your entertainments, lifestyle, attitudes or dress, but standing out as a separate people in this world. Don't hide your light under the bushel of worldliness! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!! –Karin

By the way... any Weekend Retreaters missing anything? We found a couple green towels, a dark blue t-shirt, and a Bible (The Daily Bible – chronological NIV) – please let us know if they are yours.

A Standard Raiser

As you can read in the article to the left, Moody was preaching against worldliness in his day and age. How much more do we need it today?

Jesus has been showing me that those that truly love Him will be 'standard raisers'. How did playing cards become accepted in Christian circles when it used to be banned by the Holy Spirit – (yes, the Holy Spirit banned it, not man). They became accepted when one or two believers decided they could still be good Christians and participate in these things. They still testified in church and helped their neighbors...but in that one area, they weren't standard raisers...just one area. Other Christians noticed and pretty soon they thought, "Oh, it must not be so bad to play cards because so and so is doing it..." and the standard continued to be lowered. This is the same thing for movie theaters and dancing. It is also the same for women wearing jeans in church and young men dressing sloppily like the world. Many say, "I just want to focus on Jesus or the central issues of Christianity." And that is what most churches have done. Where has it gotten us? How has the divorce rate gone? How has the morality with our youth gone? Where is the fire in our churches? Where are the revivals? Will you 'be separate'? Will you be a 'standard raiser'? As Moody said, it

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