



Men's Fraternity

Isaiah 58: Getting Started

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FIRST TAKE

"High OR Low." Share your relational HIGH and LOW from the last week. (*This could be related to family, work, faith, etc.)

TEXT

Isaiah 58:1-3

TAKEAWAY

The Real Conversation God wants to have with you and us

Men who God speaks to have:

1. Spiritual Receptivity (they seek God...really seek Him)
2. Spiritual Awareness (honesty with where you are really at)
3. They cultivate and do something about it (their spiritual actions line up with their spiritual disciplines)

Why do some people "find" God in a way that others do not? Why does God manifest His presence to some and let others struggle along in the half-light of imperfect Christian experience? Of course, the will of God is the same for all. He has no favorites within His household. Pick at random a score of great saints whose lives and testimonies are widely known. Let them be Bible characters or well-known Christians of post-biblical times. I venture to suggest that the one vital quality which they had in common was spiritual receptivity. Something in them was open to heaven, something urged them Godward. Without attempting anything like a profound analysis, I shall say simply that they had spiritual awareness and that they went on to cultivate it until it became the biggest thing in their lives. They differed from the average person in that when they felt the inward longing they did something about it. They acquired the lifelong habit of spiritual response. They were not disobedient to the heavenly vision. A.W. Tozer

TALK (Take Notes from the Video)

TURN IT UP (Questions to talk through)

1. In this last 6 months, what issues have been the most discouraging to you?
How have you dealt with the disappointment?
2. Without the consistency of gathering consistently with other brothers what have you noticed about your individual pursuit of God?
3. If God was lovingly putting his finger in your chest about one or two issues, what are they?
4. What simple, doable spiritual practice can you add starting this week?

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