



Strong Tower

Highlight Reels

April 21 – 27 2024



Weeks Prayer Requests:

- Baby Zion: Genetic Disease, life and death situation, that needs a physical healing from you.
- Baby Hezekiah: Genetic Disease, this baby boy needs a touch from you.
- Becky's brother Rick and doctoring appointments.
- Bev Corwin rehabilitation and healing
- Ann Trudell Cataracts surgery coming up May 6.
- Karla Johnson's physical pain and prayer the doctors figure out the situation.
- Mike Corwin accident and full healing and recovery
- Corbin dental issues and traveling long distance to the dentist.
- Ashley's Grandma's cancer and her mothers time taking care of her.
- Julie's sister in Law Patty needs prayer (unspoken)
- Dave and Karla's God Daughter family situation. The family is in a turmoil. Pray for peace.
- Mary Lou, Mike and Doug's Mom's medical situation.

Weekly Devotion!

Do you really trust God?

Jeremiah 29:11-13-"For I know plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart."

Like many of you, I have had multiple opportunities to play the trust game. This is where a partner stands behind you while you fall into their arms. This game requires trust that your partner will catch you when you fall. This is similar to what God is asking of us.

The scriptures tell us that He is always with us. It is up to us to trust that He is there and live accordingly. He will not leave us.

We can have confidence knowing that He is always there and has plans for each of our lives.

When you are considering a major life change, the most important action you can take is one that is most often skipped: invite Him to lead you. As you continue to seek Him, He will speak into your heart, and your path will become clearer. If you trust Him, He will come along beside you and guide you throughout your journey.

I know it sounds like a nice Sunday school lesson. A little too easy, right? But when you do this and experience His power working in your life, you will never forget it. I have witnessed many people whose lives have changed dramatically in unexpected ways by turning to Him (including my own). It is transformative.

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Doug Trudell Jr teaching – Stuff Jesus Never Said

Scripture References:

1 Corinthians 10:13 & Numbers 11

True or False

1. If you drop food on the floor, it is ok to eat it if you pick it up in less than 5 seconds?

(Five second Rule)

False – Bacteria and Germs immediately transfer to items when they come in contact with them

2. You can not go swimming at least a half hour after you have eaten because you will get cramps and possibly drown.

False – Doctors at Duke Health say that this myth is all wet.

3. Eating chicken soup is good for you when you are sick?

True – It has been scientifically proven that elements of chicken soup are healing and comforting for someone who is sick.

The world and society tells us to follow our hearts, but biblically we find a very different response to that. Matthew 16:24-27 tells us an event in history where Jesus tells it much differently.

In fact our heart can be very deceptive. Jeremiah 17:9-10 sheds some light on the subject.

We are instructed to guard our hearts, Proverbs 4:23.

We are also instructed to allow Jesus to lead our hearts, Proverbs 3:5-7.

But we are not to follow our hearts because they will not lead us to the truth or happiness only Jesus will.

Jesus will give us the desires of our hearts once we align ourselves with Him. Ephesians 5:1-

LUKE CHAPTER 3-4

Doug Trudell Sr teaching – Luke 3:4

John the Baptist was the forerunner to Jesus, He preached the coming of the Messiah and He preached the words prophesied by Isaiah, Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

John was paving a way or a path for the Lord Jesus Christ to come, someone better and greater than he was.

Many came to be baptized by John the “Baptist” (this was not his denomination, but his profession)

He preached to the group of people, tax collectors, religious folks, soldiers and He calls them a Brood of Vipers. This is illustrated a group of hatchling snakes vicious and hungry.

He preaches tax collectors, don't be crooks... Soldiers, don't be too harsh...

John is preaching for us to do what is good and right in the eyes of the Lord.

He is preaching repentance and salvation – the coming of Jesus Christ.

He then makes a profound statement, I baptize with water but there comes one who will baptize you with Holy Spirit and fire.

Many thought he may be the messiah but he cleared the air of that. He was not the one. He preached of the coming “ONE.”

John was eventually thrown into prison for preaching the good news of Jesus Christ and later beheaded because of his stance on Herod divorcing his wife, and marrying his brother's wife and their life of evil.

Herod's wife wanted John's head on a platter.

Moving on to chapter 4 we find the beginning of Jesus ministry where He fasted and was tempted by the enemy in the desert. This marked the beginning of His Ministry on earth.