

Terry Fullam Audio Library

Scriptural References and Comment Notes

18-108-21 FORMED FOR FELLOWSHIP, FASHIONED FOR PRAISE
(NIV)

2:00 Isaiah 43:18 “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

Teaching. God is always on the move and we are a pilgrim people. Reference Mark 8:34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and **follow me**. Teaching examples of Abraham and Moses. God moves us into places where our resources are not adequate; so that we learn to see his provision.

6:50 Teaching on the state of many churches where the Rector is not the Rector in a spiritual role, but a curator of a museum from the past.

7:40 Isaiah 43:19a See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

Terry makes reference to the St. Paul’s project of acquiring new property for the building of a worship and renewal center, formerly the home of The Holy Protection Order. Terry sees a new heart in the congregation, flowing from a deepened bonding with the Lord, apart from the anticipated building project.

9:00 Isaiah 43:19b I am making a way in the desert
and streams in the wasteland.

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9:20 Isaiah 43:20-21 The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the desert
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
21 the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

Teaching.. The need for a “Copernican revolution” in the life of every Christian – seeing the true center of all things and getting over the concept that we, and our desires, are the center of attention.

We exist for the sake of God – he doesn’t exist for our sake. We are formed for the Lord God.

15:05 Teaching on the term “Fellowship” (Greek Koinonia – G2842). “In common with”. What do we have in common with God? We have been created to be in relationship with God.

The issue is not – “have you been born again” – but – “have you grown any?” Evangelism is not the objective of God – it is a means toward the objective (end). Teaching on the difference between a means and the end. Means have no ultimacy, but ends do. God’s end for us is to grow in likeness and fellowship with him, the living God. “Means” are those things which are done to accomplish the ends – examples: Being Saved, Being Born Again; Beings Baptized with the Holy Spirit etc.

It is very possible to be Born Again and be stagnant, so that your spiritual life is arrested at the level of infancy.

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19:45 1 John 1:1-4 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete.

Teaching on the difference between knowing about God and really knowing him. Living experience – so that we may have real fellowship with the Father and the Son – The Vertical Relationship. There is also a Horizontal relationship with our sisters and brothers.

21:40 1 John 4:20 If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar.....

Teaching – it is God who established the connection between loving God and loving our brothers and sisters.

22:50 We tend to think of one another on the basis of performance in a functional way – One person is a mechanic, one is a teacher, one is a doctor etc. but God is more interested in “who we are” rather than what we do. God is the one who establishes the priority on relationship. Even ministry and service is not the ultimate desire of God, for us. We are formed for fellowship. Who we are in him is the priority.

23:50 1 John 1:5-7 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet

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walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. Teaching. Quick and earnest confession and repentance is necessary to maintain fellowship.

25:35 Growing in fellowship with God and with our brothers and sisters requires more than what can be provided on a Sunday morning. A once a week church service will never be enough to deepen a relationship and fellowship with God, to the level he desires. The church exists in small cell groups for growth and in larger assemblies for celebration. God's people need both. Teaching on Covenant Groups.

30:00 Fellowship is not coffee after a church service. If you want that kind of fellowship you will find it better in the average bar, than in the church.

Real Christian fellowship, with God and one another, takes place at a much deeper level in a different spiritual venue. Terry appeals for the people to get into small "home based covenant groups".

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