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2017 MESSAGE SERIES

38 ESSENTIAL PASSAGES IN UNDERSTANDING GOD'S STORY, THEIR STORY, & YOUR STORY.



The Sweet Spot:

*A combination of factors
coming together to make an
item highly effective.*

The Question:

*As Christians how can we live
in our 'Spiritual' sweet spot?*



Your Spiritual Sweet Spot:

*Is a combination of factors
God has brought together to
make us highly effective.*

“What engineers give sports equipment, God gave you. A zone, a region, a life in which you were made to dwell. He tailored the curves, factors and events of your life to fit the empty spaces of your life like a jigsaw puzzle. And life makes sweet sense when you find your spot-your tailor-made, God-designed spiritual sweet spot.”

Your Spiritual Sweet Spot:

~~Easy?~~

~~Comfortable?~~

Stretching?

~~Predictable?~~

~~For just a few?~~

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The apostle Paul

“It could be argued that no other human, apart from Jesus, has had great impact on the world than the apostle Paul. His theological reflections have had profound impact on the Western world. He took three missionary journeys, mentored the second generation of Christian leaders and wrote what became 13 books of the New Testament which give spiritual direction to over one-third of the worlds population, that is more than Muhammad, Buddha and Confucius combined.”

Adam Hamilton



Today:

*Five factors for living in our
'Spiritual' sweet spot?*



Factor 1.

*Your PAST: God has purpose
for it, so make peace with it.*

Every aspect of Paul's upbringing was critical in light of God's calling on his life, and in time we discover the same.

In God's hands the most painful events of our past teach us the most useful lessons which allow us to be effective in the present.

“Praise be to the God of all comfort, *who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*” 2 Cor. 1:1-5

In every situation give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thess. 5:18

Factor 2.

Your Ambition: God has purpose for it, but he needs to purify it.

*“It has always been my **ambition** to preach the gospel where Christ was not known,”*

Rom. 15:20

“One of the most freeing empowering moments of my life was when I realized God did not want to rid my life of ambition, but that he wanted to purify and empower the ambition he gave me.”

Chip Ingram.

With life experience and maturity, our ambitions change over time, but God wanting us to have ambitions that fulfill his purposes never does.

Factor 3.

Spiritual friendships: We all need to have them, and we need to be one.

known to
myself and
others

FREE

known only to
others

BLIND

HIDDEN

known only to
myself

UNKNOWN

known to no one

SAFE

CREATING A
CULTURE OF GRACE
IN A CLIMATE OF SHAME



BY NICK STUMBO

You have relationships in your life, but do you have the right kind of relationships in your life? Those that will help you live in your spiritual sweet spot?

Factor 4.

Times of Private Prayer:
That which is of first importance
must be a scheduled first thing.

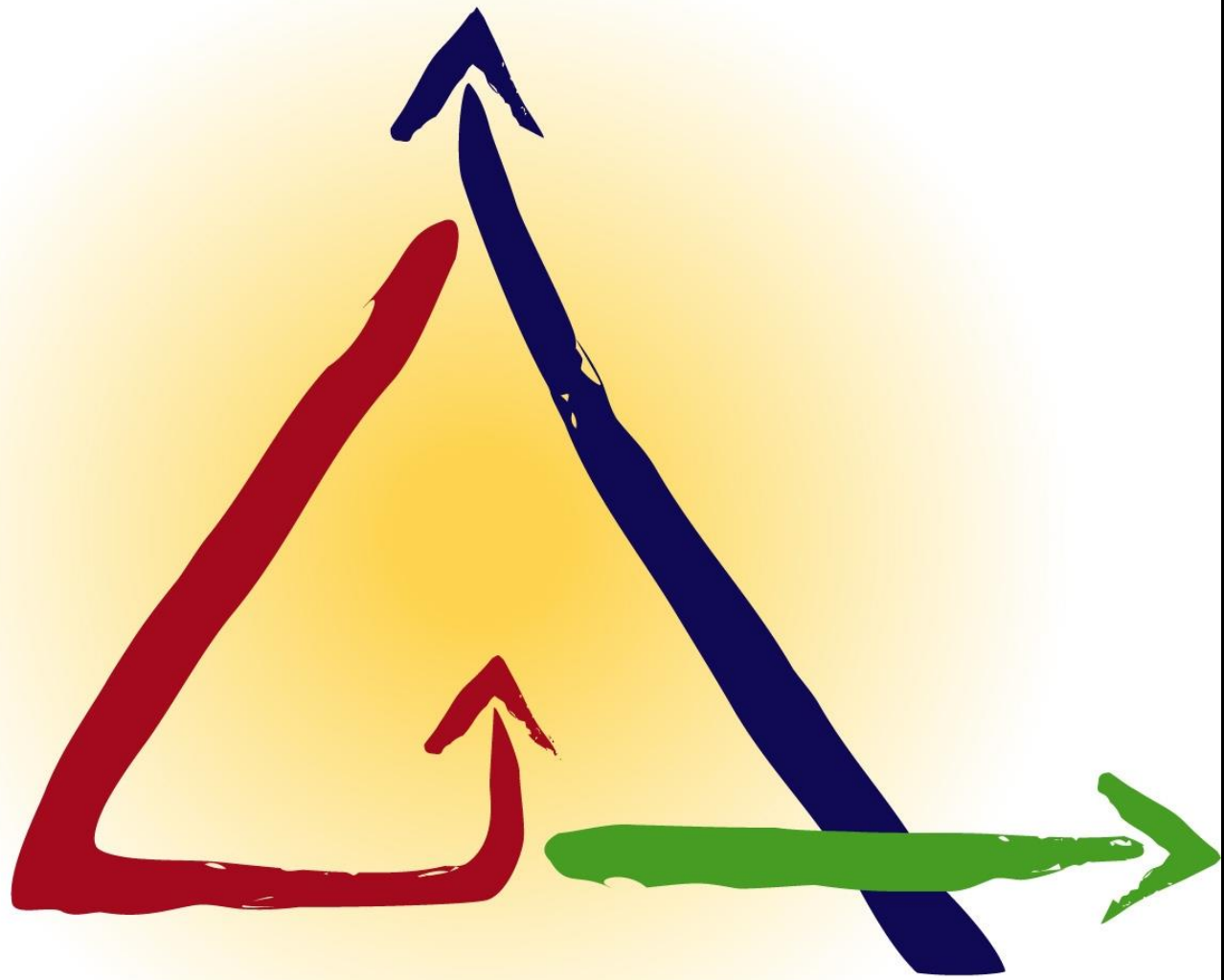
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Factor 5.

The Spiritually Lost:

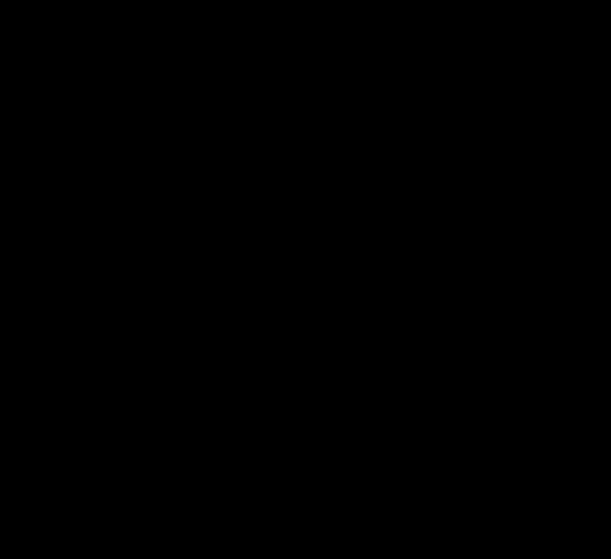
*Jesus did for them, he loves them,
and wants us to reach them.*



up • in • out

*“Jesus lived out his life in three relationships: UP—
with the Father; IN—with his followers; OUT—with
the hurting world around him. This three-
dimensional pattern for living a balanced life can
inform us on
how to experience fruitfulness in ministry,
relationships and our personal life.”*

Mike Breen







What is your reaction?





Erwin Raphael McManus

Today:

*what step will you take to live
in your 'Spiritual' sweet spot?*

