



10 Days of REVOLUTION

# 40 Days of Revolution

## How To Start A Revolution

1. In Ourselves – What areas of my life need to decrease for me to live revolutionary?
2. In Our Youth Group/Church – What can I do to start a revolution in MY youth group?
3. In Our Community – Do I live my life in my community that could start a revolution/show that I am different?
4. In Our World – How can I revolutionize the world the way Jesus and his disciples did?
5. Keeping it as a Priority in My Life – How can I keep it going after the 40 days?

## This week's Devotions and Chapters of Reading

Below are the chapters to read for each day. Please see your Devotion Packet for devotions.

Sept 13 - I Corinthians 13

Sept 14 - Hebrews 9

Sept 15 - Psalm 118

## Announcements

- This week's Fusion Service will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Annex. Please don't miss it and those involved with music will be excused from music practice.
- Tryouts for Fusion Music will be Thursday, Sept 30. If you would like to try out please let Mario or Sherri Martinez know.

## Don't Forget!

Evangelism - Hand out one card a day. Let's win 10 students in 40 days!

Prayer – 30 mins per day

Sacrificial Giving - \$5 per week in addition to tithes and offering

Fasting – (selective fast + 4 whole days + media)

Selective Fast – As a student group we are fasting soda for 40 days

Media – Facebook, internet, text messages, video games

Service times - Tuesdays @ 7:30 p.m. and Fridays @ 7:00 p.m.

## Daily Devotion

*September 13, 2010*

Love Is . . . Building from His Blueprints

**I Corinthians 13:4-8**

***Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.***

This past Christmas, the Smith family left the evergreens and snow in Minnesota for the cactus and desert temperatures of Arizona. Instead of being surrounded by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins for their annual Christmas Day party, they spent the day with strangers. The entire family spent part of the day serving dinner to the homeless on a vacant parking lot in the middle of Tucson. Their celebration was certainly out of the ordinary.

Their 10-year old daughter Julie, touched by the experience, wrote an email to her Minnesota cousin and asked her Mom to edit it before she hit the send button. It read: "Christmas Day was great. We went to church and then served dinner to the homely people."

"Do you know what homely means?" her Mom asked.

She admitted that she didn't. As soon as her Mom explained, her eyes widened and her hand quickly covered her mouth. "Oops! I didn't mean that! I meant homeless!" They giggled at the error, made the correction, and sent it off.

God gave us His Word, the Bible, as a blueprint for how to build others up. In 1 Corinthians 13, notice that the Bible's love chapter never instructs us to love perfectly. It can't be done! Only Jesus loves with perfection!

So how do we love and build others up using God's blueprints? We love others like Jesus did by being patient and kind. We strip envy, boasting, and pride from our thoughts and conversations. We strive to not be rude, self-seeking or easily angered. We never keep track of all the wrongs others have done against us. We hate evil and delight in the truth. We love with a love that always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. That kind of love is like God's love, and it will never fail. It will never fall short.

What's keeping you from building others up? Don't let your desire for perfection become a roadblock to obeying God's command to build others up. Meditate on 1 Corinthians 13 and then go and love others like Jesus loves you.

# Daily Devotion

*September 14, 2010*

Sheep or Savior

Hebrews 9:14

*"How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!"*

Watching a two-year old get dressed is really a trip! The little guy knows he is supposed to put his legs into his pants. First, he tries putting his foot through the bottom of the pant leg. Oops! Then, he manages to get both legs into the same one. Can't walk that way! After a dozen tries, he carries the pants to Mom, holds them up to her and says, "Help, please."

The Old Testament Jews were a lot like a two-year old getting dressed. They wanted desperately to please God. He had told them to kill sheep and goats as sacrifices for their sins, but they had to do it over and over again. Every year they took animals to the Temple, watched the priest kill them and sprinkle their blood over the people and on the altar. For a while, they felt forgiven. But, then they sinned again. They told a lie, got angry, maybe even cheated their neighbor out of some grain by holding their thumb on the scale. Before they knew it, they were feeling spiritually dirty.

Jesus' death on the cross was the answer to mankind's cry of desperation, "Help me, please!" We all know that we break his standards in our thoughts and attitudes several times a day, let alone our stupid and rebellious actions. Since Jesus perfectly kept every law, he could pay the death penalty we deserve. When we accept Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf and repent, he forgives us forever from all of our sins. He even cleanses our conscience, making us free from guilt and shame over our sinful actions and thoughts.

In order to receive help getting dressed, a two-year-old has to give up doing it himself. He has to go to a "higher power" and ask for what he needs. We have to do the same if we want true and lasting forgiveness. We have to give up trying to please God ourselves. We have to go to him and ask for help.

## Daily Devotion

*September 15, 2010*

### Fogging up the Windshield

**Psalm 118:24**

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

It was Stephanie's 12th birthday. Her smile was permanent from the time she bounced out of bed in the morning until she dropped back into it again that night.

On her after school trip to town to spend her birthday money, she could hardly sit still in the front seat of the van. "Today has been the best day of my entire life," she bubbled. "I got an A- on my math test (a rare treat in her least-favorite class), a home run in kick ball (a goal for her 6th grade year and it was only October 9), and a IPOD from my you and Dad (a gift she had been longing for since the previous Christmas)."

Her chatter continued for the next 15 miles. Suddenly she stopped, and asked, "Do you think I talk too much?"

"Well, let's look at the windshield, Steph." her Mom said. "Your side of the van is completely fogged up and my side is crystal clear. What do you think?"

She obviously didn't think too much about it because she bounded into her next batch of blessings without missing a beat.

For Christians, each day should be as joy-filled as Steph's birthday. Too often that's not how we live, though. We tend to forget that joy is not an option - it's a command!

Psalm 118:24 says, "*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*" It doesn't say you can rejoice AFTER your face clears up.

Or you'll experience joy WHEN you're a star soccer player. Or joy WILL COME when you get your driver's license. No! This is the day - today is God's day - to rejoice and be glad!

Joy is not about our circumstances in life, it's about our connection to Christ. When we are connected to the Vine, joy naturally grows as a fruit of the Spirit. We can't produce it on our own. It's the miraculous product of being connected to the One who is pure joy.

Rejoice in your salvation through Jesus Christ! Smile because He knows you by name! Celebrate as you claim His promises! Sing His praises! Shout for joy!

Better yet, go fog up a windshield.