

# THE POWER OF COMMITMENT

FLAG LOVES FORT SCOTT - PART 3 – THE POWER OF COMMITMENT

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## **START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:**

- What was one of the first memberships/subscriptions you ever remember having?

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## **START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.**

- Our culture is commitment averse. Why do you think that it?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

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## **START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.**

- What is one of the most expensive things you've ever purchased? How much did it cost you after you purchased it?
- If someone were to look at your commitments, what could they learn about you?
- How do you practically keep God first? Key word is practical. How do you do this daily? What does your time with God look like?
- What has been your history of church attendance, (Giving God the first day of the Week?) How is your life different when this is normal?
- Depending how close and open your LifeGroup is, talk about your giving. Do you tithe? Have you tithed? What prompted you to start? What prevents you from starting? If you have tithed for a while, share about why you continue?
- When Sarah shared her testimony about giving God the first consideration in any decision, what stood out to you? What caught your heart?
- Mark ended the message talking about the fact that commitments don't just have challenges, they also have payoffs, i.e. rewards. How do you feel about God rewarding you for your commitments?

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## **START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.**

- Heavenly Father, following You isn't easy. Loving me probably wasn't easy either. Thank you for Your commitment to me. Show me how I can deepen my commitment to You. Amen.

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## **START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.**

- Make a simple realistic commitment to spend 5 minutes with God 5 times this week. Own it by telling your Group that you will do this. Hold each other accountable next time the Group meets.

**Luke 9:23 (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

**Luke 14:26 (NIV)**

<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple.

**Psalms 5:3 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

**Acts 20:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.

**Malachi 3:10 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

**1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do.

<sup>2</sup> On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.