



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **WHATEVER IT TAKES**
Series: **Who's Your ONE**
Text: **Luke 5:17-26**
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*“So love the Lord God **with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.**” Mark 12:30 (Msg)*

*“**Never be lacking in zeal,** but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” Rom. 12:11 (NIV)*

HOW TO LIVE PASSIONATELY FOR THE THINGS THAT MATTER?

1. BE ON _____ WITH GOD

*“For the Son of Man has come **to seek and to save the lost**” (Luke 19:10, CSB).*

*One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. **And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick.** 18 **Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat** and tried to take him into the house **to lay him before Jesus.** (Lk 5:17–18).*

- What drives you?
- What things, spiritually, has God put on your heart that you long to see come to fruition in your lifetime?
- Do you have kingdom dreams (such as people coming to faith in Christ), or are your dreams all tied to this life?

2. DO SOMETHING _____

*When they **could not find a way to do this because of the crowd,** they went up on **the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles** into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. (Luke 5:19)*

*Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, **after digging through it,** lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. (Mk 2:4–5).*

- You will have _____
- You will have _____

3. CREATE SOME _____ FOR GOD

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4. EXPECT THE _____

When Jesus **saw their faith,** he said, **“Friend, your sins are forgiven.”** (Lk 5:20).

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him **must believe that he exists** and that **he rewards those who earnestly seek him.** (Heb. 12:6)

5. KEEP A _____ IN FRONT OF YOU!

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, *“Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”*

²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, **“Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?”** ²³ Which is easier: to say, **‘Your sins are forgiven,’** or to say, **‘Get up and walk?’** ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....” He said to the paralyzed man, **“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”** ²⁵

Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ **Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God.** They were filled with awe and said, **“We have seen remarkable things today.”** (Lk 5:21–26).