

The Light Amp

Sam's Ministry Newsletter – November 2004 Report

Dear friends,

The last several weeks have been an extremely exciting time in my life. I could never have imagined my life to take so many twists and turns since I left secular work. I had one weekend where I met both the director of **IHOP-Atlanta** (International House of Prayer) www.ihop-atlanta.com and one of the most anointed Bible teachers in America. I had another weekend where I was able to give a presentation and teaching at my friend Greg Burnett's house to officially launch my ministry. On the weekend after that I found myself in **Washington DC with Lou Engle and "The Cause"** praying 24/7 for the presidential election (we won!). And just this past weekend I drove up to Chapel Hill to help out with the CCMC (Chinese Christian Mission Church) youth group, and to do some preparatory work for the **youth retreat** that I will be leading them on during Thanksgiving weekend. Intertwined between these intense events were periods of prolonged devotion with the Lord, waiting and abiding in His presence. I feel I am drawing near to God like never before. Praise the Lord!

During this period, I have also completed my first article in the *Crash Course Series: Developing New Wineskins: New Church Structures*. If you haven't received a copy of it from me by email or mail, be sure to let me know so I can send you a copy.

Regarding my activities, I won't have the space here to document each one of these fruitful events. I will describe more in detail below what it was like to meet **Wade Taylor**, whom I consider one of the most anointed men of God in America. Wade probably know more about the devotional life and intimacy with God than most people in history, and it was a privilege for me to have the opportunity to sit at his feet and listen to him reveal the mysteries of God in an intimate home group setting. About my trip to Washington DC, I am currently in the process of writing an article called *The Cause Report*, which will be a bit like my *China Report*, in which I will provide a comprehensive picture of what went on at the governmental prayer house in the few days before the election, from the intense intercession and spiritual warfare to the incredible intimacy and unity in Jesus Christ, which forever altered the destiny of America.

Below, I will give the Wade Taylor account, my upcoming schedule, spiritual meat I'm digesting right now, prayer requests, and a short teaching on crucifying your social life. You will also find my contact information and other relevant information, if you don't have them already. **Feel free to print, copy, or distribute freely this newsletter to anyone you wish. Feel free to contact me by email or phone if you have any comments or questions.** The key word here is free. God bless and have a nice day!

Love, love, love
Sam

Wade Taylor (www.wadetaylor.org)

The very first time that I've heard of Wade Taylor was at MorningStar church here in Charlotte, NC, when he was introduced as our guest preacher on a Friday night service. MorningStar is known for high-level anointed teachings and so we knew that anyone whom they invite to preach must be pretty good. Sure enough, from the moment Wade opened his mouth to speak, to the moment he stepped off the stage, we were all spellbound by the depth of the teaching that was laid out to us before our very ears. He spoke with spiritual authority and a depth of revelation that could only come from years of sitting at the feet of Jesus. A few months later a friend gave me a set of his teaching tapes on developing your devotional life, and my life was "ruined" (in a good way) by listening to them.

So when the opportunity arose to listen to Wade at an intimate home meeting for two nights in a row, I jumped. How it all came about was that Nick, a man on our "Harp & Bowl" worship team, was a former student of Wade at Pinecrest Bible Training Center in NY, where Wade was the president. Nick and his wife Pat had maintain their friendship with Wade over the years after they graduated from Pinecrest, and so Nick was able to personally invite Wade to come to Charlotte to minister to a small group of us in his home.

Sure enough, God did not disappoint in these two nights. Wade unveiled so many secrets of Scripture that it was like receiving the keys of the kingdom to unlock treasure boxes that was hidden for centuries. Among the topics that he touched upon were: maturing into the bride of Christ, progressing from the church age to the kingdom age, yielding to God the rights to our own lives, and communion. Through it all Wade ministered in a total humility that was beyond anything I've ever seen or experienced. He exemplified a level of Christ-likeness few men have ever reached. All of us there received a tremendous impartation of the Spirit as he prayed for us individually. It was indeed an opportunity of a lifetime as he mentioned to us that he probably won't be speaking at MorningStar now that he is retired.

Also Available from Sam: email me to receive free copy

The China Report

Crash Course Series #1:

Developing New Wineskins: New Church Structures

Past month timeline and upcoming schedule

September

27th – God tells me to go into fulltime ministry

29th – I receive confirming dream

October

5th – I resign from Dept of Social Services

7th – last day at work

16th – meeting with Billy, Director of IHOP Atlanta

16th – 17th meetings with Wade Taylor

23rd – my ministry fundraiser event

29th – Nov 1st trip to Washington DC

5th – 9th trip to Chapel Hill, NC

25th – 28th CCMC Youth Retreat

What I'm diggin' now:

Book: *The Secret of the Stairs*, by Wade Taylor

Tape Series: *Love is...* by Joyce Meyer

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| <p>Future Plans and Prayer Requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1). Development of lightamp.com (domain name already purchased) 2). The upcoming youth retreat during TG weekend 3). Directions for my ministry life in the coming months | <p>To subscribe to regular email updates and newsletter Or if you have questions or comments:</p> <p>Contact me samliu@charlottepraying.com (704) 806-0537</p> |
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Light Amp Teaching Blurb: Crucifying your social life

One thing that the Lord has been showing me in the past months was the need for every believer to come to a point in their spiritual walk where they will have to make the decision to crucify their social life to get closer to God. In the typical adult life we have the responsibilities of work and family. Our weekly lives are also filled with tons of other events and engagements, including Christian activities. Our generation has been said to be the busiest generation in the history of humankind, that there has been no generation as busy as ours. Looking around, we can see the myriad of distractions that is offered to us on a moment-by-moment basis, from media to entertainment to sports to hobbies and stuff. As we get serious about our relationship with Jesus, He will naturally ask us to crucify our carnal desires to move into a life led by the Spirit. Many times the Lord will require us to go on fasts, to abstain from food, from TV, from computer, etc. for us to be free from our unhealthy addictions to these things (so we can be more addicted to Him).

What I want to focus on here is the people fast, the intentional quarantine from friends and fellowship for a period of time to seek after more of God. This does not mean that we should cut ourselves off from the church or the body of Christ, but like with any other fast, is only done for certain durations as led by the Holy Spirit. We should not do this out of religious obligation that will only hurt our God-ordained relationships with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

For me, this crucifying of the social life is one of the hardest things for me to do. I have wanted and longed for close friendships and relationships all my life, and when I finally fit in with a group of friends and felt a sense of belonging it was extremely difficult for me to let it go, without even offering an explanation to the people around me. But deep down in my heart I knew that it was a most necessary stripping, as only through this experience will I come to acknowledge truly that Jesus is indeed “everything I want and all that I need” in this life. When this stripping happened, the phrase “Jesus you are all I need” became not just a worship song that I sing in the church, but a reality that I experience in my life. And indeed, through that period of voluntary solitary confinement, I found God to be the total fulfillment of my life, and that I could truly depend on Him to meet my every need, even our innate need for human fellowship and relationship.

So if you feel that you don’t have time in your daily schedule to spend alone with God, I would recommend you try crucifying your social life for a season. This action will definitely free up large chunks of time in your week for God. If you don’t do it voluntarily God may force you into it later on to show you how serious He is about loving you. A husband would not want his wife to spend more time with others than with him. I know a friend who is seeking so hard after God that he purposely abstained from having a phone. That way, no one can reach him and interrupt his time with God. Think about how crucifying your social life would mean in a practical sense in your own life.

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