

Spiritual Formation
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Jon's burden for the last two weeks has been a call back to the basics, core, or foundation of spiritual formation.

5 core things to take away from the class.

1. How important our call and personal history is. (Paul harks back to who he was) Don't look back on who you are. Don't try to be anybody else.
2. Life structure—the whole issue of margin—that is core
3. Spiritual formation is essential to all we are—if we are not spiritually formed our ministry will be based upon some kind of business, etc.
4. The call back to the Biblical priorities—the naked simple call to God's action in people's lives and who is at work in the world and the kingdom is here: repentance, healing, etc.
5. Our real theology and world view affect everything we are. Unless we get these straight, we'll be skewed in our direction.

DMin model: as we are changed we change the world.

Story while here at Andrews University.

Son lived in Jon's basement for a while.

Noah was 3 year's old

Grandson liked to come up and check out grandpa's office.

He's a talker.

Even before coming to top of the stairs, he'd be talking.

Grandpa enjoyed those visits with Noah, he'd even delay going to work sometime.

A perfect picture of what God is saying to us everyday, "Grandpa, I haven't seen you yet today!"

How much more is God desiring to hear our voice and have us lavish in His presence to commune with Him.

If that happens we'll have strength everyday in ministry.

My prayer: Father is waiting for your voice and footsteps. As that happens your life will be changed and the people will experience change too.