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Linkup – staying connected

John 15:4 (NLT) ⁴ Remain (or abide) in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

Two primary reasons for disconnect:

- Don't know how
- Intimidated!

Our assumption: An intimate daily connection with Jesus, through His Word and Spirit, will cause the rest of my life to be transformed in due time.

Process of LinkUp – PGA

**PGA traditionally stands for Professional Golfers Association*

(1) Peace

1 Samuel 30:3–4 (ESV) ³ And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. ⁴ Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep.

*1 Samuel 30:6 (ESV) ⁶ And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. **But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.***

How? Peace through the cross

Colossians 1:19–20 (NKJV) ¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

- The striving is over! Now just receive what Jesus has done for you.

Colossians 1:21–22 (NLT) ²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²² Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

- You are welcome!
- Receive the peace of the cross – minus to plus
- **Practical:** Focus on the cross and what Jesus has done for you. Thanksgiving. Celebrate. Pray while meditating on these truths. Continue until you receive that supernatural peace. Declare the promises of God.

(2) Guidance through the Spirit

1 Samuel 30:7–8 (ESV) ⁷ And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, “Bring me the ephod.” So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. ⁸ And David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?” He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue.”

- **Inquire of the Lord.** (1) Guidance in Linkup. (2) Guidance in living.
- **Remember:** You are not alone!

John 16:13(NLT) ¹³ When the **Spirit of truth** comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

***All you need is the Holy Spirit and a few simple strategies for Linkup.**

(3) Application of the Word

1 Samuel 30:9 (NLT) ⁹ So David and his 600 men set out...

1 Samuel 30:18–19 (NKJV) ¹⁸ So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. ¹⁹ And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; **David recovered all.**

Psalms 119:105 (ESV) ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

- **Trap:** wanting to know it all. Knowledge puffs up, love edifies. Aim for love.

Devotional bible study method: *Select a short portion of your Bible and prayerfully meditate on it until the Holy Spirit shows you how to apply the truth to your life.

****See below for Linkup 1 questionnaire.**

Linkup - 1: Startup

Our assumption: *An intimate LinkUp with Jesus, through His word and Spirit, will cause the rest of my life to be transformed in due time.*

1. StartUp - how inspired are you for LinkUp?

a) Inspiration - what gives you momentum?

Dream: Do you have a dream, vision, goal or mission that inspires you or defines you?

Inspiration: Does this dream, vision, goal or mission inspire you to pursue God? Why or why not?

Benefits: Do you realise the enormous benefits you could derive from a good LinkUp to the Source of life?

Promises: Do you draw strength from the Word of God? Do you have promises (prophecies / scriptures) that inspire you? [**Promises anchor our souls especially in times of turmoil*]

Priority: How important to you is your daily personal devotional time (or LinkUp) ?

Strengths: What are you gifted at? What are you wired to do or what comes naturally to you?

b) Growth - in which areas have you been growing?

Growth: Share any area that you have been growing in the last few months and why. Share an area of spiritual growth as well.

Knowing God: Share anything that you have learned about God the last few months. How has that changed you?

Natural: Which aspect(s) of LinkUp comes more naturally to you? Praise / Worship / bible study / scripture memorisation / normal prayer / praying in the Spirit / fasting etc. Write down in order from what comes most natural to you to least natural or what you relate to the best to what you relate to the least.

c) Threats - what threatens your inspiration for LinkUp?

Perspective: Do you feel more distracted by earthly things than a month ago or more eternally / heavenly / kingdom of God minded? Why?

Hunger: Is there something that is stealing your hunger for God and/or God's Word

Priority: Do you feel that you are underestimating the importance of LinkUp times? Why or why not?

Goals: Do you have a specific goal in mind or do you simply go through the motions when it comes to LinkUp?

Plan: Could a lack of a plan for your LinkUp times be causing you to struggle with LinkUp? You simply don't know what to do even when you set time aside for LinkUp?

Summary of threats: What are the two greatest threats to / or weaknesses in your LinkUp times?

d) Boundaries - how can you protect your inspiration for LinkUp?

Perspective: What could you change to be less distracted by the earthly?

Hunger: How could you protect your hunger for God and His word?

Priority: How could you make your times with God more of a priority?

Action summary - what are the two things you can change today to improve your LinkUp?

Action step 1:

Action step 2:

Goal: Write down your primary goal for your LinkUp times. Remind yourself of this often.

Partner: Do you have an appointment with your accountability partner to work this through?

**Keep the answers to these questions, for we will be building on them with part 2 and 3 of Linkup.*

**As you work through these questions try to determine what your strengths and areas of growth are.*