



The Messenger

Living Hope Baptist Church

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From Pastor Dave's Heart . . .

The Radical Experiment (Commitment Sunday- May 29)

Last month, I listed the five components of the radical challenge as we close our series. I am guessing that most of us will not know just what we will do to fulfill our commitment on May 29. That's okay! This whole series is about God leading us. **But May 29 is the Sunday we will challenge you to put your general commitment in writing and sign it.** Let me remind you of the final purpose of this series. In David Platt's ninth chapter of Radical, he gives us a challenge to experiment for one year. His challenge has five components that will change each Christian who will take these actions.

1. Pray for the entire world. That sounds impossible, but there is a wonderful tool to help us. The book Operation World gives an overview of each nation and lists prayer requests. All we need to do is divide the book up and pray through it for the nations.

2. Read through the entire word. Have you read through the Bible in a year? It is quite doable. There are lots of Bibles that have been divided up by days so we just have to follow it.

There are also lots of lists that divide the Bible if you don't want to buy another book.

3. Sacrifice your money for a specific purpose. Sacrifice means different things to different individuals depending on our resources. You will need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to a helping project and to the amount that that you need to give so that you have to do without something important to you.

4. Spend time in another context. Have you ever taken a trip from home by car or plane to share the gospel in another context? It could be downtown Portland or as far as a short-term mission trip. But this experience is the place our hearts cannot help being touched by God. Here is another situation in which you need God's guidance. If you are going to spend just 2% of your time to this, it will mean a week of your next year spent on some outreach ministry.

5. Commit your life to a multiplying community. This is where the other four challenges converge. We were created to be part of a community with one another—a church of people who are working to spread God's message. The local church



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affects every facet of our Christian lives. We need the instruction and encouragement a good biblical church gives us. We need to be a committed, active, devoted member of a good local church.

I am convinced that if we will commit to doing these five specific things over a year, we will enjoy the all-consuming satisfaction of knowing and experiencing Christ as the **Treasure** above all others. And it will all just get better and better!

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*You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.*



The time is almost here for tennis shoes to appear, money to be turned in, and walkers to show their support of PRC. There is still time for you to join us or sponsor someone who is walking. Hit the sponsor button on [www.stepsforlife.info](http://www.stepsforlife.info) and find the name you are looking for and contribute if you would like. Come to the table in the foyer for information on being a walker. We have two walking dates – May 7 (11-12) at the church and May 14 (8:45-11:30) at Pioneer Courthouse Square. What a joy to be a part of this very needed ministry!

**Sharing ... being Jesus to those He came to save.**



### *Women Connecting to the Vine*

Good times of fun and fellowship are coming for you, ladies!

On May 6 @ 6:30pm, we will enjoy another Dinner/Movie night with a salad bar. Please bring a dessert to share – the salad bar and beverages will be provided.

It is almost time for another “Ladies Time Out” breakfast, so mark your calendar for Saturday, June 18. More information to come.

Another Fall Retreat is scheduled for October 14 – 16 in Seaside, the same place as last fall. Registration will begin on May 8. The cost will also be \$65.00, the same as last year, with \$25.00 required when registering. Our theme is “Standing On His Promises.” There is limited space, so it is first come. In the meantime, be thinking of which of God’s promises you are “standing on.”



## YOUTH

You know, some kids start to get really excited about the time that May comes around. May brings the end of the school year, which most kids LOVE!! However, the end of the school year also brings last minute homework, papers to write, and tests to take. Which, by the way, most kids are NOT excited about. In our prayer time each week, one thing that always gets mentioned is that someone is inevitably behind on their homework, or they have a full week ahead of homework and tests. This is not going to change coming toward the end of the year, while most finals will probably be held in June, May brings the final push towards those tests. Please keep all of our youth in your prayers as they eagerly anticipate the end of the school year; yet still have to deal with the never-ending amounts of homework.

One more thing that some of our older students are starting to talk about is their summer plans, which for some mean summer jobs. As so many other high schoolers before them, ours are no different. They want to hang out with their friends, but have realized that money helps out with that – it also helps with going on youth events as well. In any case, our youth are starting to look for summer work that is flexible with their busy schedules, yet entertaining enough to keep them excited about going. Please pray for their search for work, and the other plans that they are starting to make. Also, keep in mind, that if you have anything that needs to be done around your house this summer, some of our younger students have some interest in possibly helping out with some things to help earn money for the activities that we hold monthly with the youth group.

Speaking of which, the girls are very excited to be going to the 2012 Revolve Tour. To help with the funds for next year's event, they would like to hold a garage sale on June 25<sup>th</sup>. However, they do not quite have enough stuff to sell. If you have extra items that you are planning on getting rid of, or things that you are no longer using and would like to donate to the garage sale, please contact Pastor Andrew or Jennifer Olson as soon as possible. Thank you so much! The girls learned so much at the 2011 event and had a great time. They are really looking forward to next years!

### THE HOLY ALPHABET

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| <b>A</b> lthough things are not perfect     | <b>O</b> n earth can yield the power                |
| <b>B</b> ecause of trial or pain            | <b>P</b> raise can do alone                         |
| <b>C</b> ontinue in thanksgiving            | <b>Q</b> uit looking at the future                  |
| <b>D</b> o not begin to blame               | <b>R</b> edeem the time at hand                     |
| <b>E</b> ven when the times are hard        | <b>S</b> tart every day with worship                |
| <b>F</b> ierce winds are bound to blow      | <b>T</b> o "thank" is a command                     |
| <b>G</b> od is forever able                 | <b>U</b> ntil we see Him coming                     |
| <b>H</b> old on to what you know            | <b>V</b> ictorious in the sky                       |
| <b>I</b> magine life without His love       | <b>W</b> e'll run the race with gratitude           |
| <b>J</b> oy would cease to be               | <b>X</b> alting God most high                       |
| <b>K</b> ep thanking Him for all the things | <b>Y</b> es, there will be good times and yes, some |
| <b>L</b> ove imparts to thee                | will be bad, but...                                 |
| <b>M</b> ove out of "Camp Complaining"      | <b>Z</b> ion waits in glory...where none are ever   |
| <b>N</b> o weapon that is known             | sad                                                 |

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ LIVING HOPE

*Hey Guys!*

**IT'S TIME  
FOR THE**

**MEN'S SNAKE  
RIVER FISHING TRIP**

**MAY 14 – 21**



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| May 5, Bible Fellowship & potluck | June 4, Men's Breakfast,         |
| May 5, National Day of Prayer     | June 17, "Ladies Lunch Bunch"    |
| May 6, Ladies Dinner/Movie Night  | June 18, "Ladies Time Out"       |
| May 7, Men's Breakfast            | Breakfast at Francis Xavier's    |
| May 7, "Walk with Dan" (PRC)      | June 19 - Fathers Day            |
| May 8, Mothers Day                | July 15-17 Women's Camp at       |
| May 14, PRC "Steps for Life"      | Tadmor                           |
| May 14 -21, Men's Snake River     | August 19 -21, Living Hope       |
| Fishing Expedition                | Family Camp at McIver State Park |
| May 20, "Ladies Lunch Bunch"      |                                  |
| May 26, Last Bible Fellowship     |                                  |
| of the season                     |                                  |

*A broken home is the world's  
most tragic wreck.*