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Pitch Your Tent

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After putting the finishing touches on LR23, LifeTime Journey, I was pressed by the Holy Spirit to make PITCH YOUR TENT the 2023-2024 Bible Study. Most of you are aware that this saying is very close to my heart. As I have been perusing past Bible Study lessons, I found that I mention it quite often.

PITCH YOUR TENT is not a phrase I thought up on my own. I discovered it first in Genesis 12:8, and was reminded of it as I read through Oswald Chambers' MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST.

Bethel is the symbol of communion with God; Ai is the symbol of the world. Abraham would pitch his tent between the two. The measure of our public activity for God is the private profound communion we have with Him. Rush is wrong every time. There is always plenty of time to worship God. Quiet days with God may be a snare. We have to pitch our tents where we shall always have quiet times with God, however noisy our times with the world may be.

Read that last sentence again. It really convicted me in 2005 when I read it again, but really comprehended it for the first time. At that season of life, my times with the world were very "noisy." Two kids in high school – and I homeschooled them – and a very busy ministry including a Ladies Retreat and travel. Life was noisy, hectic, chaotic and it felt like I was climbing Mount Everest every morning to meet with God. That is when I learned this important truth – PITCH YOUR TENT.

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For the last 18 years, my quiet time has been consistent. There is nothing more important in my day than my communion with God – in His Word, with His Holy Spirit. For this, I am thankful.

This is what we will be learning about – or more likely – be reminded about in this Study. There is no way we can be all God wants us to be without consistent, daily time spent with Him.

I pray He will challenge us and help us to PITCH OUR TENTS – to COME TO THE MASTER'S TABLE in order to allow Him to TUNE OUR HEARTS and GET CLUED IN every day in God's Holy Word – HOW SWEET IT IS! Then we must talk to Him – IN FOCUS: PRAYER – to pour out our hearts and our needs to Him. This is the only way to experience the STRENGTH TRAINING we need every day as WOMEN IN THE BATTLE. It is here we find our NECESSARY ACCESSORIES as we live *the*.

simple. life. The more consistent we are, we will be convicted about WHAT'S IN YOUR VESSEL, discover that GOD IS ENOUGH, and He is always at work to give us BEAUTY FOR ASHES. As we abide in Christ and focus on Him, we will understand more clearly all that is of Lasting Worth so that we do not become distracted and lured by the Passing Values the world offers to us on our LIFETIME JOURNEY.

Please make plans to join us on Monday, September 18, as we learn what it truly means to PITCH YOUR TENT. 🌱

