



What is next heavenly Father?

I am reading a book by Henry and Tom Blackaby, titled "The Man God Uses." If you remember, Henry Blackaby is one of the authors that wrote Experiencing God. The book is a daily study guide encouraging Christian men to examine personal encounters with the Father, and to follow His will in all areas of life- at home, at work, in church and in the community. This is an excellent book that I truly need to read because it touches all the critical areas of my life. Although in no particular order it touches on my home, work, church and community.

Needless to say as I read through the book I am getting a spanking. Although I call it a spanking the author calls it a refining process. He states that God refines for holiness. As the Spirit does his work in your life, your character will begin to relinquish all impurities that have hindered you from God's use. The author uses the illustration of a pure diamond on how brilliantly we can reflect Christ's light to all those around us.

That said, what I wanted to share with you is that the life God refines will also impact His church in a mighty way. God wants to use us in our present area of ministry and others. Our church service program is full of opportunities to serve, like the Missions Team. We are still looking for volunteers that would like to serve.

I hope that you are as excited as I am with regards to all the opportunities we have at our church to serve Him. All that we have to do is be willing and He takes care of the rest. Unfortunately in my case he had to start from scratch with the refining process.

God Bless You,

Carlos



Thank you church family for all the cards, visits and well wishes while I was in the hospital and rehab center. Your words of encouragement was better than medicine in helping me feel better. I love each of you and I am so blessed to be part of Shady Shores Baptist Church. May God continue to bless our church.

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