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The Main Thing Devotional

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## **Ignited for God's Purpose**

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"Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for purpose greater than myself." -Martin Luther King Jr.

### **Ignited for God's Purpose**

Does your daily time with God move you to be used by Him for a purpose greater than yourself?

It's not a bad thing to go to God daily for comfort, encouragement, or hope, seeking to be rooted in your identity in Him and understanding your value comes from the One who saved you.

But what if this is just a starting place? My Bible tells me that while there is room for us to come to God with these needs, there's also room for us to be ignited by His Spirit to be used for His glory!

As Martin Luther King Jr. exhibited with his life, how does God want to move you beyond what can easily become a self-centered religion to a self-less faith? So often we can critique this institution or that organization for not doing enough to meet the needs of the people we see around us who are suffering or facing oppression. While God can and does use a variety of entities to work for His purposes, He wants to ignite *you*.

As you keep the Main Thing, the main thing this week, may you grasp hold of God's vision for your life to be able to serve others well and reveal the goodness and love of Christ to those who are longing to see Him.

### **Prayer:**

*Jesus, you said in Acts 1:8 that "I would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon me," so I'm asking you today to baptize me with your Spirit so that I "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with [you]," oh God, and make a tangible difference in the world around me.*

### **Reflections:**

- Ask God in prayer to reveal to you a specific person, group of people, or need that He is wanting to equip you to serve.
- What person, group of people, or need do you already feel a strong passion for? Perhaps this is where God's purpose for your life begins.
- What did MLK Jr. have to give up in order to further his life of service? What might you have to give up in order to fulfill God's purposes for your life? What do you have to gain by being ignited by God for His purposes before your own?

### **NEWS & RESOURCES**

- **21-Day Challenge in 2021:** What would happen if you decided to spend 21 minutes of devoted time with God for 21 days? Join our 21 Challenge for the New Year, which began January 1. It's never too late to commit to spending time with God. [Click here](#) for more details.
- Follow @saucampusministries on Instagram for updates on events and programs as well as encouraging messages!
- Coming back to campus you may already feel anxious or have experienced loss or grief over the holiday break. Call **423.236.2782** to talk to a counselor on campus for free.
- Do you need spiritual support or prayer? Talk with Chaplain [Anna Bennett](#) or [Joseph Khabbaz](#).

Blessings,