

We are to be Yeshua's fragrance to the world around us



15Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. 16To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this? 2 Corinthians 2:15-17

Small Things Done with Great Love

Phil Eberhardt, the pastor at Rez Anglican Fellowship, has a story he's shared a number of times about his community being called to be a sweet fragrance of Jesus' love to the neighborhoods around their congregation. What he's discovered is that for a fragrance to be distinguishable it only has to add 5-8 parts per million--a very small amount. He follows this up by calling his congregation and God's people to step out and do small things with great love. Small things done with great love matter and add God's fragrance to our world.

Often I feel pressure to try to do something big for God and then become discouraged by the seeming insignificance of what I feel I'm actually doing. But, I find great encouragement in Phil's words. I can do small things with great love....and when I fall short, I can repent, hit delete, and start again. You can do this too.

Spirit of God, I ask that You would speak to us one small thing that we can do with great love. Show us the next step that we can take to be Your fragrance to the world around us. We commit to obey what You show us to do....with great love.

P.S.

Also for those who have joined in with the 21-day reboot (mentioned last week), don't give up. I received an email from a leader who was at the beginning of her 21-day fasting season. She states,

I spent many days feeling shockingly dull, foggy, apathetic. And it's not like I'm doing a complete fast! So this has been so surprising ... in a muted, numb sort of way. Another leader said it was the same for him.

I found this to be true for me too. At times, I felt like I was slogging through wet concrete. I know by faith that things are happening as I continue to give Him this set-apart time...but my flesh doesn't like it. Don't give up dear saint - things are happening in you too!

Also for those who are interested in joining in, it's not too late. Start by listening to my message from last week, read the sermon notes, and then if you want added accountability send me an email telling me you're in, and I'll send you more info.