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*Connecting People
to God's Life-
Changing Power*

*We've Got
Connections!*



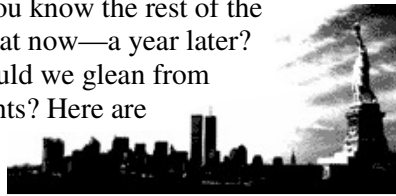
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9/11 School

Where were you when you heard? I was lying on the couch, reading the paper, trying to enjoy a day off—on Terri and my anniversary. Yes, we were married on a 9/11. When you are done trying to search for symbolism can we please move on with this article. Thank you.

Terri came rushing in and said, "Put on the tube, a plane hit a building in New York". You know the rest of the story. What now—a year later? What should we glean from these events? Here are my lessons:



1) America has a soft, compassionate side. Amidst some of the obvious failings of our country—there is a distinctly American concern and love for the wounded. The incredible support for the victim's families has been inspiring for me. I watched a TV news special the other day that recapped the ongoing human side of the story. Left me in tears. For several months we all actually got along. Every church and every family should realize—life is short—let's get along.

2) We are much more vulnerable than we think. It still bugs me that some crazies were able to drive a plane into the very headquarters of the greatest defense machine of all time. C'mon, there is no soldier with a heat seeking shoulder-fired Stinger missile on top of the Pentagon? Wow, we did have a false sense of security. Anthrax, dirty bombs—that stuff still makes me wonder. But forget terrorism—we are blessed to survive traffic snarls on Metroplex highways. Fact: there is no guarantee of our next breath. And yet we only pass through this life. So let's not get too comfortable here.

We are living for a future kingdom, where rust does not destroy and thieves do not steal.

3) A handful of people on a mission can accomplish big things. Sorry, I hate to make this a lesson and I know it may turn you off but it is undeniably true. As cowardly as the terrorists plot was since it targeted civilians and unarmed people, their willingness to sacrifice everything was key to the success of their mission. Of course, what is so unbelievably sad is the hate and the lies that informed their actions. Oh, but what God can accomplish *for good*, for truth, for life, through sold out people. Jesus turned the whole world upside down through 120 sold out followers. He can do the same through us. But if we are half-heartedly committed to the Lord's goals of spreading His peace and love and joy, then we will have minimal impact. Are you radical in your love for Christ? This September, we are planning some serious times with the Lord to make us tools for good in Jesus' hand.

Some FBCWR September Plans

Wednesday, September 11— **9-11 Prayer and Memorial Service**—at church—7-8pm. One Hour of Power.

48 Hours of Power—beginning Saturday, September 28th. First, our all day prayer chain which we call "24 Hours of Power". Saturday evening we'll have a **Worship and Praise Night** from 7-8:30pm. Then on Sunday, the 29th after our regular service, we will have a **Brunch** together. Now do yourself a favor and get in on all these things. Make your life count.