## Navigating Spiritual Ruts First Wednesday - November 1, 2023 Speaker: Pastor Brad Darr

## Revelation 2:1-5

Theme: Identifying, navigating and overcoming spiritual ruts

- Psalms 63:1 is my goal for my spiritual walk, but I am in a RUT! Psalms 63:1
- What Is A Spiritual Rut?
  - ✓ RUT: A habit or pattern that has become DULL and UNPRODUCTIVE that is hard to change.
  - ✓ It takes little effort to get into a spiritual rut, but it takes great effort to get out. I Peter 5:8
- Why Am I In A Spiritual Rut?
  - ✓ Spiritual ruts are COMMON to us all but are never okay to STAY in!
  - ✓ Commonality does not need to be REGULARITY!
  - ✓ Spiritual ruts are GUAGES telling us there is a problem.
    - 1. Am I NEGLECTING Him? Matthew 6:33
    - 2. Am I STRUGGLING with sin? Ephesians 4:27
    - 3. Am I STUCK in stagnation? Matthew 15:8
- What Can I Do To Overcome This Rut?
  - ✓ It is time to take action. Revelation 2:5, Job 22:23
    - ➤ The rut of Neglect
      - 1. It is time to prioritize God again.
      - 2. It is time to start SERVING again.

- 3. It is time to be accountable again.
- > The rut of Sin.
  - 1. It is time to REPENT before Him.
  - 2. It is time to allow Him to restore you!
- > The rut of Stagnation.
  - 1. It is time to keep SHOWING up!
  - 2. It is time to CHANGE things up!
  - 3. It is time to initiate NEW growth!

Conclusion: Being honest with God, taking spiritual inventory and pursuing Him joyfully is the beginning of a fresh start in your spiritual JOURNEY.

Isaiah 43:19 is the verse needed to pray over and proclaim for your freedom in Him. - Isaiah 43:19

All scripture is from NIV