

 A YEAR OF
RADICAL
LIVING

Joshua House Leader Retreat **2011**

Retreat Schedule:

Friday, August 19

6pm—Arrival
6:30—Dinner
7:30—Welcome & Session 1
10pm—Bonfire & free time w/open gym
11pm—Worship at bonfire

Saturday, August 20

8am—Breakfast
9am—Session 2
9:45am—Worship
10:15—Session 3
11am—Time w/God
12pm—Lunch
1pm—Commitments and closing
2pm—Dismissal

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Take a year of your life—this year—and live *radically* for Jesus. Join the early church in Acts 2, who lived by radical *dependence* on God, radical *outreach* to the world, and radical *devotion* to one another.

Acts 2

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

"People of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

“Brothers and sisters, we all know that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.””

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

RADICAL DEPENDENCE

“I always *need* God’s help”

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

This happens when I:

- **Open myself to the Holy Spirit**
- **Learn to pray & practice spiritual disciplines**
- **Surrender self-reliance and sin to God**

Why should I do this?

- **Expect to hear God’s voice**
- **Expect to grow spiritually**

Contemplative reading: Matthew 27:45-54 (MSG)

From noon to three, the whole earth was dark. Around mid-afternoon Jesus groaned out of the depths, crying loudly, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Some bystanders who heard him said, "He's calling for Elijah." One of them ran and got a sponge soaked in sour wine and lifted it on a stick so he could drink. The others joked, "Don't be in such a hurry. Let's see if Elijah comes and saves him."

But Jesus, again crying out loudly, breathed his last.

At that moment, the Temple curtain was ripped in two, top to bottom. There was an earthquake, and rocks were split in pieces. What's more, tombs were opened up, and many bodies of believers asleep in their graves were raised. (After Jesus' resurrection, they left the tombs, entered the holy city, and appeared to many.)

The captain of the guard and those with him, when they saw the earthquake and everything else that was happening, were scared to death. They said, "This has to be the Son of God!"

Questions:

What wells up inside of you as you spend time considering Jesus' death?

Tell Jesus what surfaces. Remember the ways that you have fallen short.

Consider how Jesus may be humbling you. What is he forming in you as you follow his path of humility?

Imagine yourself standing before the cross, thanking Jesus for what He's done in your life (Ways he has brought his healing in you, around you, in your relationships...). Thank him for loving you so much and forgiving you so thoroughly. Renew your commitment to take up your cross daily and follow him.

Practices to build radical dependence:

Fast from food for one day a month

Fast from something one day a week

Take a Sabbath day of rest every week

Practice 5 minutes of meditative prayer every day

Take one long walk with Jesus a week

Attend 4 Holy Spirit empowerment nights this year

See a counselor and face your issues

Meet regularly with a spiritual director

Focus on one major area of life that you want God to change

Start a Bible reading plan. Build consistency.

Receive prayer from another person regularly.

Open your life up to another person in confidential accountability

Worship God with your body

Give beyond what you can afford, & trust God.

RADICAL OUTREACH

“I always *share* God’s love.”

Acts 2:14; 40-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say...

...40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

This happens when I:

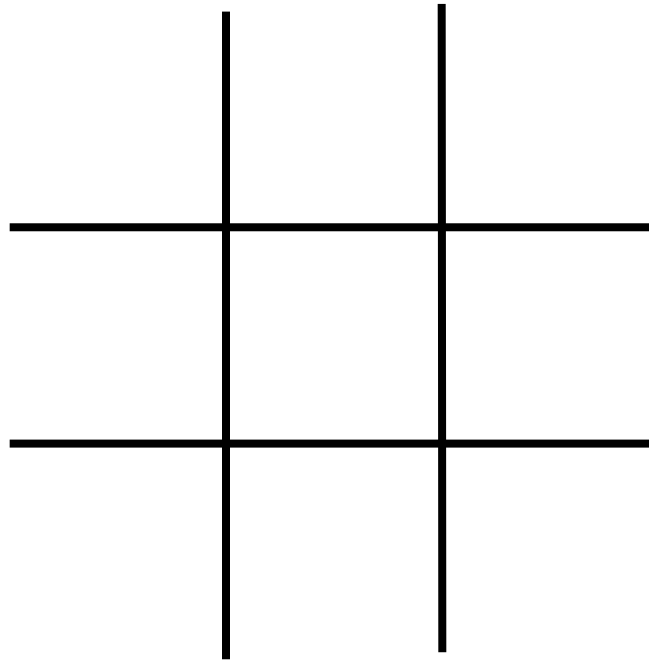
- **Know my neighbors**
- **Serve my city**
- **Take conversational risks & invite**

Why should I do this?

- **Expect to see God move**
- **Expect to change the world**

Diagram of Shame:

(from Jay Pathak)



My 5 People

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Practices to build radical outreach:

Throw a block party and invite neighbors

Go on a short term mission trip this year

Do a monthly outreach as a group

Adopt a street and serve there long term

Share your faith with someone you know now.

Sign up for a community activity like a sports league to meet unchurched people.

Brainstorm with your core team creative ways to do servant evangelism.

Serve at the community center

Give up your birthday to build a well through [Charity Water.org](http://CharityWater.org).

RADICAL DEVOTION

“I always *love* God’s people”

Acts 2:42-43; 46-47

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...46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This happens when I:

- **Give generously to those in need**
- **Show up faithfully**
- **Love and serve the people God brings you**

Why should I do this?

- **Expect to develop deep friendships**
- **Expect to change someone’s life**

Foot-washing:

John 13:1-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Practices to build radical devotion:

Have meals with people in your group, outside of group.

Invite people to your group every Sunday night during the break.

Have your small group provide for every need of people in your group.

Give to the poor in a way that cuts into your budget.

Give up buying anything non-essential for yourself for 3 months and give that money to those in need.

Take on a need like the famine in the horn of Africa pray and give toward it as a group.

Call to **Action**

What radical commitment(s) is Jesus inviting me to make this year?

I will practice *radical dependence* on God by:

1) _____

2) _____

I will practice *radical outreach* to the world by:

1) _____

2) _____

I will practice *radical devotion* to others by:

1) _____

2) _____

Joshua House Calendar 2011/12

Mark your calendars and plan ahead for these **AWESOME** events!

- Discover Community Events:** September 25
December 18- Christmas Party
January 15
April 15
- JH Leader Meetings:** Leader Team meeting—late Oct
(see next page for your team)
All JH Leader Meeting—January 20
Leader Team meeting—late March
(see next page for your team)
*Campus Team meeting—monthly
- New Leader Trainings:** Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16
Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19
May 6, 20, 27, June 3, 10
- Welcome Dinners:** September 18, October 16, November 13,
December 4, January 29, February 19,
March 18, April 29, May 13, June 17, July 22,
August 19
- Other Events:** October 2- Worship Event
October 13-15- Leadership Conference &
All Leader Dinner before conference
on Oct 13 @ 5:30
December 24- Christmas Eve Service
February 22- Ash Wednesday Service
April 6- Good Friday Service
July 8- Breathe Volunteer Meeting
July 13-15- Breathe Festival!
- Small Group Breaks:** December
April 1-14th
August
- Joshua House is Cancelled:** February 5- Super Bowl Sunday
April 8- Easter Sunday
July 15- Breathe Sunday

Joshua House Leader Teams

Jonathan & Staci's Leader Team:

Beech Crew
Beyond Acts
Community 4 One
Community With Purpose
Fuel & births of Fuel
Lagos
Loud and Clear
Peacemakers
Straight Forward
The Young & The Married
Mom's In Action (M.I.A.)
Hearts On Fire
Women of the Word
Prayer for Husbands and Marriages (Women's)
The Fix

Sara's Leader Team:

All God's People
Built Not Born
Crescendo
Kingdom Come
Knock Knock
Life Together
Northstar
Open Hands
Pax Novus (New Peace)
Seeker Group
Tarmac
Woven

Meekins' Leader Team (Campus):

The Giving Tree (OSU)
JUMP (Capital)
Peloton (OSU)
Good Fellas (OSU)
Livin' On A Prayer (OSU)
Home Sweet Home (OSU)
Overflow (OSU)
Sanctuary (CCAD)
Refuge (Capital)
Where I Belong (Capital)