



## A Note from Johnny...

One of the great influencers in regard to walking with the Lord was Oswald Chambers. After his passing into heaven, his wife put together several of his teachings and published a famous devotional entitled ***"My Utmost for His Highest."*** If you do not have this book, I encourage you to get one soon. It is a devotional with depth.

Let me share a segment of his teaching with you today.

**"Sometimes we are fresh and eager to attend a prayer meeting, but do we feel that same freshness for such mundane tasks as polishing shoes? Being born again by the Spirit is an unmistakable work of God, as mysterious as the wind, and as surprising as God Himself. We don't know where it begins—it is hidden away in the depths of our soul. Being born again from above is an enduring, perpetual, and eternal beginning. It provides a freshness all the time in thinking, talking, and living—a continual surprise of the life of God. Staleness is an indication that something in our lives is out of step with God. We say to ourselves, "I have to do this thing or it will never get done." That is the first sign of staleness. Do we feel fresh this very moment or are we stale, frantically searching our minds for something to do? Freshness is not the result of obedience; it comes from the Holy Spirit. Obedience keeps us "in the light as He is in the light..." (1 John 1:7).**

**Jealously guard your relationship with God. Jesus prayed "that they may be one just as We are one"—with nothing in between (John 17:22). Keep your whole life continually open to Jesus Christ. Don't pretend to be open with Him. Are you drawing your life from any source other than God Himself? If you are depending on something else as your source of freshness and strength, you will not realize when His power is gone. Being born of the Spirit means much more than we usually think. It gives us new vision and keeps us absolutely fresh for everything through the never-ending supply of the life of God."**

May the Lord take this deep into your heart. Remember it is all of Him. Our responsibility is just to say "Yes" to what He desires to do in and through us.

**Remember Prayer Night this Sunday.** The strength of the church is not in its preaching or singing, but in its praying.

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