

ROADMAP:

be who you are & be that well

There is one true goal in life: to be a saint. Many of us believe this, but is there a path? Without a plan, we will certainly fail to hit the goal. Without a roadmap, we will spend our time on this planet wandering as if we neither know where we are or where we are going.

ACCIDENT OR EXCELLENT EXCELLENCE REQUIRES MAKING THE DECISION CAREFULLY, CONSISTENTLY, AND QUICKLY.

The one question that can either deflate or motivate a person is "When?" This question reveals whether our goal is an actual goal or merely a wish. But if we want to escape a life of accidents and craft a life of excellence, we need to make the decision of "when" are we going to choose excellence carefully, consistently, and quickly.

GOD IN REAL LIFE

This week, resolve to create space in your day for moments of encounter with Jesus carefully, consistently, and quickly.

TO THE HEART

"The foolish virgins, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps."
Matthew 25:3-4

DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS

- 1) What is one rule that you have chosen to rule by? This can be something as small as "I only eat sweets on Sunday" or "In bed by ten pm", or it can be something more important like, "I never lie." Share. How did you come up with this personal rule?
- 2) Have you ever had a goal only to realize that you had put off starting again and again? Have you ever taken tangible steps toward a goal? Please share?
- 3) The oil in the lamps of the wise virgins represents excellence, but it also represents a relationship with the Bridegroom. And no one can have a relationship with Jesus for you. What tangible decisions have you taken in the past to have a relationship with Christ?
- 4) Wisdom (Hokma) as excellence is the result of a careful (intentional decision). Have you made the careful decision to incorporate "Moments of Encounter" in your daily life? How did you figure out what worked for you? If you haven't yet, what are some of the obstacles to figuring out what works? Please share.
- 5) Excellence is made up of repeated actions over time. This kind of daily consistency is necessary for real wisdom. What is one thing that helps you be more consistent in following through on your decisions?
- 6) Sometimes we are lacking the motivation to continue engaging with the "daily skirmishes". The Two-Minute Rule can help. How do you keep going when you don't feel like it? Please explain.