GOD'S GYM (Your Spiritual Fitness)

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The exercises were within my reach but kept making me reach further.

BIG IDEA: Spiritual fitness is working out what God is working in you.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence

"...everyone who is <u>fully trained</u> will be like their teacher." **Luke 6:40**

"...you *must* grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord" **2 Peter 3:18** NLT

1. Make Jesus your ______.

"In your relationships with one another, <u>have the same</u> <u>mindset as Christ Jesus</u>" **Phil. 2:5**

work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

 Create an ______ — apply yourself to knowing, growing, loving, serving, giving and living connected.

"See what this godly sorrow has produced in you..." 2 Corinthians 7:11

We are NOT working FOR our salvation!

- ¹ Get connected—join a <u>House Church</u>.
- ² Create <u>Daily Space</u> to workout. 15 min.
- ³ Read a <u>Chapter</u> in the Bible, listen for God.
- ⁴ Find a place to <u>Serve</u> at church.
- ⁵ If in a rut, <u>Change the Routine</u>.
- ⁶ Practice <u>Sabbath</u>—learn to find rest & rhythm.
- ⁷ Learn the <u>Disciplines</u> of solitude, silence & stillness.

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- Inward: Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, Study
- **Outward:** Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, Service
- Corporate: Confession, Worship, Guidance, Celebration
- 3. Know your _____: The Lord Himself.

"When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead." Revelation 1:17-18

¹³ for it is God who works in you,

4. Always workout with a _____: God Himself.

"My Father is always working to this very day, and I too am working..." John 5:17, 19 (Eph. 2:10 TPT)

both to will and to work for his good pleasure. $\ensuremath{\text{ESV}}$

5. God's stirs the ______ & _____ with the workout.

"work of faith and labor of love" **1 Thess. 1:3** ESV

The whole process ______ him as we work to PLEASE him.

"You are my son, my dear son! I'm delighted with you." Luke 3:22 NTE