Week 2: Continuing in Faithfulness

Daily Devotional

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1**:Philippians 2:12-13 NIV

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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**Day 2:** 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 NIV

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

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**Day 3:** Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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**Day 4:** Matthew 6:19-21 NIV

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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**Day 5:** 1 Peter 4:8-19 NIV

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

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Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever seen Henry Blackaby’s “Seven Realities of Experiencing God”? (Image link: <https://blackaby.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/seven-realities.png>) Review each step and share experiences from your own life from each of these steps. What’s the final goal of this process?

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2. The church at Corinth was having all kinds of issues. Their culture played a big role in each of these influences. What are some influences that we should treat with care to avoid looking like the world? Talk about the influences of social media in the church, good and bad.

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3. What is a bema seat, and what role does it play in our eternity? Does the knowledge of this purpose influence what you do for Christ and the motivation behind it?

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4. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. What does the fire represent, and what purpose does it serve? Give an example of using a good material vs a bad material.

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5. It can feel intimidating to think about standing before God. What assurance do you have that you need not be afraid? Give a Biblical example.

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6. What are some examples of a work that you will (or could) accomplish this week that will last and be rewarded by God?

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7. Pastor Bob wants you to know how much he and Lori love each of you. You are such a blessing to them. Over the next four years, how will you contribute to the future of Central Community Church?

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