## RECLAIM THE DAY

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

Have you ever gotten to the end of a day and thought, "Wait—where did all that time go?" Maybe you woke up with energy and good intentions, maybe even a sense of purpose, but somewhere between the errands, work deadlines, school drop-offs, phone notifications, and all the little interruptions, the day just slipped away. By the time your head hits the pillow, you are left wondering: What did I actually gain—other than being more tired than yesterday?

The truth is, most of us get caught up in distractions that look like they will fill us, but really just leave us empty. And here is the thing—they are not even bad things. Appointments matter. Groceries have to get bought. Kids need to be dropped off and picked up. Work projects need to get finished. People need us. Life does not stop, and the answer is not quitting everything and moving to a mountaintop somewhere.

So the real question is this: How do we live our days in a way that does not pull us away from God, but actually draws us closer to Him?

That is where two images have helped me frame this series.

The first is a steering wheel. Picture driving down the highway. If you crank the wheel suddenly, you will wreck—it is dangerous not only for you but also for the people around you. But the beauty of the steering wheel is in the small, steady adjustments. Over time, those little shifts completely change your direction. That is what it is like with God. Reclaiming the day is not about big, unsustainable overhauls—it is about those small daily choices that, over time, change where we are headed.

### INTRODUCTION CONTINUED:

The second picture is of cams and carabiners—tools climbers use to anchor themselves to the rock. Without those anchors, the climb would be unsafe, even deadly. Our lives can be full of activity, but fullness does not equal security. A packed calendar does not mean a grounded soul. But when we learn to anchor our days in God's presence—when He becomes the place we clip into—we find real safety, even in the chaos.

Of course, no metaphor is perfect. But both images help us see what it means to reclaim the day: small adjustments that keep us moving toward God, and strong anchors that keep us from drifting away.

At the core, reclaiming the day is about remembering that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus did not just change our eternity—they change our everyday.

So as we step into this series, my invitation to you is this: step back from the external—your schedule, your to-do list, your constant demands—and pay attention to the internal. Because when you live from that place, the errands, the work, the noise—they will not disappear. But they stop being distractions. Instead, they become the very places where God wakes us up to what is truly real.

- Pastor Jake Kline

### **BELOVED CHARTER**

A Beloved Charter is a practice of using Scripture to craft a personal paragraph written from God's perspective about who you are. Its purpose is to give you something you can read each day to remind yourself that you are deeply loved by God. Below, you'll find a list of verses to guide you—pay close attention to the ones that speak most to your heart, and use those as the foundation for your charter. Begin your paragraph with your own name to make it personal and to guard against the temptation of believing these truths are meant for someone else.

Jeremiah 3·13

Isaiah 43:1 Zephaniah 3:17 John 15:16 2 Corinthians 5:17 Philippians 1:6		

### INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF MOTIVES

It is often easier to reflect on what we have done or said, but a deeper and more helpful practice is to reflect on the motives behind our hearts. This is the spiritual habit of asking God—and yourself—"Why am I doing or saying this?" Do not settle for the surface-level answer; instead, lean in and pay attention to what is really driving you. When our inner motives align with God's character and His will, then everything—from the smallest, most ordinary task to the biggest, most significant responsibility—becomes a place where God's kingdom is built, both in the world around us and within our own souls.

### **NEW CROSSROADS APPAREL**

**Open TODAY until 11:59pm** 





### DAY AWAY RETREAT

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm Last Day to Register is Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Need a break from everyday life? Come join us at Maria Stein as we seek to create space to be attentive to the presence of God.

Cost is \$15

Scan the QR code:





Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> Der Dutchman in Plain City Meet at church @ 10:30am

Connect with other senior adults for lunch, conversation, and fellowship. For any questions, please contact either Sharon Hooker, 419 - 303 - 2221 or Terri Ward, 419 - 234 - 4067

### SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 12th @ 5-6:30pm

Want to not cook dinner for the night?



Help sponsor Crossroads Students for their 2026 Mission Trip. Invite friends and family to enjoy a dinner of spaghetti, salad, bread, cookie, and a drink.

**Presales:** \$10/person or \$50/family of 5+ **At the door:** \$13/person or \$65/family of 5+ **Children 3 and under are free** 



6<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to join your voice with others in our Crossroads Choir!

A fun way to worship our great God through music. Always looking for more voices to join.

@ 6:30pm, in the Chapel

### **Upcoming Dates for Choir Rehearsal:**

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>



Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> From 9am to 12pm

We have the opportunity to serve our community at *Our Daily Bread* by providing them a hot breakfast. **If you are interested, email catie@limacrossroads.org** 

### **WEEK 1: "CONSIDER YOUR WAYS"**

PASTOR JAKE KLINE

### WORSHIP RESOURCES

### **Community Prayer:**

Trinity United Methodist Church – Jim Nathan Our Daily Bread – Randy Kimpel

### **Liturgy for A Purposeful Gathering:**

And so we are gathered here, uniquely in all of history, we particular people in this singular time and place. Accomplish your purposes among us, O God. Tune our hearts to the voice of your Spirit. Wake us to be present to you and to one another in these shared hours we are given. For it is you, O Lord, who have so gathered us from our various places, and you alone who know our hearts and our needs. Among us are some who arrive anxious. Some who are lonely. Some who suffer pain or sorrow. May we in our joys find grace to enter the sorrows of others. Among us are some who arrive rejoicing, Hearts made light by good news, good health, glad anticipation. May we in our sorrows find grace to embrace the joys of others. Let us prize these moments and care for one another deeply, for each of us, and our relationships to one another are precious and fleeting. Amen.

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Breathe upon our gathering, O Spirit of God. Grant each of us place to humbly receive and to faithfully serve, that we might know in this brief gathering a foretaste of that greater communion yet to come. O Father, enlarge our hearts. O Spirit, expand our vision. O Christ, establish your kingdom among us. Be at work even now, O Lord. May your will, in us, in these hours, be accomplished. Amen.

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SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:
How would you like to see God in your everyday?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

### Week 1: "Consider Your Ways"

1.	In Haggai 1, what do you notice about the people's
	priorities compared to God's priorities?

2.	Where in your own life do you see yourself focusing on
	"building your own house" while neglecting the things of
	God?

3.	What are some subtle ways busyness or "good things" distract us from God's priorities?

### **WEEK 2: IDENTITY TO OWN**

PASTOR JAKE KLINE

### **WORSHIP RESOURCES**

### **Community Prayer:**

Philippian Missionary Baptist Church - Lamont Monford Lima Rescue Mission - Chuck Ferguson

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SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:
How did you see God in your presence with Him?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

### Week 2: Identity to Own

1.	Why do you think it can be hard for us to believe or accept
	the identity God gives us?

- 2. Which truth about your identity in Christ is hardest for you to believe right now? Why?
- 3. How might your daily decisions or relationships change if you lived more fully out of your God-given identity?

4. How can we as a community encourage each other to live

from our identity in God rather than chasing other labels or measures of worth?	

### **WEEK 3: MISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN**

PASTOR JAKE KLINE

### **WORSHIP RESOURCES**

### **Community Prayer:**

Shawnee Alliance - Kris Browning Uganda - Tim & Colleen Stephenson

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SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:
How are you listening to God in every situation?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

### Week 3: Mission to Participate in

- 1. How does Scripture describe God's mission in the world?
- 2. Why do you think God chooses to carry out His mission through His people instead of doing it all himself?
- 3. In what ways have you experienced God inviting you to participate in His mission personally?

4.	As a group/community, what is one way we could embody God's mission together?

### **WEEK 4: GOODNESS TO TRUST**

PASTOR JAKE KLINE

### WORSHIP RESOURCES

### **Community Prayer:**

St. Charles Catholic Church - Fr. Kent Kaufman Learning Tree - Shanda Cox

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SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:
What is one take away from this morning's sermon?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

### Week 4: Goodness to Trust

1.	How is God's faithfulness different from simply "getting
	the results we hoped for"?

- 2. Do you tend to measure God's faithfulness by what happens, or by who He is? Why?
- 3. When in your life has God's faithfulness been clear, even if the outcome wasn't what you wanted?

How can we remind each other of Cod's faithfulness when

4.	circumstances feel discouraging?



Tuesday, November 4th @ 2 to 6pm at Crossroads



Scan the QR code to sign up for a time slot:

### COVENANT PARTNER DESSERT

Sunday, November 9th @ 6:30pm, in the Chapel

Covenant Partners are those who want a deeper life with God in their spiritual formation at Crossroads. All are invited to a special evening to hear about God's faithfulness through the church updates and to fellowship with others over dessert.



Through our partnership with Salvation Army, we will be gathering gifts to care for children in need.

A practical way to transmit hope to our community.

Available on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>
Gifts are to be returned Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

### SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SHARE

Saturday, November 15th from 9:30 to 11:30am

Contact: Dave Mooney at dcmooney1@icloud.com

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING Pizza Provided Sunday, November 23 a 4pm



### Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm in the Chapel with Childcare available

A reflective, communal worship event that recognizes the pain and grief experienced by some during the Christmas season. This service will offer a safe and caring space for people to mourn a loss and find comfort and hope through scripture, prayer, music, and candle lighting.

### **ALL CHURCH CAROLING**

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

@ 6:30pm

with Hot Chocolate & snacks

to follow

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas is a wonderful time for families, friends, and neighbors to come together to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Plan to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us

Invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join you at one of our special services:

on December 24th

3 & 5pm - Family Services (Childcare for Kindergarten and Younger)

11pm - Unique Candlelight Service (No Childcare)



**Sundays:** 9 & 10:45 am **Online:** 10:45am

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