

the FIGHT *for* FOCUS

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INTRODUCTION

Hey church family!

We are excited to share this devotional booklet designed to align with our sermon series, **The Fight for Focus**. Every day we are surrounded by distractions competing for our attention and priorities. God's Word calls us to fix our eyes on Jesus, guard our hearts, and pursue what matters most. This journey is an invitation to slow down, eliminate the noise, and intentionally focus on the Lord.

This booklet includes five daily devotionals each week, each centered on a different aspect of living a focused life. Together, we'll discover what Scripture teaches about guarding our minds, directing our hearts, resisting distractions, and faithfully following Christ. As we walk through these readings together, we pray God will sharpen our spiritual vision and help us keep Him at the center of every area of our lives.

Each devotional includes a scripture reading and a memory verse to encourage daily time in God's Word. To guide your study, we will use the H.E.A.R. method—Highlight, Explain, Apply, and Respond. This approach, explained on the next page, is designed to help you reflect on and internalize Scripture.

As you move through each week, don't rush through the journey. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where distractions have taken hold and strengthen your resolve to pursue Jesus with an undivided heart.

Our hope is that this devotional draws you closer to Jesus and unites us as a church family. As we fight together to keep our eyes fixed on Christ, may He shape our hearts, transform our lives, and help us finish faithfully for His glory.

THE H.E.A.R. METHOD

The H.E.A.R. Method is a great tool to study and explore God's Word. Explained below, you can use this method as a guide to your daily Bible reading each day.

H E A R

Highlight - As you read through each daily passage, several verses and words will stand out to you. Highlight them and consider writing them out. You can even give them a title that holds meaning for you.

Explain - Explain what the text means. Why was it written? To whom was it originally written? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? What does the Holy Spirit intend to communicate in this text?

Apply - Write 2 to 5 sentences about how the text applies to your life. This bridges the gap between the ancient text and your modern life. Ask questions such as: How can this help me? What do these verses mean to us today? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What is God saying to me?

Respond - Respond to the passage you have read. Your response may take different forms and change from day to day, based on your reading. It may be a prayer, either for your life or on behalf of someone else. You may write down a specific action step you need to take. You might describe how the passage convicts you to change. Keep in mind that your response to scripture is about you and you alone, not other people or society at large.

Highlight ► Explain ► Apply ► Respond

SITTING AT HIS FEET

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Scripture Memory: Colossians 3:2

Martha welcomed Jesus into her home, but her attention was consumed by busyness rather than the Savior. Mary, however, sat at Jesus' feet, listening to His words. Martha wasn't wrong to serve, but she allowed good responsibilities to distract her from the greatest opportunity she had—to simply be with Christ.

Our lives can easily become filled with worthy tasks that quietly crowd out time with Jesus. Ministry, work, family, and responsibilities all demand attention, but Jesus reminds us that only one thing is truly necessary. Before we serve Him, we must spend time with Him. The better portion is always found at His feet.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What responsibilities have been competing for your attention lately?
- How can you intentionally choose time with Jesus before everything else?

Highlight ► Explain ► Apply ► Respond

LOOKING AT JESUS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Scripture Memory: Colossians 3:2

Peter experienced the impossible while his attention remained fixed on Jesus. The moment he focused on the wind and waves, fear replaced faith, and he began to sink. The storm had not changed—only Peter's focus had.

Life constantly offers distractions that pull our eyes away from Christ. Worries, uncertainty, and difficult circumstances often become louder than God's promises. Faith grows when we intentionally fix our attention on Jesus rather than the chaos around us. He is still the One who reaches out His hand when we begin to sink.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What "waves" are currently demanding your attention?
- How can you keep your eyes on Christ during this season?

SEEKING FIRST

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Scripture Memory: Colossians 3:2

Jesus understood that people naturally worry about tomorrow. Food, clothing, finances, and countless responsibilities compete for our attention. Yet Jesus gently redirects His followers to trust the Father's care instead of living under the weight of anxiety.

Whatever consistently occupies our minds often reveals what has captured our hearts. Jesus calls us to seek His kingdom first, trusting that God already knows every need we have. When our priorities are aligned with Him, everything else begins to fall into its proper place.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What worries tend to dominate your thoughts?
- What would it look like to seek God's kingdom first today?

SETTING YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-17

Scripture Memory: Colossians 3:2

The world constantly competes for our attention with endless entertainment, opinions, achievements, and possessions. Paul reminds believers that because we belong to Christ, our minds should be fixed on eternal realities rather than temporary distractions.

This doesn't mean ignoring earthly responsibilities. Instead, it means viewing every responsibility through the lens of our relationship with Christ. As His Word fills our hearts and gratitude shapes our attitudes, our attention naturally shifts from temporary things to what truly lasts forever.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What earthly distractions most often pull your focus away from Christ?
- How can you intentionally set your mind on eternal things this week?

LISTEN CAREFULLY

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:1-20

Scripture Memory: Colossians 3:2

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus revealed that the condition of our hearts determines how we respond to God's Word. The seed that fell among the thorns didn't fail because the seed was weak—it failed because other things demanded the soil's attention. Jesus identified those distractions as the worries of life, the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desire for other things. They slowly crowded out what God wanted to produce.

Our greatest spiritual danger is rarely a single dramatic decision. More often, it's allowing countless small distractions to occupy our attention until God's voice becomes faint. Every day we choose what will shape our hearts. When we intentionally make room for God's Word, removing whatever chokes our spiritual growth, He produces lasting fruit in our lives.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What "thorns" are competing for your attention and crowding out God's Word?
- What practical step can you take this week to cultivate a heart that is receptive to God's truth?

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SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

GUARD YOUR GAZE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:33-40

Scripture Memory: Psalms 119:37

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LOOKING AT JESUS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:22-33

Scripture Memory: Psalms 119:37

Jesus compared our eyes to a lamp that fills our whole body with either light or darkness. What we consistently focus on doesn't stay external—it shapes our perspective, influences our decisions, and affects our spiritual health. A life fixed on Christ becomes increasingly filled with His light.

Our culture constantly competes for our attention, offering endless entertainment, comparison, and temptation. Yet Jesus invites us to cultivate spiritual vision that sees life through God's truth. When our eyes are fixed on Him, everything else begins to fall into proper perspective. Healthy vision leads to a healthy heart.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What has been influencing your spiritual perspective recently?
- How can you intentionally fix your eyes on Christ today?

FEED ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 15:16-21

Scripture Memory: Psalms 119:37

Jeremiah didn't merely read God's Word—he consumed it. God's truth became nourishment that strengthened him during difficult seasons. Just as our bodies depend on daily food, our souls require daily truth. We cannot expect spiritual maturity while neglecting spiritual nourishment.

Many believers spend more time consuming news, social media, or entertainment than Scripture. Eventually, we begin reflecting whatever we consume the most. God's Word renews our minds, steadies our emotions, and reminds us of His promises. Feed your soul on God's Word consistently, and you'll discover strength that the world cannot provide.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What has been feeding your heart most this week?
- How can you prioritize God's Word every day?

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU HEAR

Scripture Reading: James 1:19-21

Scripture Memory: Psalms 119:37

James reminds believers to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. He teaches that God's Word should be received with humility and a willingness to change. When we allow anger, pride, or moral impurity to dominate our hearts, it becomes difficult for God's truth to take root in us. Instead, we are called to "humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

What we choose to listen to and how we respond to it shapes our spiritual maturity. Listening well is not just about hearing words—it is about receiving truth in a way that leads to transformation. A teachable heart makes room for God to work deeply within us, producing righteousness and growth.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How well do you practice being "quick to listen" in your daily life?
- What attitudes might be preventing you from fully receiving God's Word?

Highlight ► Explain ► Apply ► Respond

TASTE WHAT IS GOOD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:1-10

Scripture Memory: Psalms 119:37

David invited God's people to "taste and see that the Lord is good." The deepest satisfaction isn't found in the temporary pleasures the world offers but in knowing and enjoying God Himself. We were created to consume something greater than entertainment, success, or comfort—we were created to delight in the Lord.

Every day we choose what will satisfy our hearts. Temporary pleasures always leave us wanting more, but God's presence fills us with lasting joy. The more we experience His goodness through worship, Scripture, prayer, and obedience, the less appealing the empty substitutes become. Taste His goodness today and discover that He alone truly satisfies.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What have you been looking to for satisfaction besides Christ?
- How have you experienced God's goodness recently?

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SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Scripture Memory: Philippians 4:8

Paul knew our minds are never empty—they're always occupied by something. That's why he instructed believers to intentionally dwell on what is true, honorable, pure, and praiseworthy. Spiritual growth isn't only about removing unhealthy influences; it's about replacing them with God's truth.

Every thought we entertain is shaping us. Instead of allowing fear, bitterness, or comparison to dominate your thinking, fill your mind with Scripture, worship, gratitude, and reminders of God's faithfulness. The peace of God often follows the disciplined practice of thinking on what pleases Him.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What thoughts have been dominating your mind lately?
- Which truth from Scripture do you need to meditate on today?

A RENEWED MIND

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Scripture Memory: Philippians 4:8

Our lives are shaped by the thoughts we allow to take root. Paul reminds believers that transformation doesn't begin with changing our surroundings—it begins with renewing our minds. The world constantly pressures us to adopt its values, fears, and priorities, but God invites us to think differently. A surrendered life starts with a surrendered mind.

Every day we decide which voices deserve our attention. Will we let culture define truth, or will Scripture reshape our thinking? As we spend time with Christ, He gradually replaces selfish patterns with His wisdom. A renewed mind leads to renewed decisions, renewed relationships, and renewed purpose.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What voice most influences your thinking each day?
- What area of your mind needs to be surrendered to Christ?

TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 20:3-5

Scripture Memory: Philippians 4:8

Our greatest spiritual battles often happen quietly inside our minds. Satan attacks through lies, fear, pride, and discouragement, hoping unchecked thoughts will eventually shape our actions. God has not left us defenseless. Through His truth, we can recognize false thinking and replace it with what honors Christ.

Taking every thought captive is an intentional discipline. Instead of believing every emotion or assumption, we compare our thoughts with God's Word. Healthy thinking doesn't happen accidentally—it grows through daily obedience. The more we submit our minds to Christ, the less control destructive thoughts have over our lives.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Which recurring thought do you need to measure against Scripture?
- How can you intentionally replace lies with God's truth today?

Highlight ► Explain ► Apply ► Respond

GUARD YOUR GAZE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1:1-3

Scripture Memory: Philippians 4:8

Healthy thoughts require healthy input. The psalmist compares the person who delights in God's Word to a tree planted beside streams of water. Deep roots don't develop overnight—they grow through consistent nourishment. Likewise, a stable mind is built by regularly meditating on Scripture rather than constantly consuming the world's opinions.

The thoughts we repeatedly entertain eventually shape our attitudes and actions. Filling our minds with God's truth strengthens us when temptation comes and steadies us during hardship. Lasting spiritual growth isn't found in occasional inspiration but in daily dependence upon God's Word.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What regularly feeds your mind besides Scripture?
- How can you create a habit of meditating on God's Word this week?

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TASTE WHAT IS GOOD

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:5-8

Scripture Memory: Philippians 4:8

Every believer faces a daily choice about what will govern their thinking. Paul contrasts a mind controlled by the flesh with a mind controlled by the Spirit. One leads toward selfishness, anxiety, and separation from God; the other produces life and peace. Our thoughts reveal which influence we're following.

Walking with the Spirit is more than avoiding sinful actions—it begins by allowing Him to direct our inner life. As we submit our minds to His leadership, our desires begin to change. Peace is not found by controlling every circumstance but by allowing the Spirit to control our thinking.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What evidence shows whether your thinking is Spirit-led or self-led?
- What practical step can you take to invite the Holy Spirit to shape your thoughts today?

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SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

GUARDING YOUR HEART

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 4:23-27

Scripture Memory: Matthew 22:37-38

Our hearts are never neutral. Every decision, habit, and desire flows from what we treasure most. Solomon urges us to guard our hearts because whatever gains access to them will eventually shape our lives. The question isn't whether you love something—it is whether you love the right thing most.

When Christ is your greatest love, your priorities, words, relationships, and ambitions begin to reflect Him. But when comfort, success, approval, or possessions become ultimate, they quietly compete for the throne of your heart. Daily guarding your heart means examining your affections and inviting God to redirect them toward what lasts forever.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What consistently occupies my thoughts and desires?
- What practical step can I take today to guard my heart for Christ?

TREASURES REVEAL THE HEART

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:19-24

Scripture Memory: Matthew 22:37-38

Jesus teaches that our treasure and our heart always travel together. Whatever we value most will receive our attention, energy, and devotion. Earthly treasures promise satisfaction but never deliver lasting security. Heavenly treasures, however, grow in eternal value because they are rooted in God's kingdom.

Jesus also reminds us that divided loyalty is impossible. We cannot give ultimate devotion to both God and something else. Every day presents opportunities to choose what will rule our hearts. Loving Christ above all else brings freedom from constantly chasing things that never truly satisfy.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What receives most of my time, attention, and resources?
- How can I invest more intentionally in eternal things this week?

LOVING GOD ABOVE EVERYTHING

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Scripture Memory: Matthew 22:37-38

God has always desired wholehearted devotion from His people. Loving Him with every part of our being means more than emotional affection—it means faithful obedience, constant remembrance, and intentional worship. Moses instructed Israel to keep God's Word continually before them because what fills the mind eventually shapes the heart.

Our culture constantly competes for our love and attention. If we are not intentional, lesser things slowly become greater priorities. Filling our lives with Scripture, prayer, and conversations about God's goodness keeps our deepest affection centered where it belongs—on the Lord Himself.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What competes most for my affection toward God?
- How can I intentionally keep God's Word before me each day?

LOVING THE WORLD OR THE FATHER

Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:15-17

Scripture Memory: Matthew 22:37-38

John offers a sobering warning: loving the world and loving the Father cannot coexist as ultimate affections. The world's values appeal to our desires, pride, and pursuit of temporary pleasures, but everything this world offers is passing away. God's will, however, leads to eternal life.

Following Jesus requires continually evaluating our loves. We do not reject God's creation, but we refuse to let temporary things become eternal priorities. As our love for Christ grows, the attractions of the world lose their grip, and eternal perspectives become increasingly precious.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where do I see worldly priorities influencing my heart?
- What eternal investment can replace a temporary pursuit this week?

LOVE THAT PUTS CHRIST FIRST

Scripture Reading: John 21:15-19

Scripture Memory: Matthew 22:37-38

After Peter's failure, Jesus did not first ask about ministry, accomplishments, or knowledge. He simply asked, "Do you love Me?" Christ knew that genuine obedience always flows from genuine love. Before Peter could faithfully shepherd others, his own heart had to be fully devoted to Jesus.

The same question echoes into our lives today. Success, influence, and even ministry accomplishments never replace wholehearted love for Christ. When Jesus becomes our greatest affection, obedience becomes joyful, sacrifice becomes meaningful, and our lives begin reflecting the One we love most.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- If Jesus asked me today, "Do you love Me?" how would my life answer?
- What is one way I can demonstrate my love for Christ this week?

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THE PRIZE WORTH EVERYTHING

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7-14

Scripture Memory: Philippians 3:13-14

Paul had everything the world admired—status, education, influence, and religious achievement. Yet after meeting Christ, he considered all of it worthless compared to knowing Jesus. His priorities were transformed. Instead of chasing earthly success, he pursued Christ with every ounce of his strength. The goal of his life was no longer comfort or recognition but becoming more like the Savior who rescued him.

Every person spends their life pursuing something. Careers, possessions, pleasure, and even good things can quietly become ultimate things. But only Jesus offers a prize that never fades. A life surrendered to Christ is never wasted because it is invested in what lasts forever. The greatest ambition you can have is to know Him, follow Him, and faithfully finish the race He has marked out for you.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What pursuit currently receives the greatest investment of your time and energy?
- What would it look like to pursue Christ with greater intentionality this week?

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LIVING FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10

Scripture Memory: Philippians 3:13-14

Salvation is God's gracious gift, not something we earn through our own efforts. But His grace doesn't leave us unchanged. Paul reminds us that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that He prepared long before we ever took our first breath. Your life is not an accident, and your purpose is greater than simply accumulating success or comfort.

Many people spend years searching for significance, yet true purpose is found by walking in the work God has already planned for us. A life worth giving is one that faithfully serves God's mission wherever He has placed you. Whether at home, at work, in your church, or in your community, every act of obedience becomes part of His eternal story. There is no greater calling than living the life your Creator designed for His glory.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How are you using the gifts and opportunities God has entrusted to you?
- What step of obedience might God be calling you to take today?

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POURING YOURSELF OUT FOR OTHERS

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:42-45

Scripture Memory: Philippians 3:13-14

The world measures greatness by status, influence, and power. Jesus completely overturned that way of thinking by declaring that true greatness is found in serving others. He demonstrated this perfectly by giving His own life as a ransom for many. If our Savior measured success by sacrificial service, His followers should expect to do the same.

A life devoted to Christ is not spent climbing over people but lifting them up. Serving others often goes unnoticed, but heaven never overlooks acts done in Jesus' name. Every sacrifice, every act of kindness, and every opportunity to point someone toward Christ becomes an eternal investment. The life worth giving away is the one that reflects the heart of the Servant King.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Who has God placed in your life to serve this week?
- How can serving others become an expression of your love for Christ?

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LOVING GOD ABOVE ALL

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Scripture Memory: Philippians 3:13-14

When asked which commandment mattered most, Jesus didn't point to a list of accomplishments or religious achievements. He called His followers to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. A life worth giving is first and foremost a life of wholehearted love for the One who first loved us. Everything else—our service, generosity, and obedience—flows from that relationship.

It's possible to stay busy doing good things while allowing your love for Christ to grow cold. God desires more than your activity; He desires your affection. When He holds first place in your heart, every area of your life begins to align with His purposes. Loving God completely transforms how you love people, spend your time, and make your decisions. There is no greater investment than giving your whole heart to the One who gave everything for you.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Is your love for God shaping your daily priorities and decisions?
- What competes with God for first place in your heart?

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FINISHING WELL

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Scripture Memory: Philippians 3:13-14

Near the end of his life, Paul reflected with confidence, not because life had been easy, but because he had remained faithful. He had fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. His hope rested not in earthly accomplishments but in the crown of righteousness awaiting those who love Christ's appearing.

Every believer is writing a legacy through daily choices. The goal is not merely to begin well but to finish well. A life given to Christ may include sacrifice, hardship, and seasons of waiting, but it always ends in victory. Nothing invested in Jesus is ever wasted, and no faithful servant will regret living completely for Him.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What kind of spiritual legacy are you building today?
- What changes would help you finish your race faithfully?

SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

LOVING GOD ABOVE ALL

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

Scripture Memory: Hebrews 12:1-2

Following Jesus is often compared to running a race because faithfulness requires endurance. There will be distractions, hardships, and temptations to quit. Yet Scripture reminds us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for the joy set before Him. His example gives us strength to continue when the journey becomes difficult.

Lives devoted to comfort rarely leave lasting impact, but lives devoted to Christ influence generations. Every sacrifice made for Him has eternal significance. When we remember who we're following and where we're headed, perseverance becomes an act of joyful worship instead of reluctant duty.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What distractions are slowing your spiritual race?
- How does focusing on Jesus strengthen your perseverance?

LIVING FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:1-4

Scripture Memory: Hebrews 12:1-2

Very few Christians intentionally walk away from Christ. More often, they simply drift. Small compromises, neglected prayer, inconsistent worship, and unchecked distractions gradually move our hearts away from where they once were. Drift is slow enough that we often don't notice it until we're far from shore.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us that staying focused is intentional. We must continually anchor ourselves to God's Word and the gospel. Those who finish well aren't necessarily the fastest—they are the ones who refuse to drift from Jesus.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where have you noticed spiritual drift in your life?
- What daily habit would help keep your heart anchored to Christ?

A BETTER COUNTRY

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16

Scripture Memory: Hebrews 12:1-2

The heroes of faith never saw every promise fulfilled during their lifetime, yet they refused to turn back. They understood that this world was not their home. Their focus remained fixed on God's eternal promises rather than temporary comfort. They finished well because they lived with eternity in view.

Our greatest danger is not always abandoning the faith—it is settling for less than God's best. When our eyes become consumed with earthly success, we lose sight of our heavenly destination. Those who finish focused continually remember that they are living for a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What temporary pursuit has begun to crowd out eternal priorities?
- How would living with heaven in view change your decisions today?

REFUSING TO SETTLE

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:24-27

Scripture Memory: Hebrews 12:1-2

Moses had everything the world could offer—wealth, power, influence, and security. Yet he walked away from it because he recognized that God's reward far outweighed Egypt's treasures. His life was marked by difficult choices, but every decision flowed from a heart fixed on the unseen God.

Finishing focused often requires saying no to immediate gratification in order to embrace God's greater purpose. The world constantly offers shortcuts, but faith chooses obedience over comfort. Like Moses, we endure because we keep our eyes on the One who is invisible but eternally faithful.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What "treasures of Egypt" tempt you to lose focus?
- Where is God calling you to choose faith over comfort?

SURROUNDED BY WITNESSES

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:30-40

Scripture Memory: Hebrews 12:1-2

Hebrews closes its great "Hall of Faith" by reminding us that faithful people experienced very different outcomes. Some conquered kingdoms, escaped danger, and witnessed miracles. Others endured imprisonment, suffering, and even death. Yet God honored every one of them because success was never measured by circumstances but by steadfast faith.

The common thread connecting every name in Hebrews 11 was not an easy life—it was unwavering focus on God. They trusted Him whether they experienced victory or hardship. They remind us that finishing well is not about how comfortable our race becomes but about remaining faithful until we cross the finish line. God still writes stories like theirs through believers who refuse to quit.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Are you measuring faithfulness by comfort or by obedience?
- What would it look like for you to remain faithful regardless of the outcome?

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JOIN US ON SUNDAY

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