

SEEING LIFE FROM GOD'S VIEW

Purpose Driven Life
Day 5

HOW DO YOU VIEW YOUR LIFE?

- How you view your life shapes your life (journey, battle, roller coaster, etc)
- Effects your morals, connections, decisions, etc.
- Are you viewing life through your own eyes or through God's eyes?



GOD'S VIEW OF LIFE

- Life is a test
- Everything is temporary
- God gives all of us tests, but how we view life is how we handle them
- God does not give you problems bigger than you can handle

James 1:2-3

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

Isaiah 43:2:

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you."

How deep is the mud?
Depends on who you ask.



We all go through things differently.

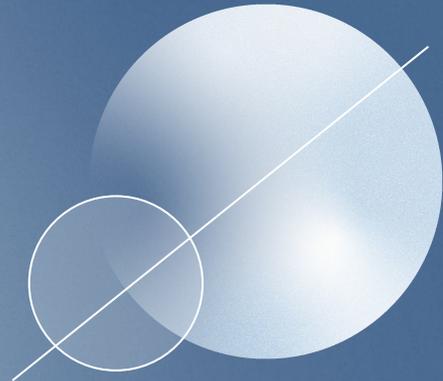
HOW TO APPLY GOD'S VIEW IN OUR LIVES

- How can we pass this test?
- Trust God
- Look at the bigger picture

Proverbs 3:5-6:

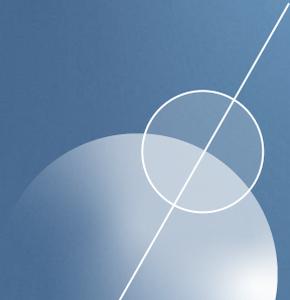
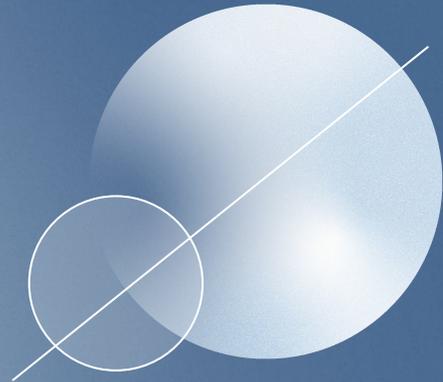
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

This verse encourages full trust in God, acknowledging that His wisdom and guidance are greater than our own understanding.



HOW DOES IT HELP WITH FUTURE SERVICE?

"When we choose to see our lives the way God sees them — full of purpose, value, and hope — we are not just changed for today, but prepared for a lifetime of serving others with love, strength, and faith. Let's trust God's view of our lives, even when the road gets hard, because He is shaping us for something greater than we can imagine."





DAY: 6

*Life is a
Temporary
Assignment*

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“LORD, remind me how brief my time
on earth will be. Remind me that my
days are numbered, and that my life is
fleeting away.”

—PSALM 39:4

A grayscale photograph of a hand holding a wooden cross and a string of prayer beads over an open book. The hand is positioned in the center-left of the frame, with the palm facing up. The cross is made of light-colored wood and is held between the thumb and index finger. The prayer beads are a string of small, round beads, also held between the thumb and index finger. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light gray, suggesting a page from a book.

THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR HOME

-The Bible often compares life on Earth to temporarily living in a foreign country.

-While we live on this earth we should carry our heavenly citizenship and always remember we are returning home

Ex. You would never decorate, furnish and build your life in a hotel room. It's only a temporary stay.

-Life is only a preparation for what's to come

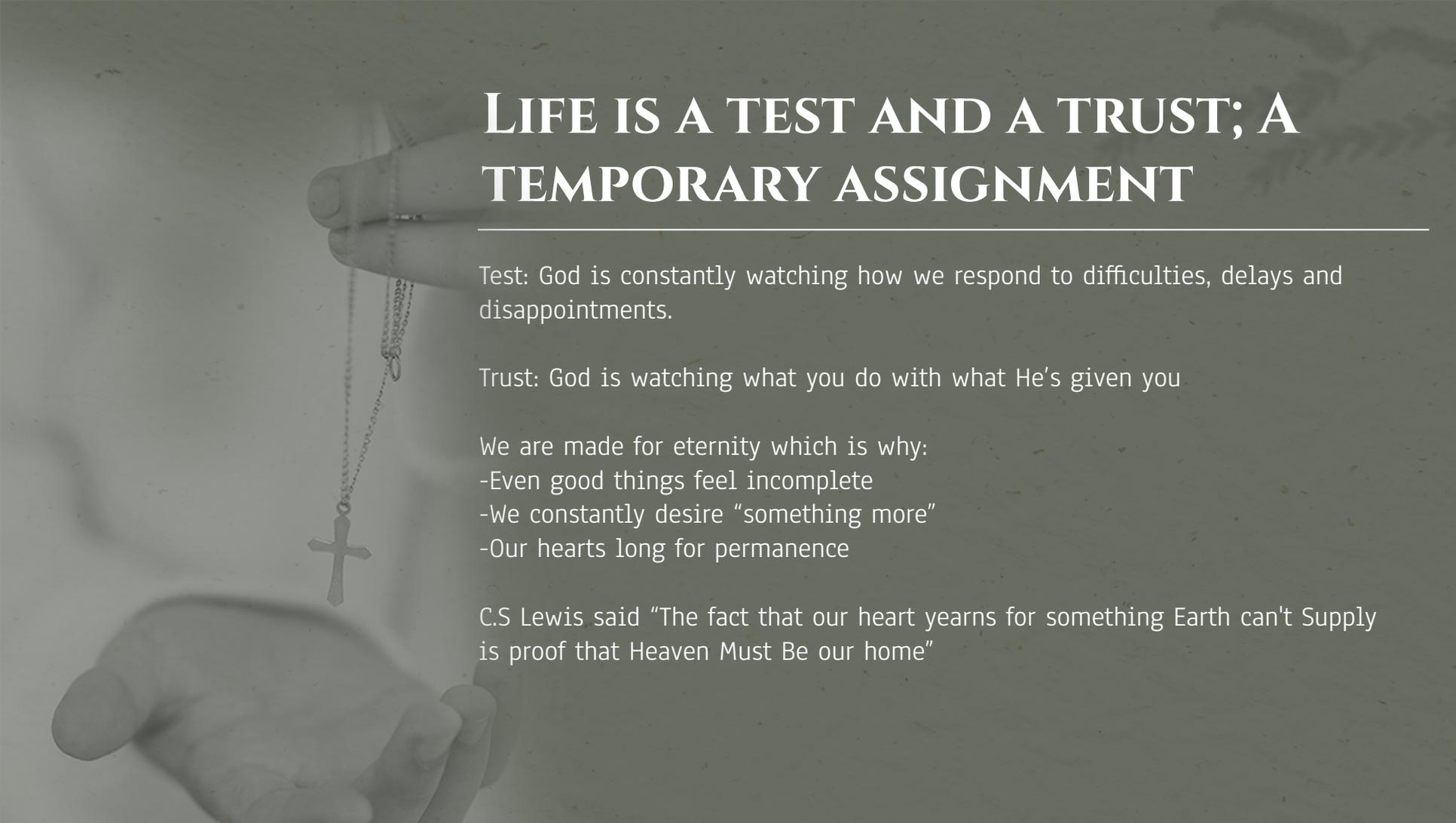
DANGERS OF THE WORLD

-God gives us discernment to know right from wrong and shows us why we should not adapt to the values and lifestyle of the world around us.

-We cannot follow God and also be too scared to leave the world [Matthew 6:24](#)

-God, you, and satan vs the fence





LIFE IS A TEST AND A TRUST; A TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT

Test: God is constantly watching how we respond to difficulties, delays and disappointments.

Trust: God is watching what you do with what He's given you

We are made for eternity which is why:

- Even good things feel incomplete
- We constantly desire "something more"
- Our hearts long for permanence

C.S Lewis said "The fact that our heart yearns for something Earth can't Supply is proof that Heaven Must Be our home"



DON'T GET COMFORTABLE

-The world is not your home, don't treat it like it is

-God allows us to feel discontent and dissatisfaction in life, a feeling that will never be fulfilled except through him.

-We are not completely happy because we are not supposed to be
Ex. A fish would never be happy living on land because it was made for water. You will never be completely satisfied on earth because you were made for heaven.

HOW TO APPLY THIS IN YOUR LIFE AND SERVICE

1. Begin each day praying, "Help me live today as a citizen of heaven."
2. Let go of one thing that's tying you too closely to this world.
3. Remember you're not serving for applause — you're investing in eternity.
4. Invite God into your role as a servant.



The Heart of Worship

Day 10 of The Purpose Driven Life

The Power of Surrendering to God

When we think of surrender, we usually picture...

- Losing a fight
- Giving up control
- Admitting defeat



The Three Obstacles of Full Surrender

In order to fully surrender to God, three things often block it:

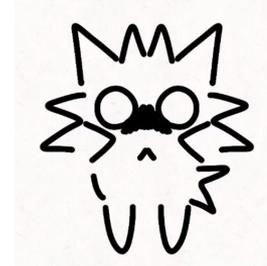
- Fear
- Pride
- Confusion



First Obstacle: Fear

Fear is one of the obstacles towards full surrender because...

- We fear what might happen if we let go
- We're proud and want to stay in control
- We misunderstand what surrender even means



Second Obstacle: Pride

Pride is another obstacle that we could face along the way to fully surrendering to God because...

- We want to be in control, to be our own god. But we're not.
- We are human, pretending otherwise only leads to stress, comparison, envy, and frustration.



Third Obstacle: Confusion

Confusion can be very daunting, but these individuals still pushed through it:

- Abraham left home without knowing where he was going.
- Mary said yes to God without knowing how it would all work out.
- Jesus Himself, in the garden before His crucifixion, prayed, “Father, take this cup from Me. But not My will — Yours be done.”



Results of Full Surrender to God

Full surrender to God comes with profound rewards that the world could never give to you, such as:

- Peace
- Freedom
- Power



*Thanks for
Listening*



Day 12:

Developing Your Friendship with God

Choose God, Day by Day



1. We must choose to be **HONEST** with God

- Relationships built on lies never last
- Be willing to lay out every stress, question, doubt, worry, concern, thought, etc. with God
- People will *never* be perfect; God accepts that

“I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication. I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.”

- Psalms 142:1-2



Examples:

- Abraham
- Moses
- Job
- David (Psalms)
- Jesus!



2. We must choose to **OBEY** God in faith

- Creator > Creation
- Friends, not equals
- We obey God out of love and respect, not out of fear
- Love is a verb
 - We act like Christ because we know it pleases God

“Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...”

- 1 Samuel 15: 22





3. We must choose to **VALUE** what God values

- The closer you are to someone, the more you care about what they care about
- Be passionate about what God is passionate about: bringing His lost children home

“Because zeal for your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen upon me.”

- Psalms 69: 9





4. We must **DESIRE** friendship with God more than anything else

- You are as close to God as you choose to be; the only thing keeping you from Him is you.
- We have to *crave* Him
- Jacob wrestling, David's longing, Paul's passion - they all **CRAVED** spending time with God
- The Ephesians lost their passion for God

“And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

- Jeremiah 29: 13





How does this apply to our **SERVICE**?

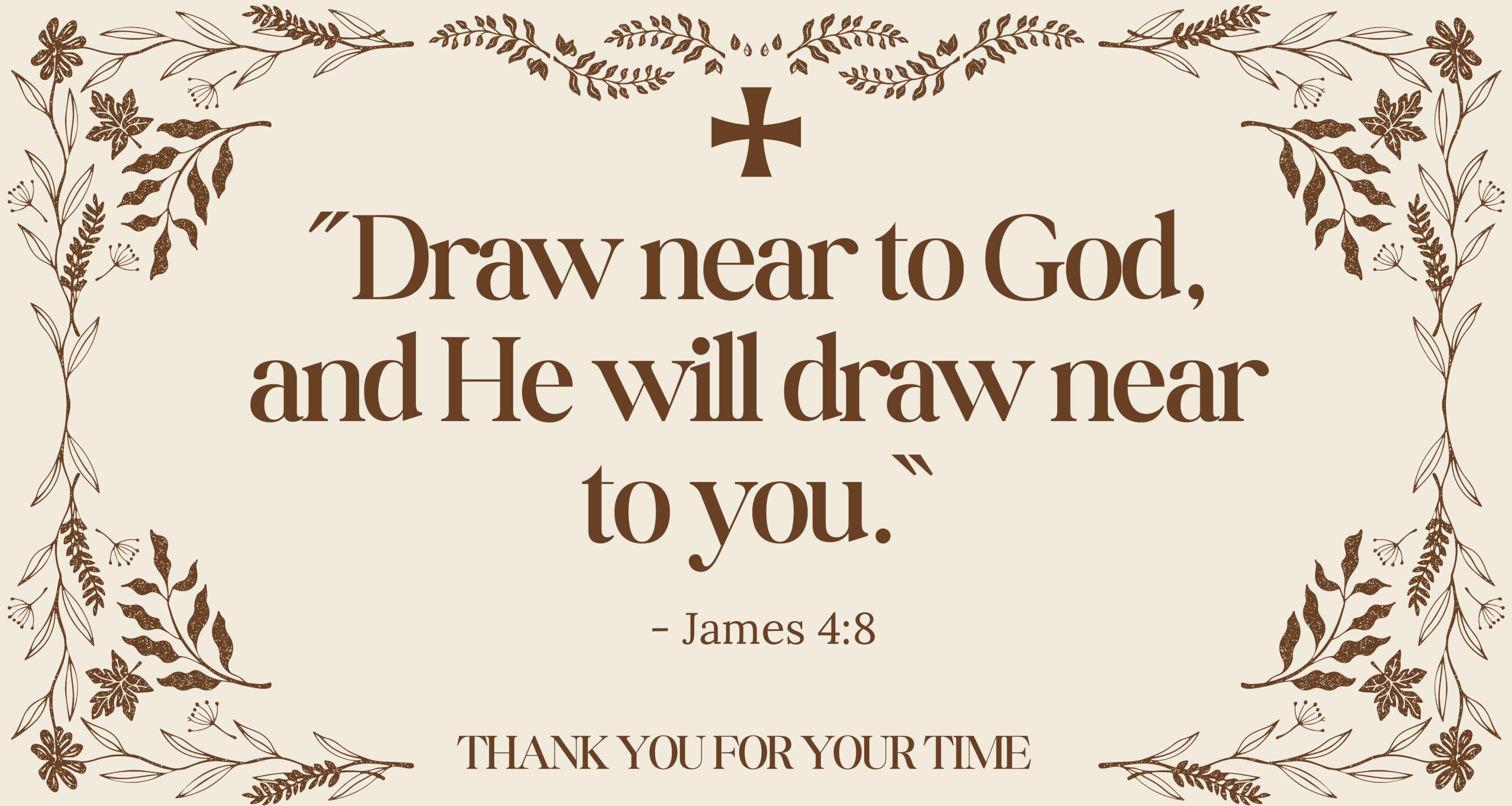
- Live life intentionally - remember and reach out to God in all you do.



- Live like Christ - out of the overflow of our hearts we are lead to act



- Pray vulnerably - hold nothing back from God



“Draw near to God,
and He will draw near
to you.”

- James 4:8

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

Worship That Pleases God

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren

Worship

→ Why do I worship?

Our purpose in this life is to please God by living in worship

→ How much of myself am I offering in worship?

We are called to worship **fully**.



Hebrews 12:28

“Let us be grateful and worship God in a way that will please Him, with reverence and awe.”

Mark 12:30

“And you shall love the Lord your God with **all your heart**, with **all your soul**, with **all your mind**, and with **all your strength**. This is the first commandment.”

God is pleased when our worship has these characteristics:

- 1) **Accurate**
- 2) **Authentic**
- 3) **Thoughtful**
- 4) **Practical**



1) Accurate Worship



In other words, we must **worship in truth**, basing our worship on how God is **truly revealed** (all God's attributes) in Scripture.

2) Authentic Worship



Worship is about our spirit **communicating** our love and delight, to God. Worshiping authentically means **meaning** the words that we say to God.

*Note: Emotions are good but not necessary. We do not worship so we can feel good about ourselves, but to please God.

John 4:23

“But the hour is coming, and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and in truth**; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”

3) Thoughtful Worship

As we worship, we should **think** about what we are saying.

- Use fresh words. Eg., admire, revere
- Be more specific. Eg., “I praise you for...”
- Focus on different names. Eg., Elohim, Almighty, Alpha and Omega, etc.



When using repetition (*Kyrie Eleison*, *Our Father*, etc.), mind and words should align.

4) Practical Worship

Practical worship is offering to God our bodies (**physical effort**) as a sacrifice.

Our church teaches the importance of practical worship in fasting and matanyat (prostrations).

**Living sacrifice* → to *live* for Him; letting go of self-centeredness



Matthew 6:7

“And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.”

Romans 12:1

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

Application

Spiritual life :

- Worshipping with accuracy, authenticity, thought, and practicality
 - Heart, soul, mind, body
- God as the center of attention at all times

Future spiritual service:

- We are called to follow the Perfect Servant's example and offer our bodies as a living sacrifice.
- Our end goal is to please God with our service, no matter the role.

The disciples were inspired to pray when they saw Jesus' connection with the Father. Similarly, when children see someone worship in their relationship with God, they want to worship too.

Biblical Examples: David, St.Paul

