

5. If you were to develop a plan for new believers to embrace God's grace and continue to turn away from idols, what key steps would you include?

6. In your opinion, how does a leader lead like a servant in the home, workplace, or church?

7. How would you advise someone (or yourself) who wants to develop a servant's heart and a commitment to serving others?

8. Reflecting on the three keys to living a remark-able faith from the sermon, what is one action you can take (or a new habit you can begin to develop) to grow in one of the three keys in 2024?

New Year's Weekend

"Living a Remark-able Faith"

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

3 Keys to Living a Remark-able Faith

1. Embrace God's _____.

Psalm 103

¹ Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

² Praise the Lord, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion,

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

When you embrace God's grace, you learn to live _____ in God's grace.

It's harder to turn from idols when your idols are serving you _____.

Embrace God's grace by...

- Repenting of our _____ and turning to the living God.
- Praying about what God has done for you.
- Reading and reflecting on Scripture—the story of God's grace in Jesus.

Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



2. Become a _____ of God and others.

1 Thessalonians 4: ⁹ Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

Mark 9: ⁴³ ...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Faith and love produce hard-working _____ of God and others.

Serving God and others is something we do; a servant of God is something we are becoming. It requires _____.

James Clear on Outcome-based vs. Identity-based goals.

You can set a goal to serve more in 2024 (outcome-based) or you can set a goal to _____ a servant (identity-based). To reach either goal, you'll serve more in 2024 than you did in 2023. But if you become a servant, serving will be a natural, healthy habit that flows from who you've become.

3. Live in light of our _____.

Hope is confident and eager _____ of the fulfillment of God's promises when Christ returns and all creation is renewed.

What does this look like?

- A life that's neither defined nor derailed by _____.
- A life of praise and gratitude for what God will do.
- A life that values and invests in what God values most.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10. What specific qualities of the Thessalonians' faith are mentioned in these verses that would have been observable by others?

3. In your experience, how do people usually respond when they observe genuine faith in someone's life?

4. In your personal journey, how has the assurance of God's love and grace impacted your ability to live out a faith that is genuine and lived out?