



**Thank You Notes
Philippians 1:27-30**

June 4, 2023

DAILY DEVOTION

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 5-day plan on your own or with your group!

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INSPIRATION

May the world know to whom you belong by the suitable manner in which you conduct your life.

ICE BREAKER

1. We all go through ups and downs in life. How are you right now? Are things good or bad or somewhere in between?
 2. Have you ever tried to encourage someone going through a difficult time? What do you say to them?
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DEEP DIVE

As a group, read Philippians 1:27.

Pastor Mark mentioned how "conduct yourselves" means to live as citizens. As followers of Jesus, we are citizens of heaven and this should be our priority.

Do you live your life with heaven/the kingdom of God being a priority? Why is it so easy to live and only think about the citizenship of America instead of heaven/the kingdom of God?

Think of some cultural pressures that cause division and strife among the body of Christ.

How is the Spirit drawing us to unite together under one Spirit with your fellow believers in the cultural battle around us? Are you willing to stand with others even if it means experiencing persecution?



Paul, in Philippians 1:28, says that opposition reveals a spiritual reality of believers going to heaven. If this is a spiritual reality, why do we shy away from opposition? What fear(s) hinders you from standing firm with your fellow brothers and sisters and striving together?

As a group, read Philippians 1:29-30 and Mark 8:31-34. In seasons of suffering, are you more likely to be like Jesus or Peter?

Here are seven reasons suffering is a gift. Which of the seven below has been a gift for you in your recent journey of suffering.

- Gives a sense of assurance that we belong to Jesus
- Matures us
- Increases our eternal reward
- Reduces pride
- Keeps us from self-reliance
- Helps us Share Christ
- Helps us minister to others

NEXT STEPS

How are you doing living out a consistent Christian life? Do you hold to a high standard of the Gospel? Do you have double standards?

In what specific ways could you make changes to improve your consistency in reflecting Christ? How are you going to apply the lessons learned in the message this week?

PRAYER

After sharing prayer requests, pray for the person on your right. Pray for that person throughout the week.

Is there someone in your group that could use a prayerful reminder that God is present in their lives?

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Establish a regular rhythm of serving together! Below are some service opportunities.

- BENSON - Local Mission Partner is ABIDE. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- MILLARD - Local Mission Partner is Heartland Hope. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- FREMONT - Local Mission Partner is LifeHouse. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- OMAHA - Local Mission Partner is Open Door Mission. Contact Lyndsey Deyoe for more information.



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- Or get to know your community! Seek out service opportunities in your area.