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## Living in the Goodness of God

In these current times we may tend to think there's not much to get excited about. But it's very exciting to be able to worship God and get to know Him more every day.

Our pastor takes great care in creating messages that are thought-provoking and inspiring, providing ways for us to dig deeper into our relationship with our Heavenly Father and create a stronger bond with Him. The Daily Devotional booklet is a source for us to hear relevant and meaningful stories that help us connect God's Word to our own lives and then put those Words into practice to further His kingdom.

Make a conscious commitment to attend or listen to each message during this series. Use the devotional content to help you build your daily routine of spending time with God and getting to know Him, as He fully knows you.

Read *Psalm 23:1-6*.

**Worship is – BELIEF in a God who is GOOD.**

**What happens when I forget this?**

1. **I will start DEPENDING on myself** – *Luke 12:16-31*

Depending on our own thoughts and actions to yield God's results never turns out well. Every action we take, every thought we have is best when it comes from a grateful heart--grateful for all that God provides and does for us each and every day. What do you depend on to get you through the day? To help you make a financial or work-related decision?

*Proverbs 3:5; Lamentations 3:25; Hosea 12:6*

2. **I might STOP ASKING for help** – *James 4:2*

Why aren't we asking God for the things we need? Things like guidance, strength, wisdom, focus, courage. It's not that we shouldn't ask Him to heal the sick and feed the hungry, but shouldn't we be asking Him to help us see the world through His eyes and then show us how He would act on what we see? When was the last time you asked God for help with something you were struggling with? Do you feel like you got an answer in some way? How long do you wait to let God answer your cry for help?

*John 15:7; 1 Timothy 5:5*

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### 3. I will become **PESSIMISTIC** about the future – *Psalm 37:38*

If you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right. How or where we focus our thoughts determines the focus of our actions. Constant negative thinking leads to negative actions and behaviors. It takes intentional effort to focus on God and all His goodness. By making it a daily effort, you will begin to find it has become a welcome and positive habit that you want to continue. What one part of your daily routine can you identify that is more on the negative side? Would you be able to exchange that step, action or process for the more positive action of reading God's Word or praying?

*Job 3:20-26; Psalm 27:13-14; Proverbs 24:20*

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#### **Make It Real:**

- Start focusing on all the ways God has been good to you. Set your mind on all the good things He has done for you instead of your problems. Count your blessings, and **WRITE THEM DOWN**.
- Make a covenant with yourself and with God that you **WILL NOT** miss the next 5 weeks.
- Read through *Psalm 23* daily for 7 days. If you are fighting depression, despair or discouragement, or even if you feel that your life is going ok, it will make a profound positive change in your life.
- Focus on your prayer life this week.
- Remember to **PUSH** in times of hurt – **Pray Until Something Happens**