

Vision: Never Alone
“Establishing Routines Of Growing In Faith” 2 of 3
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Vision: Establishing Routines Of Faith And Fellowship To Remind Us We Are Never Alone.

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness...” **Isaiah 5:20 (NASB)**

Stand your ground, putting on the belt of **truth** and the body armor of God’s righteousness. **Ephesians 6:14 (NLT2)**

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O **Nebuchadnezzar**, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”

Daniel 3:16-18 (NLT2)

We Are Never Alone When We Commune With God And His Family.

Therefore, We Need To:

1. Establish A Routine Of Growing In Faith

“I am writing to **God’s holy people in Ephesus**, who are **faithful followers** of Christ Jesus. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you **grace and peace.**”

Ephesians 1:2 (NLT2)

With the Lord’s authority I say this: **Live no longer** as the Gentiles do, for they are **hopelessly confused**. Their minds are full of darkness; they **wander** far from the life God gives because they have **closed their minds and hardened their hearts** against him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful **pleasure** and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. But that isn’t what you **learned** about Christ. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the **truth** that comes from him, **throw off** your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the **Spirit renew** your **thoughts** and **attitudes**. **Put on your new nature**, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Ephesians 4:17-24 (NLT2)

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be **kind** to each other, tenderhearted, **forgiving** one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” **Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

2. Join A Community Of Believers

“They **devoted** themselves to the apostles' **teaching** and to the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were **together** and had everything in **common**. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to **meet together** in the temple courts. They **broke bread in their homes** and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And **the Lord added** to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

Notes: _____

3. Encourage Each Other To Grow Stronger In Our Faith

“Let us hold unswervingly to the **hope** we profess, for He who promised is **faithful**. And let us **consider** how we may spur one another on toward **love and good deeds**. Let us not give up **meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us **encourage one another**--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV) Remember Verse

“Ever since I first heard of your **strong faith** in the Lord Jesus and your **love** for God’s people everywhere, I have not stopped **thanking** God for you. I **pray** for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you **spiritual wisdom** and **insight** so that you might **grow** in your knowledge of God. I **pray** that your **hearts** will be **flooded with light** so that you can understand the **confident hope** He has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance.” **Ephesians 1:15-18 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

- What is my next right step to grow closer to Jesus?

My next right step, I will:

- [] Take notes for personal application – Sermon Binder
- [] Sign up for CARE Groups (Feb-March, each group 4 families)
- [] Journal through the book of Philippians
- [] Join a small group: Pastor Ed Sermon based - Tuesdays 6PM
- [] Amber Orate’s Bible Study on Joy - Saturdays 9AM
- [] James Jacobs’ Study - Wednesdays 10AM
- [] Ann Vu’s Mommy & Me - Tuesday Mornings

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1. Establish A Routine Of Growing In Faith

Read Ephesians 1:2

How would you describe what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus?

How does the reminder of grace and peace help you?

Read Ephesians 4:17-24

What is the warning in these verses?

What are some areas that God has brought to light and truth in your life?

What keeps your heart from growing hard?

What former way of life is difficult to throw off?

Where do my thoughts and attitudes need to be renewed?

What are the positive motivations that help you live the Christian life?

Read Ephesians 4:31-32

What negative attitudes do you need to eliminate?

What positive attitudes do you need to cultivate?

2. Join A Community Of Believers

Read Acts 2:42-47

What do you devote yourself to daily?

What do you to devote yourself to God during the week?

How can you help your church to become more like this?

3. Encourage Each Other To Grow Stronger In Our Faith

Read Hebrews 10:23-25

Who will you encourage this week?

How will you do it?

Read Ephesians 1:15-18

What are the elements of Paul's encouragement and prayer for the people at Ephesus?

Use this example to pray for one another.

Close in Prayer: **Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.**
