

Vision Cast 2025: Rooted In Routine
The Routine Of Growing in Faith (4 of 5)
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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January 19th, 2025

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: If you want unwavering faith, then you must build consistent spiritual routines.

Our Mission as a church is "*Helping people find and follow Jesus*"

Our Vision: To be a church who worships passionately, connects in community, **grows in faith**, serves selflessly, and shares Jesus boldly.

The Routine Of Growing In Faith:

1. Creates Consistency in Seeking God

"When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the LORD his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees. ²⁰ This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way. And it will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 (NLT2)

"For this very reason, make every effort to **add to your faith** goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if you **possess** these qualities in **increasing measure**, they will keep you from being **ineffective** and **unproductive** in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV)**

"**All the believers** devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to **fellowship**, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer." **Acts 2:42 (NLT2)**

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2. Provides Stability During Challenging Times

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your **gentleness** be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in **everything**, by **prayer and petition**, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. **James 1:2-5 (NIV)**

3. Leads the Next Generation

To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I have been reminded of your **sincere faith**, which first lived in your **grandmother Lois** and in your **mother Eunice** and, I am persuaded, **now lives in you also**. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a **spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline**.

2 Timothy 1:1-7 (NIV)

“Therefore as you have **received Christ Jesus the Lord**, so **walk** in Him, ⁷ having been **firmly rooted** *and now* being **built up** in Him and **established in your faith**, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with **gratitude**. ⁸ See to it that **no one takes you captive** through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to **Christ**. **Colossians 2:6-8 (NASB)**

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- Will you connect to a community of faith?
- How has consistency in seeking God impacted your life?

What faith routines do you need to establish or strengthen?

I will make my next right step this week by:

[] Taking notes and talking them over.

[] Joining a small group

[] Hosting a small group

[] Attend our Date Night: February 7th, 6:30pm-8:30pm \$46 pp

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

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Opening Prayer:

Begin with a short prayer, inviting God to guide the discussion and open hearts to His Word.

Introduction:

Share the key theme: Growing in faith is a continuous journey. Emphasize the importance of consistency, stability, and generational influence in faith development.

Icebreaker Question:

What's one daily habit you have that helps you stay focused and grounded in faith?

1. Consistency in Seeking God

Read: Deuteronomy 17:18-20 together

The king was instructed to personally write and study the law.

What steps can you take to make God's Word a daily priority in your life?

How does regularly engaging with Scripture shape your decisions and attitudes?

Why do you think God required the king to personally write the law; instead of simply receiving a copy?

How can you model faithfulness to Scripture in your family, workplace, or community?

Read: 2 Peter 1:5-8 and Acts 2:42 together.

What does consistency in seeking God look like in your life?

How can daily habits like prayer, Bible reading, and worship help us stay spiritually healthy?

2. Stability During Challenging Times

Read: Philippians 4:4-7 and James 1:2-5 together.

Share a time when your faith helped you through a challenging situation.

How does the image of a lighthouse help you understand faith and stability?

What promises from God bring you peace during trials?

3. Leading the Next Generation

Read: 2 Timothy 1:1-7 and Colossians 2:6-8 (NASB) together.

Why is it important to model faith for the next generation?

How can you practically involve younger generations in faith routines?

Who has been a spiritual mentor in your life, and how did they influence your faith?

What's one faith routine you can start or strengthen this week?

Who can you encourage or mentor in their faith journey?

Closing Prayer: *Heavenly Father,*

You are the source of all wisdom, and Your Word is life. Today, I come before You, acknowledging my need for Your truth to shape my heart, my mind, and my actions. Just as You instructed the king of Israel to write down and study Your Word daily, I ask that You create in me a hunger for Your truth that cannot be satisfied by anything else.

Lord, let Your Word be more than just words on a page—let it be the foundation I build my life upon. Teach me to treasure Your commands, to write them not only on paper but on the tablet of my heart. Help me to engage with Scripture personally, not out of obligation but out of a deep desire to know You more fully.

God, I confess that it is easy to become distracted and busy with the cares of life. Yet, You have called me to seek You first. Ignite a passion within me to make Your Word a daily priority, to sit at Your feet, and to hear Your voice through the pages of Scripture.

Transform my thoughts and decisions as I meditate on Your truth.

Father, I ask for a spirit of humility as I engage with Your Word. Keep me from the pride that assumes I have arrived or no longer need Your instruction. Let Your truth remind me of my dependence on You. Shape me into someone who serves, leads, and loves with the heart of Christ—never thinking of myself as above others, but instead seeing myself as a servant of Your Kingdom. Amen