

Welcome to our summer devotional journey through the letter to Titus.

Over the next month, we will walk together through one of the most practical and powerful letters in the New Testament. Though Titus is only three chapters long, it is filled with life-changing truth about discipleship, spiritual maturity, grace, leadership, mission, and what it means to be the people of God.

The theme of this series is simple:

Making the Gospel Beautiful.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is already beautiful. It is the good news that God, in His love, sent His Son Jesus to live the life we could not live, die the death we deserved, and rise again in victory over sin and death. Through faith in Him, we are forgiven, restored, adopted into God's family, and given eternal life.

But Paul teaches Titus that our lives should "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior." In other words, the way we live should help the world see the beauty of Jesus.

This devotional is more than a daily reading plan. It is an invitation into transformation.

Each day includes: Focus Scripture, Reflection, Practical Application, Prayer and Challenge.

My prayer is that these next few weeks help you grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus, strengthen your faith, and equip you to live on mission every day.

Whether you are a new believer, a longtime follower of Christ, or simply exploring faith, know this:

Jesus loves you. He is pursuing you. He has a purpose for your life, and He is not finished with you yet.

As we continue our Year of Ascent, may we become a people transformed by grace, devoted to good works, ready for God's mission, and committed to making the Gospel beautiful in our homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and city.

Let's begin the journey together.

Until all have heard,

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Sermon 1 - Set the House in Order

**Healthy Churches are built by Healthy Disciples, who live under the authority
of Christ Jesus**

Titus 1:1-9

Sermon 1 - Notes

City Group Guide – Week 1: Set the House in Order

Healthy Churches are built by Healthy Disciples, who live under the authority of Christ Jesus

1. Welcome & Check-In

2. Opening Prayer

3. Scripture Reading: Titus 1:1-9

4. Observation & Reflection

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

Is there a sin to avoid, a command to obey, a promise to claim, or an example to follow?

5. Personal Obedience – Application & Mission

“Because this text, this week I will _____ as an act of obedience to Jesus.”

6. Reinforcement Scriptures

Use these during the week for prayer or reflection:

1 Corinthians 14:40

7. Closing Prayer & Requests

June 7: Healthy Churches Are Built by Healthy Disciples

Focus Scripture

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness. - Titus 1:1

Prayer

Pause to be still, breathe slowly, and re-center upon God's Presence.

Rejoice and Reflect; choose to rejoice in God's generous provision.

Ask, what do I need right now? Is there something I am missing or that I am anxious about?

Yield, is there something from the Scriptures, a particular word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for me today...

Reflection

Every healthy church begins with healthy disciples. Before Paul addresses leadership structures, church organization, or ministry strategy, he starts with identity. He calls himself a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ.

In a world obsessed with titles, platforms, and influence, Paul identifies himself first as a servant. He understood that following Jesus is not simply believing the right things; it is surrendering our lives to the lordship of Christ.

This has been a major theme throughout our Year of Ascent. As Everyday Missionaries, we are called to live on mission. As followers pursuing a Well-Ordered Life, we are called to align every area of our lives with Jesus. As people Becoming like Christ, we are being transformed daily into His image. Now Titus reminds us that healthy churches are built by healthy disciples.

The church does not become healthy because of a pastor, a program, or a building. The church becomes healthy when ordinary people say yes to Jesus every day. Healthy disciples produce healthy families. Healthy families produce healthy churches. Healthy churches become a beautiful witness to the world.

Perhaps today you feel inadequate or unqualified. The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus is not looking for perfect people. He is looking for surrendered people. The same grace that saved you is shaping you into the person He created you to be. As you climb higher in this Year of Ascent, remember that God is far more interested in who you are becoming than what you are accomplishing.

Application

- Evaluate your spiritual health honestly today.
- Ask God to reveal any area where you are resisting His leadership.
- Focus on becoming a healthy disciple rather than merely attending church.
- Encourage someone else in their walk with Christ.

Prayer

Lord, help me become a healthy disciple who reflects Your character in every area of life.

Challenge

Spend ten minutes today asking God, "What area of my life needs to be more fully surrendered to You?"

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for calling me into Your family. Continue shaping me into the image of Jesus. Help me live as a faithful disciple who brings glory to Your name. May my life help build a healthy church and point others toward You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

June 8: Called Into Full-Time Ministry

Focus Scripture

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order. — Titus 1:5

Reflection

Many people assume ministry belongs to pastors, missionaries, and church staff. Scripture tells a different story.

Paul left Titus in Crete to help establish healthy churches, but the mission was never meant to be carried by Titus alone. Every believer has a role in God's Kingdom. Every follower of Jesus has been called into ministry.

One of the greatest lies the enemy tells Christians is that someone else is responsible for reaching people. Someone else can pray. Someone else can serve. Someone else can disciple. Someone else can share the Gospel.

The truth is that God has strategically placed you exactly where you are. Your workplace is a mission field. Your neighborhood is a mission field. Your school, gym, coffee shop, and family gatherings are opportunities for Kingdom impact.

As Everyday Missionaries, we do not wait for ministry opportunities; we live expecting them. God uses ordinary people living ordinary lives with extraordinary faith.

You may never stand behind a pulpit, but you may influence people your pastor never meets. God has uniquely equipped you to carry His love into places where others cannot go.

The beautiful church is not built by a few ministers. It is built by an army of disciples who understand they have been sent.

Application

- View your daily routines as ministry opportunities.
- Pray for one person who needs Jesus.
- Look for a way to serve someone today.
- Ask God to open a door for a Gospel conversation.

Prayer

Jesus, help me see myself as a missionary wherever I go.

Challenge

Identify one person in your circle of influence and begin praying for their salvation every day this week.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for inviting me into Your mission. Open my eyes to the opportunities around me. Give me courage to love people well and faith to trust that You can use my life for Your glory. Amen.

June 9: Truth That Leads to Godliness

Focus Scripture

"For the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness." — Titus 1:1

Reflection

Our culture often treats truth as something personal and flexible. Scripture teaches that truth is objective, unchanging, and rooted in the character of God.

Paul makes a fascinating connection. Truth produces godliness.

Many people want spiritual growth without embracing God's truth. They want the blessings of God without submitting to His authority. They want transformation without surrender.

But God's truth is not merely information to learn; it is a foundation upon which we build our lives.

When we ignore God's truth, confusion follows. When we embrace God's truth, transformation follows.

Jesus said He is the way, the truth, and the life. Truth is not simply a principle. Truth is a Person.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to build our lives on His Word. Every decision, every relationship, every priority, and every dream must ultimately submit to Him.

The more we know Jesus, the more we become like Jesus.

Application

- Spend extra time reading Scripture today.
- Evaluate whether your decisions align with God's Word.
- Replace one worldly influence with biblical truth.
- Memorize Titus 1:1.

Prayer

Lord, anchor my life in Your truth.

Challenge

Read Titus chapter 1 completely today.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for revealing truth through Your Word and Your Son. Help me build my life upon an unshakable foundation. Transform me through Your truth and make me more like Jesus. Amen.

June 10: Bondservants of Christ

Focus Scripture

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ... — Titus 1:1

Reflection

Paul uses a powerful word to describe himself: servant. The Greek word refers to a bondservant—someone who willingly chooses lifelong devotion to a master.

This is a beautiful picture of discipleship.

God does not force us into His Kingdom. He invites us into relationship. When we encounter His grace, mercy, and love, our response becomes surrender.

The question is not whether Jesus is Lord. The question is whether we have surrendered to His lordship.

Many people want Jesus as Savior but resist Him as Lord. They want forgiveness without obedience. Freedom without submission. Grace without transformation.

Yet true freedom is found in surrender.

When we willingly place our lives in His hands, we discover the purpose, peace, and identity we were created for.

As believers, we are not our own. We belong to Christ.

Application

- Surrender one area of your life that you've been holding back.
- Thank Jesus for His grace.
- Practice obedience in a specific area today.
- Reflect on what it means to belong to Christ.

Prayer

Jesus, I willingly surrender my life to You.

Challenge

Write down one area where God is asking for deeper obedience.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for Your grace that pursued me when I was lost. Help me live as someone fully devoted to You. May my life reflect joyful surrender to Your leadership. Amen.

June 11: Order Before Expansion

Focus Scripture

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order. — Titus 1:5

Reflection

Everybody wants revival. Everybody wants growth. Everybody wants God's blessing.

Few people want order.

Yet throughout Scripture, God consistently brings order before expansion. Before Israel entered the Promised Land, God prepared them. Before Jesus launched His ministry, He spent time in the wilderness. Before the early church exploded in growth, God established leadership and structure.

Paul's instruction to Titus was simple: put things in order.

The same principle applies to our lives today.

Before God entrusts us with greater influence, He often calls us to greater faithfulness. Before He increases our opportunities, He develops our character.

A Well-Ordered Life creates space for God's purposes to flourish.

Chaos is exhausting. Order creates margin. Order creates focus. Order creates fruitfulness.

Perhaps God is asking you to put something in order today.

Application

- Identify one area of disorder in your life.
- Create a practical plan to address it.
- Evaluate your daily priorities.
- Ask God for wisdom and discipline.

Prayer

Lord, help me bring order where there is chaos.

Challenge

Organize one neglected area of your life today.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for being a God of peace and order. Help me steward my life well so that I can fully participate in Your mission. Amen.

June 12: The Gospel Starts at Home

Focus Scripture

If anyone is above reproach... — Titus 1:6

Reflection

Paul teaches that spiritual leadership begins at home. Before a person can influence a church, they must first demonstrate faithfulness in their own household.

This principle applies to all believers.

The Gospel was never intended to be confined to Sunday mornings. It is meant to shape how we love our spouse, raise our children, interact with family members, and serve those closest to us.

Sometimes we can become passionate about changing the world while neglecting the people living under our own roof.

Faithfulness at home is not glamorous, but it is holy.

Every encouraging word, every prayer, every act of service, every moment of forgiveness becomes a picture of the Gospel.

The greatest ministry many of us will ever have is the one that happens around our dinner table.

Application

- Pray intentionally for your family today.
- Speak words of encouragement to someone in your home.
- Practice confession and forgiveness.
- Look for a way to serve your family.

Prayer

Lord, help me reflect Jesus in my home.

Challenge

Have a spiritual conversation with a family member today.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for the people You have entrusted to me. Help me love them well and model the grace of Jesus in my home. Amen.

June 13: Removing Internal Chaos

Focus Scripture

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order. — Titus 1:5

Reflection

One of the strongest connections between Titus and our Well-Ordered Life series is the principle of order.

Paul tells Titus to put the church in order. Before healthy churches exist, healthy disciples must exist. Before healthy disciples exist, intentional spiritual formation must exist.

This is where RPMS becomes so important.

Relational: Are your key relationships healthy?

Physical: Are you stewarding your body well?

Mental: Are you renewing your mind with truth?

Spiritual: Are you consistently pursuing Jesus?

Most people don't drift toward health. We drift toward disorder. Spiritual growth requires intentionality.

As we continue our Year of Ascent, remember: we cannot climb while carrying chaos.

Jesus invites us into a life of order—not because He wants to restrict us, but because He wants to free us for His mission.

Application

- Evaluate each RPMS area honestly.
- Identify your weakest category.
- Take one practical step toward growth.
- Ask someone to help hold you accountable.

Prayer

Jesus, bring order to every area of my life.

Challenge

Rate your Relational, Physical, Mental, and Spiritual health from 1–10 and create one action step for each category.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for caring about every area of my life. Help me become a healthy disciple who honors You relationally, physically, mentally, and spiritually. Prepare me for everything You have planned in this Year of Ascent. In Jesus' name, Amen.

June 14: The Gospel Changes Everything

Focus Scripture

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.— Titus 2:1

Reflection

The Gospel is not merely information to believe; it is transformation to experience.

Many people think Christianity is about attending church, avoiding certain sins, and trying to be a good person. But the Gospel is far more than behavior modification. The Gospel changes everything.

Paul reminds Titus that healthy teaching produces healthy living. What we believe shapes how we live. Our theology eventually becomes our lifestyle.

This is why Jesus did not simply invite people to agree with Him. He invited them to follow Him.

The Gospel changes how we love our spouse. It changes how we raise our children. It changes how we spend money. It changes how we respond to criticism. It changes how we work, serve, forgive, and lead.

As Everyday Missionaries, our lives should look noticeably different—not because we are better than others, but because Jesus is changing us from the inside out.

The world does not need louder Christians. It needs transformed Christians. The greatest witness to the reality of Jesus is a life being changed by Him.

Application

- Ask God to reveal one area where your life does not reflect the Gospel.
- Spend time thanking Jesus for His transforming work.
- Identify one habit that needs to change.
- Commit to obeying God in that area.

Prayer

Jesus, continue transforming every area of my life.

Challenge

Ask a trusted friend or family member where they have seen growth in your walk with Christ and where they believe God is still working.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for the Gospel that saves and transforms. Continue shaping my thoughts, attitudes, and actions so that my life points others to Jesus. Amen.

Sermon 2 - Different by Design

The Gospel changes how we live, love, work, speak, and serve

Titus 1:10-16 | Titus 2:1-10

Sermon 2 - Notes

City Group Guide – Week 2: Built by Design

The Gospel changes how we live, love, work, speak, and serve.

1. Welcome & Check-In

2. Opening Prayer

3. Scripture Reading: Titus 1:1-9 | Titus 2:1-10

4. Observation & Reflection

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

Is there a sin to avoid, a command to obey, a promise to claim, or an example to follow?

5. Personal Obedience – Application & Mission

“Because this text, this week I will _____ as an act of obedience to Jesus.”

6. Reinforcement Scriptures

Use these during the week for prayer or reflection:

Matthew 5:16

7. Closing Prayer & Requests

June 15: Healthy Confrontation Protects Unity

Focus Scripture

They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. — Titus 1:11

Reflection

Most people avoid confrontation. Others seem to enjoy it too much. Jesus calls us to something better: healthy confrontation.

Paul tells Titus to address false teaching because it was harming families and creating disorder within the church. His goal was not to win arguments but to protect people.

Healthy confrontation is an act of love.

A parent corrects a child because they care. A friend speaks truth because they value the relationship. A pastor confronts false teaching because souls matter.

In our culture, unity is often confused with agreement. Biblical unity is built upon truth. Real unity requires honesty.

Sometimes love means having difficult conversations. Sometimes grace means speaking truth. Sometimes faithfulness means addressing what others would rather ignore.

As followers of Jesus, we must learn how to speak truth with humility and love.

Application

- Ask God if there is a difficult conversation you've been avoiding.
- Pray for wisdom before addressing conflict.
- Examine your motives before confronting someone.
- Seek restoration rather than victory.

Prayer

Lord, help me speak truth with grace and love.

Challenge

If there is a broken relationship in your life, take one step toward reconciliation today.

Closing Prayer

Father, help me value truth and unity. Give me wisdom to speak with kindness and courage when difficult conversations are necessary. Amen.

June 16: Unity Fuels Mission

Focus Scripture

For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers... — Titus 1:10

Reflection

Disorder always distracts from mission.

Paul understood that division within the church would hinder its ability to reach people. That is why he addresses false teaching and unhealthy behavior so strongly. The mission was too important to allow unnecessary division.

Jesus prayed that His followers would be one so that the world would believe He was sent by the Father.

Unity matters.

It matters in marriage. It matters in families. It matters in friendships. It matters in the church.

The enemy loves division because division weakens our witness. When believers fight each other, they often stop reaching others.

As Everyday Missionaries, we must remember that our mission is greater than our preferences. We are called to build bridges, extend grace, and focus on what matters most.

A united church becomes a powerful testimony to a divided world.

Application

- Pray for unity within your church.
- Refuse to participate in gossip.
- Look for opportunities to encourage others.
- Focus on mission over personal preference.

Prayer

Jesus, make me a builder of unity.

Challenge

Encourage three people in your church today through a text, call, or conversation.

Closing Prayer

Father, help me be a peacemaker. Protect my heart from division and help me contribute to the unity of Your Church. Amen.

June 17: Sound Doctrine Produces Sound Living

Focus Scripture

Teach what accords with sound doctrine. — Titus 2:1

Reflection

What we believe eventually becomes how we behave.

Paul repeatedly emphasizes sound doctrine because healthy beliefs produce healthy lives. Truth is not merely something we learn; it is something that shapes us.

Many people want spiritual maturity without biblical truth. They want the fruit without the roots.

But lasting transformation begins when God's truth takes hold of our hearts.

When we believe God is faithful, we trust Him during difficulty.

When we believe God is holy, we pursue holiness.

When we believe God is loving, we extend grace to others.

When we believe Jesus is Lord, we surrender every area of life.

The goal is not simply knowing Scripture. The goal is allowing Scripture to shape us into the image of Christ.

Application

- Spend time studying God's Word today.
- Ask God to reveal any false beliefs you're holding.
- Memorize Titus 2:1.
- Look for one truth to apply immediately.

Prayer

Lord, help Your truth transform my life.

Challenge

Read Titus chapter 2 and write down one truth God highlights to you.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for Your Word. Help me not only hear the truth but live it. Shape me into the image of Jesus through Your Spirit and Your truth. Amen.

June 18: Every Generation Matters

Focus Scripture

Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled... — Titus 2:2

Reflection

The Church was never designed to be divided by age.

Paul paints a beautiful picture of multiple generations working together. Older men and women model maturity. Younger men and women learn from their example. Everyone contributes. Everyone grows. Everyone disciples someone.

This is one of God's greatest designs for the Church.

The older generation carries wisdom. The younger generation brings energy. Together they create something beautiful.

One of the greatest gifts we can give each other is mentorship.

Someone helped you get where you are today. Someone prayed for you. Someone taught you. Someone encouraged you.

Now God invites you to do the same for someone else.

Healthy churches are multigenerational because discipleship is multigenerational.

Application

- Reach out to someone older and learn from them.
- Encourage someone younger in their faith.
- Share your testimony with another believer.
- Thank someone who helped shape your spiritual journey.

Prayer

Lord, help me learn from others and invest in others.

Challenge

Have a meaningful conversation this week with someone from a different generation.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for the wisdom found in Your family. Help me both receive and give encouragement as we grow together in Christ. Amen.

June 19: Adorning the Gospel

Focus Scripture

So that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. — Titus 2:10

Reflection

Paul uses a fascinating phrase: adorn the Gospel.

To adorn something means to enhance its beauty. Paul teaches that our lives can either beautify the Gospel or distract from it.

The Gospel itself is already beautiful. Yet our conduct either helps people see that beauty or creates barriers to it.

When we show kindness, we adorn the Gospel.

When we forgive, we adorn the Gospel.

When we work with integrity, we adorn the Gospel.

When we serve sacrificially, we adorn the Gospel.

People may never read a Bible before they read our lives.

As Everyday Missionaries, we carry the reputation of Jesus wherever we go. What an incredible privilege.

Application

- Examine how your behavior reflects Christ.
- Work with excellence today.
- Speak with kindness and integrity.
- Look for ways to represent Jesus well.

Prayer

Jesus, help my life reflect Your beauty.

Challenge

Choose one act of unexpected kindness today as a way of making the Gospel visible.

Closing Prayer

Father, let my words, actions, and attitudes point people toward Jesus. May my life become a beautiful reflection of Your grace. Amen.

June 20: Building a Life That Supports Community

Focus Scripture

Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. — Titus 2:6

Reflection

One of the recurring themes in Titus is self-control. Paul speaks to older men, older women, younger women, younger men, leaders, and servants. Why? Because healthy community requires healthy individuals.

This connects directly to the RPMS framework.

Relational: Self-control helps us respond rather than react.

Physical: Self-control helps us steward our bodies.

Mental: Self-control helps us guard our thoughts.

Spiritual: Self-control helps us pursue Christ consistently.

The goal is not perfection. The goal is intentionality.

Many people want healthy relationships while neglecting personal growth. Yet healthy communities are built by healthy people.

As we continue this Year of Ascent, remember that spiritual maturity happens one faithful choice at a time.

Application

- Evaluate your RPMS health.
- Identify one area lacking self-control.
- Create a practical growth plan.
- Ask someone to pray with you.

Prayer

Lord, help me become a person of self-control and spiritual maturity.

Challenge

Choose one RPMS area to intentionally strengthen this week and take one measurable action step.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for caring about every area of my life. Continue forming me into a healthy disciple who reflects Jesus in relationships, physical health, thought life, and spiritual devotion. May my life strengthen the community around me and advance Your mission. In Jesus' name, Amen.

June 21: Grace Has Appeared

Focus Scripture

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people. — Titus 2:11

Reflection

The story of Christianity is ultimately the story of grace.

Paul reaches the heart of the Gospel in Titus 2. After discussing leadership, discipleship, healthy living, and good works, he reminds us where it all begins: grace.

Grace is not simply a doctrine to understand. Grace is a Person to know.

When Jesus stepped into human history, grace appeared. God did not wait for humanity to clean itself up. He came to us. He entered our brokenness, carried our sin, and provided a way home.

Many people spend their lives trying to earn God's approval. They believe if they work hard enough, serve enough, or become good enough, God will finally accept them.

The Gospel says the opposite.

God's grace reaches us before we deserve it.

His love pursues us before we seek Him.

His mercy finds us while we are still lost.

As we continue our Year of Ascent, remember this: you are not climbing toward God's love. You are climbing because you have already received it through Christ.

Grace is where the journey begins, and grace is what sustains us every step of the way.

Application

- Thank God for His grace today.
- Reflect on where God's grace found you.
- Share your testimony with someone.
- Stop striving and spend time resting in Christ.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for pursuing me with grace.

Challenge

Write down three ways God's grace has changed your life.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You that Your grace found me when I was lost. Help me live each day amazed by Your mercy and transformed by Your love.
Amen.

Sermon 3 - Devoted to Good Works

Grace does not simply save us from something - it saves us for something

Titus 2:11-15 | Titus 3:1-7

Sermon 3 - Notes

City Group Guide – Week 3: Devoted to Good Works

Grace does not simply save us from something - it saves us for something

1. Welcome & Check-In

2. Opening Prayer

3. Scripture Reading: Titus 2:11-15 | Titus 3:1-7

4. Observation & Reflection

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

Is there a sin to avoid, a command to obey, a promise to claim, or an example to follow?

5. Personal Obedience – Application & Mission

“Because this text, this week I will _____ as an act of obedience to Jesus.”

6. Reinforcement Scriptures

Use these during the week for prayer or reflection:

Ephesians 2:8-10

7. Closing Prayer & Requests

June 22: Grace Saves Us

Focus Scripture

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people. — Titus 2:11

Reflection

There is nothing more beautiful than salvation.

Paul reminds Titus that grace brings salvation. Salvation is not something we achieve; it is something we receive.

Many people spend years carrying guilt, shame, regret, and brokenness. They wonder if God could ever forgive them.

The answer of the Gospel is yes.

Jesus did not come for perfect people. He came for sinners.

He came for the broken, the weary, the addicted, the confused, the church-hurt, and the hopeless.

The cross is proof that God's love is greater than your failures.

The resurrection is proof that God's power is greater than your sin.

Your identity is no longer defined by your past. If you belong to Christ, you are forgiven, redeemed, adopted, and made new.

This is one of the great gifts of salvation we have celebrated throughout this year: you are no longer who you were.

You belong to Jesus.

Application

- Thank God specifically for your salvation.
- Confess any lingering shame or guilt.
- Read Ephesians 2:1-10.
- Celebrate the new identity you have in Christ.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for saving me.

Challenge

Share your salvation story with one person this week.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for rescuing me through Jesus. Help me never lose the wonder of salvation. May I live each day with gratitude for what You have done. Amen.

June 23: Grace Trains Us

Focus Scripture

Training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives. — Titus 2:12

Reflection

Grace does more than forgive us—it forms us.

Many people think grace is only God's response to our failures. Paul teaches that grace is also God's tool for our transformation.

The same grace that saves us is the grace that trains us.

Think about that for a moment.

Grace is not permission to stay the same.

Grace is power to become different.

Religion says, "Change and then come to God."

Grace says, "Come to God and He will change you."

Every day Jesus is shaping us. He is teaching us how to think differently, love differently, serve differently, and live differently.

This is what Becoming has been all about. Following Jesus means becoming like Jesus.

Growth is often slow.

Transformation is often gradual.

But every surrendered step matters.

God is not finished with you.

Application

- Identify one area where God is currently growing you.
- Thank Him for His patience.
- Cooperate with the Holy Spirit's work.
- Take one step of obedience today.

Prayer

Lord, continue shaping me into Your image.

Challenge

Ask God, "What is one thing You want to change in me right now?" Write down the answer.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You that Your grace not only forgives me but transforms me. Continue training me to become more like Jesus every day. Amen.

June 24: Remember Who You Were

Focus Scripture

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray... — Titus 3:3

Reflection

Paul gives believers an important reminder: never forget where you came from.

We all have a story.

Some stories are dramatic. Others seem ordinary. But every believer shares one thing in common—we all needed grace.

Remembering our past does not produce shame. It produces humility.

When we remember who we were, we become more patient with people who are still searching.

When we remember who we were, we become more compassionate toward those struggling.

When we remember who we were, we become less judgmental and more gracious.

One reason we celebrate baptism is because it reminds us of God's transforming work.

The old is gone.

The new has come.

Yet we never forget the mercy that brought us here.

Grace-filled people become humble people.

Application

- Reflect on your spiritual journey.
- Thank God for the changes He has made in your life.
- Extend grace to someone who frustrates you.
- Pray for people who do not yet know Christ.

Prayer

Lord, keep my heart humble.

Challenge

Spend ten minutes thanking God for specific ways He has changed your life.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for rescuing me. Help me remember Your mercy so that I can extend mercy to others. Amen.

June 25: Grace Creates Servants

Focus Scripture

Be ready for every good work. — Titus 3:1

Reflection

One of the clearest signs that grace is transforming us is a desire to serve others.

Jesus did not come to be served but to serve.

As His followers, we are called to do the same.

Paul reminds believers to be ready for every good work. Not some good works. Not convenient good works. Every good work.

This is the heart of the Everyday Missionary.

Every day becomes an opportunity to serve.

Every conversation becomes an opportunity to encourage.

Every need becomes an opportunity to love.

You are never more like Jesus than when you are serving someone else.

The beautiful church shines brightest when it serves instead of being served.

Application

- Look for an opportunity to serve someone today.
- Meet a practical need.
- Encourage someone who is struggling.
- Pray for a servant's heart.

Prayer

Jesus, make me a servant like You.

Challenge

Perform one act of kindness today without expecting recognition.

Closing Prayer

Father, help me reflect the servant heart of Jesus. Open my eyes to opportunities to love and serve people around me. Amen.

June 26: Renewed by the Spirit

Focus Scripture

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy. — Titus 3:5

Reflection

The Gospel is not self-improvement. It is spiritual renewal.

Paul reminds us that salvation is not earned through our efforts. It is a gift of mercy. Through Jesus, we are washed, renewed, justified, and adopted into God's family.

This truth is liberating.

Many believers live exhausted because they are trying to earn what Christ has already secured.

They strive for acceptance instead of living from acceptance.

They perform instead of resting.

They compare instead of trusting.

The Gospel invites us to stop striving and start abiding.

The Holy Spirit is renewing you day by day.

You do not have to carry the burden of proving yourself.

Your identity is secure because of what Jesus has done.

Application

- Thank God for His mercy.
- Release any pressure to earn God's love.
- Spend time resting in prayer.
- Trust the Spirit's work in your life.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, continue renewing me.

Challenge

Take fifteen uninterrupted minutes today to simply sit with God and thank Him for His grace.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You that my identity is secure in Christ. Continue renewing my heart and mind through the power of Your Spirit. Amen.

June 27: A Grace-Filled Rule of Life

Focus Scripture

Grace does not simply save us from something—it saves us for something.

Reflection

Throughout our Well-Ordered Life journey, we learned that spiritual growth does not happen by accident.

Paul teaches that grace trains us. Grace forms us. Grace renews us. Grace prepares us for good works.

A healthy Rule of Life is not legalism. It is intentional discipleship.

Consider your RPMS health today:

Relational: Am I extending grace to others?

Physical: Am I stewarding my body as a gift from God?

Mental: Am I allowing God's truth to shape my thoughts?

Spiritual: Am I creating rhythms that help me abide in Christ?

Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning.

We do not practice spiritual disciplines to gain God's love. We practice them because we already have His love.

As we continue our Year of Ascent, let grace become the fuel that drives your growth.

Application

- Evaluate your RPMS health.
- Strengthen one spiritual habit this week.
- Create space for prayer and Scripture.
- Ask God where He wants you to grow.

Prayer

Lord, help me build a life shaped by grace.

Challenge

Choose one daily spiritual rhythm to practice consistently for the next seven days.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for Your grace that saves, trains, and renews me. Help me order my life around Jesus so that I may become fruitful, faithful, and ready for every good work. In Jesus' name, Amen.

June 28: Ready When God Calls

Focus Scripture

Let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful. — Titus 3:14

Reflection

A fire station does not exist for the moments when nothing is happening. It exists for the moment when everything happens. Firefighters spend countless hours training, preparing, maintaining equipment, and practicing skills so that when the alarm sounds, they are ready. Paul paints a similar picture for the church.

God is preparing His people.

The purpose of discipleship is not information. The purpose is readiness.

Every prayer, every Bible study, every act of obedience, every City Group gathering, every act of service is preparing us for the moment God calls.

Many people spend their lives asking God for a bigger assignment while neglecting today's preparation.

But God often prepares us privately before He uses us publicly.

This entire Year of Ascent has been about preparation. Everyday Missionary taught us to live on mission. Well-Ordered Life taught us to remove distractions. Becoming taught us to become like Jesus. Titus teaches us to become a people ready for anything.

The question today is simple: If God opened a door tomorrow, would you be ready to walk through it?

Application

- Ask God where He is preparing you.
- Be faithful in small assignments.
- Develop habits that strengthen your faith.
- Remain available to God's leading.

Prayer

Lord, prepare me for whatever You have planned.

Challenge

Ask God this question: "What are You preparing me for right now?" Write down what comes to mind.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You that You are always at work in my life. Help me trust Your preparation process and remain faithful in every season. Make me ready for whatever You call me to do. Amen.

Sermon 4 - A Beautiful Church is a People Ready for Anything
A Beautiful Church is Ready when God Calls

Titus 3:8-15

Sermon 4 - Notes

City Group Guide – Week 4: Ready for Anything

A Beautiful Church is Ready When God Calls

1. Welcome & Check-In

2. Opening Prayer

3. Scripture Reading: Titus 3:8-15

4. Observation & Reflection

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about people?

Is there a sin to avoid, a command to obey, a promise to claim, or an example to follow?

5. Personal Obedience – Application & Mission

“Because this text, this week I will _____ as an act of obedience to Jesus.”

6. Reinforcement Scriptures

Use these during the week for prayer or reflection:

Ephesians 2:8-10

7. Closing Prayer & Requests

June 29: Devoted People Change the World

Focus Scripture

Those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works.
— Titus 3:8

Reflection

Nobody has to remind you to do what you're devoted to.

We make time for what matters. We invest in what matters. We sacrifice for what matters.

Paul challenges believers to devote themselves to good works. Notice he does not say occasionally participate or help when it's convenient. He says devote yourself.

Devotion begins with love.

When Jesus captures our hearts, serving Him becomes less about obligation and more about desire.

The greatest threat to many Christians is not persecution. It is distraction.

We become distracted by comfort, entertainment, busyness, and self-interest. Yet devotion overcomes distraction every time.

The most impactful believers are not always the most talented. They are often the most devoted.

God uses people who consistently show up, faithfully obey, and continually say yes to Him.

Application

- Evaluate what currently receives your greatest devotion.
- Remove one distraction that hinders your walk with Christ.
- Spend focused time with Jesus today.
- Look for an opportunity to serve.

Prayer

Jesus, deepen my devotion to You.

Challenge

Fast from one distraction today and use that time for prayer or Scripture reading.

Closing Prayer

Father, help me love You above everything else. Capture my heart so completely that my life reflects wholehearted devotion to Christ. Amen.

June 30: Better Together

Focus Scripture

Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. — Titus 3:13

Reflection

Paul ends Titus by talking about people.

Travel plans. Ministry partners. Friends. Coworkers. Missionaries.

At first glance, these verses seem ordinary. Yet they reveal something powerful: God's Kingdom moves forward through partnership.

No one can do everything.

No pastor can reach everyone.

No church can meet every need.

No believer can fulfill the mission alone.

God designed His Church to function as a family.

Some preach. Some serve. Some lead. Some pray. Some give. Some encourage. Some disciple. Some welcome. Some build.

Every role matters. Every contribution matters.

Partnership is one of God's favorite strategies.

The Gospel advances when God's people work together.

Application

- Thank someone who serves faithfully.
- Pray for your church leaders.
- Find one way to contribute this week.
- Ask God how He wants to use your gifts.

Prayer

Lord, help me embrace my role in Your mission.

Challenge

Encourage a volunteer, ministry leader, or City Group leader this week.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for placing me in Your family. Help me work alongside others with humility and joy as we advance Your Kingdom together. Amen.

July 1: From Consumer to Contributor

Focus Scripture

See that they lack nothing. — Titus 3:13

Reflection

One of the greatest shifts in spiritual maturity happens when we stop asking, "What can the church do for me?" and start asking, "How can I help advance God's mission?"

Paul encouraged the church to support ministry partners and meet practical needs. Why? Because partnership fuels mission.

Consumer Christianity asks, "What am I getting?"

Kingdom Christianity asks, "What can I give?"

The Gospel changes our perspective.

We stop viewing church as a service provider and begin seeing it as a mission we are privileged to join.

Whether through generosity, serving, praying, discipling, encouraging, or inviting others, every believer has something valuable to contribute.

God has uniquely gifted you for His purposes.

The question is not whether you have something to offer.

The question is whether you're willing to offer it.

Application

- Identify your gifts and strengths.
- Find one way to contribute this week.
- Pray about your generosity.
- Ask God how you can help carry the mission forward.

Prayer

Jesus, help me become a contributor in Your Kingdom.

Challenge

Serve someone in a practical way without being asked.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for inviting me into Your work. Help me move beyond comfort and become an active participant in Your mission. Amen.

July 2: Fruitfulness Over Success

Focus Scripture

And not be unfruitful. — Titus 3:14

Reflection

The world measures success by fame, money, influence, and achievement.

God measures something different.

Fruitfulness.

Paul expects believers to bear fruit. Not because fruit earns salvation, but because healthy disciples naturally produce it.

Fruitfulness looks like:

People coming to Christ.

Marriages being restored.

Children learning to follow Jesus.

Addictions being broken.

Disciples making disciples.

Lives being transformed.

The goal of the Christian life is not simply attendance.

The goal is transformation.

God has not called us to be famous. He has called us to be faithful.

And faithful people eventually become fruitful people.

Application

- Evaluate your spiritual fruit.
- Focus on faithfulness rather than results.
- Pray for people far from God.
- Invest in someone else's growth.

Prayer

Lord, make my life fruitful for Your Kingdom.

Challenge

Write down three ways you have seen spiritual fruit in your life over the past year.

Closing Prayer

Father, help me remain faithful in every season. Produce fruit through my life that brings glory to Jesus and blessing to others. Amen.

July 3: Here I Am, Send Me

Focus Scripture

A church devoted to Christ, partnered in mission, expecting fruitfulness, will become a church ready for anything.

Reflection

One of the most powerful prayers in Scripture is Isaiah's response to God's call:

"Here I am. Send me."

God is not looking for perfect people.

He is looking for willing people.

Throughout Titus, Paul has described a church that is healthy, mature, fruitful, and prepared. A church ready when God moves. A church ready when God opens a door. A church ready when God calls.

That is the kind of church we want to become.

That is the kind of disciple God is forming.

As Everyday Missionaries, our posture should be one of continual availability.

Wherever You lead.

Whatever it costs.

Whoever You send me to.

Use me.

The greatest adventures of faith begin with simple surrender.

Application

- Surrender your plans to God.
- Ask Him where He wants to use you.
- Be available for divine interruptions.
- Trust His leading.

Prayer

Lord, here I am. Send me.

Challenge

Ask God for one opportunity to share His love with someone today.

Closing Prayer

Father, I surrender my life to You again today. Use me however You desire. Open my eyes to opportunities to join You in Your mission. Amen.

July 4: Ready in Every Area

Focus Scripture

Be ready for every good work. — Titus 3:1

Reflection

As we conclude the Titus journey, Paul leaves us with a challenge: be ready.

Readiness is not accidental.

Readiness is the result of preparation.

A healthy church is made up of healthy disciples. Healthy disciples intentionally steward every area of life.

This is why RPMS matters.

Relational: Are my relationships healthy enough to support God's mission?

Physical: Am I caring for my body so I have strength to serve?

Mental: Am I renewing my mind with truth?

Spiritual: Am I abiding in Christ daily?

When one area becomes neglected, readiness suffers.

God wants us prepared—not perfect, but prepared.

Prepared to serve.

Prepared to give.

Prepared to disciple.

Prepared to respond when He calls.

As we continue our Year of Ascent, remember: preparation is never the destination.

Preparation is for participation.

Application

- Evaluate your RPMS health honestly.
- Celebrate areas of growth.
- Identify one area needing attention.
- Create a plan for the next 30 days.

Prayer

Jesus, make me ready for every good work.

Challenge

Give yourself an RPMS score (1–10) in each category and set one goal for improvement this month.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for all You have taught me through Titus. Continue shaping me into a healthy disciple who is ready for Your mission. Strengthen every area of my life so that I may faithfully follow Jesus wherever He leads. In His name, Amen.

July 5: Making the Gospel Beautiful

Focus Scripture

So that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. — Titus 2:10

Reflection

Over the past month, we have walked through Paul's letter to Titus.

We have learned that a beautiful church is built by healthy disciples. We have learned that the Gospel changes how we live, love, work, speak, and serve. We have learned that grace transforms us. We have learned that God is preparing His people to be ready for anything.

Now we arrive at the heart of the series:

Making the Gospel Beautiful.

The Gospel is already beautiful.

Jesus is already beautiful.

But our lives either help people see that beauty or obscure it.

When we live with integrity, we make the Gospel visible.

When we serve sacrificially, we make the Gospel visible.

When we extend grace, we make the Gospel visible.

When we live as Everyday Missionaries, we make the Gospel visible.

This is our calling.

Not perfection.

Faithfulness.

Not performance.

Surrender.

Not building our kingdom.

Advancing His Kingdom.

May we become a people who make the beauty of Jesus impossible to ignore.

Application

- Reflect on what God has taught you through Titus.
- Commit to one next step in your discipleship journey.
- Pray for opportunities to represent Jesus well.
- Share the Gospel with someone this month.

Prayer

Jesus, let my life reflect Your beauty.

Challenge

Write down three specific commitments you will carry forward from the Titus series.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank You for Your grace that saves, transforms, and sends us. Help us become a beautiful church filled with healthy disciples who make the Gospel visible to our city and beyond. May our lives point people to Jesus until all have heard. In His mighty name, Amen.