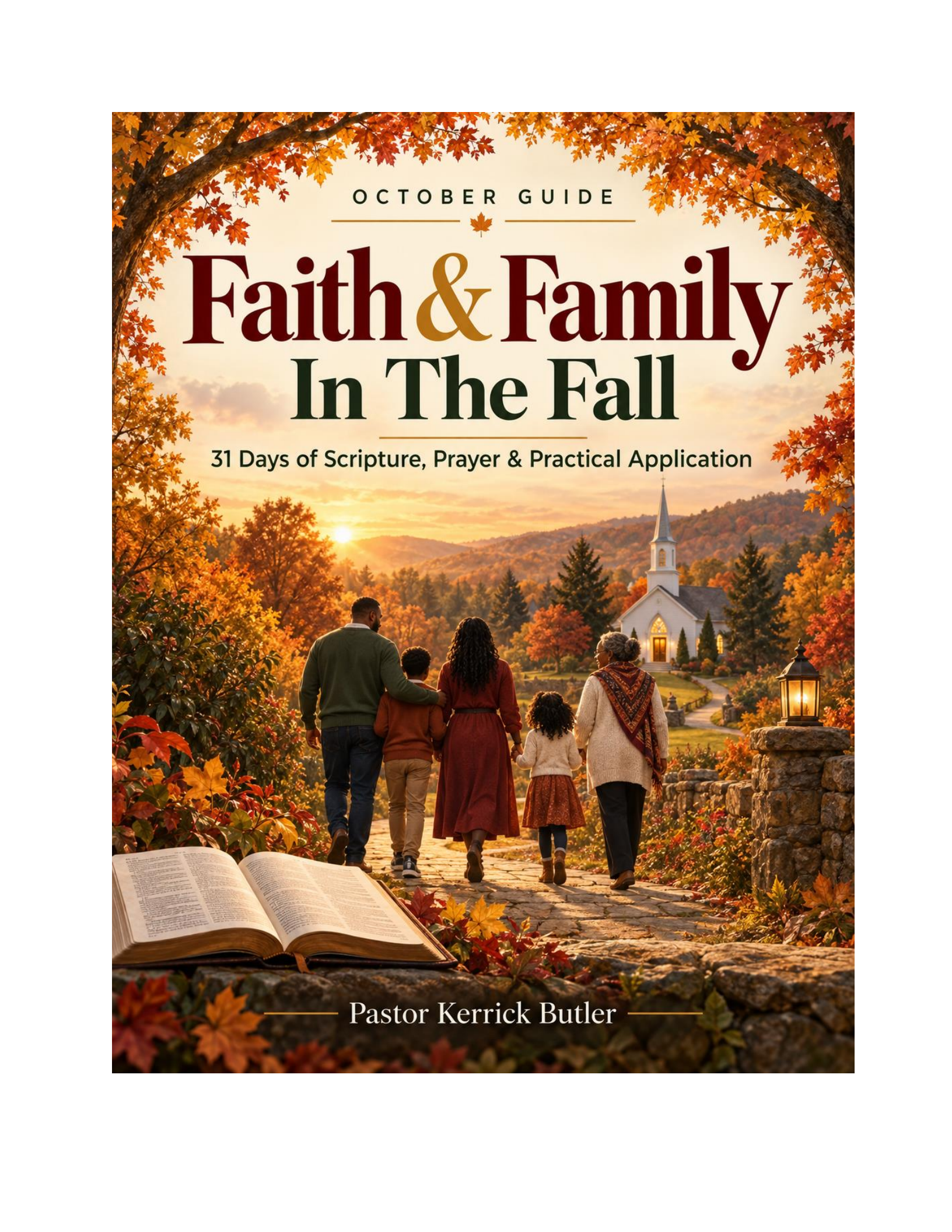




OCTOBER GUIDE

Faith & Family In The Fall

31 Days of Scripture, Prayer & Practical Application

Pastor Kerrick Butler

Dear Faith Family,

October is going to be an amazing month at Faith! As we continue **Faith & Family In The Fall**, I am excited about what God will do in our lives, our homes, and our relationships as we put His Word into practice.

Life can sometimes feel like a circus. Between work, family, responsibilities, and unexpected challenges, there always seems to be something else to juggle. But God has wisdom for every area of your life. As we allow Jesus to lead us, we can grow in faith, walk in peace, and build our homes on the foundation of His Word.

That is what this month's Guide is designed to help you do. Throughout these 31 days, we will explore seeing ourselves as God sees us, honoring one another, developing our faith, following the Holy Spirit, and discovering God's vision for our lives. Whether you are single or married, raising children or living alone, there is something here for you.

Make time to read through this Guide every day. Read the Scriptures, consider the reflection questions, and take the practical steps. Write down what the Holy Spirit brings to your attention. Talk about what you are learning with your family or a friend. Give the Word room to shape your conversations, your decisions, and your response to challenges. Faith is a way of life!

I also want you to be a part of what is happening at Faith throughout October. Make our **Sunday Faith Experiences** a priority as we continue Faith & Family In The Fall. Stream **Faith in the Morning every weekday**, and join us for **Online Bible Study** on Wednesdays. We grow stronger as we spend time in God's Word and walk together as a Faith Family. We need each other, and we are better together!

This month, we also have a simple opportunity to put our faith into action and care for families in our community. **Bring one container of laundry detergent to church during October to help replenish a local food pantry's stock.**

Something as practical as helping a family wash their clothes is an opportunity to share God's love. Together we can make a meaningful difference if everyone participates.

And as you make plans to attend church, **invite someone to come with you!** Think about a friend, relative, neighbor, or coworker who could use encouragement and a church family. Pray for them, extend a personal invitation, and offer to sit with

them. Keep inviting throughout the month. Your invitation could be the beginning of something wonderful in someone's life.

I am believing for stronger families, healthier relationships, growing faith, and lives changed by the love and power of God this October. Let's make room in our schedules to grow, in our hearts to serve, and at church beside us for someone new.

Something good is going to happen to you!

In His Love,

Pastor Kerrick Butler

The Family Circus

Day 1: Who Is Your Ringmaster?

Reading: Colossians 3:15-17 -- Paul instructs believers to let the peace of Christ rule in their hearts, to let his word dwell richly among them, and to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus with gratitude.

Devotional: Life rarely slows down. Work, family, finances, relationships, and responsibilities all compete for your attention at once. Like a circus with multiple rings, something is always happening. But a circus without a ringmaster is chaos. The same is true of your life. When Jesus is truly Lord, that word means supreme in authority. That means you yield to what He says, not just in words on Sunday, but in the daily decisions you make. Examine today where you are truly allowing His word to direct you, and where you have quietly taken back control.

Reflection: In which area of your life have you been acting as your own ringmaster instead of yielding to Christ?

Application: Identify one decision you are currently facing. Before acting, spend five minutes reading a relevant passage of Scripture and asking the Holy Spirit to Guide your response.

Stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional and share it with a friend!

Day 2: The Call to Holiness

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 -- Paul urges believers to live in a way that pleases God, to pursue holiness, to control their own bodies with honor, and to avoid sexual immorality, warning that God takes these matters seriously.

Devotional: Holiness is not a popular word in modern culture, but it remains God's clear standard for His people. We are called to live holy. To live holy simply means to live set apart. It is a way of living that is different than the way the world lives.

The apostle Paul did not write to the Thessalonians because they were failing completely. He wrote because they were already doing well, and he wanted them to do even better. That is the nature of growth in God. You are not condemned for where you are, but you are called higher. Sexual immorality, impurity, and compromise do not only affect you. They carry consequences that can echo into generations that follow. Holiness, on the other hand, carries generational blessings. Choose today what your legacy will be.

Reflection: Are there areas of your personal life where you have been making excuses rather than pursuing holiness?

Application: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal one area where compromise has crept in. Confess it honestly before God, agree with him that it is wrong, and receive his forgiveness as promised in 1 John 1:9.

Stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional and share it with a friend or loved one. Make plans to join us this Sunday at Faith as Pastor Kerrick continues our Faith & Family in the Fall series.

Day 3: Honor as a Foundation

Reading: 1 Peter 2:17 and 1 Peter 3:1-7 -- Peter calls believers to honor everyone, love fellow believers, and fear God. He then applies this principle of honor specifically within the marriage relationship, calling wives and husbands to live together with mutual respect and dignity.

Devotional: Before Scripture ever addresses submission in the home, it establishes honor as the foundation. Honor is not reserved for those who have earned it. It is a posture you carry as a person who belongs to God. The way you speak about your employer at the dinner table, the way you respond to leaders you disagree with, the tone you use when correcting your children -- all of these teach the people around you what honor looks like in practice. You cannot expect those in your home to honor you if they have never seen you model it. Honor flows from the inside out. We are called to be people of honor.

Reflection: What do the people closest to you learn about honor by watching how you live?

Application: Choose one relationship this week where you will intentionally practice honor, even if the other person has not made it easy. Let your conduct speak before your words do.

Day 4: Living in the Light

Reading: Ephesians 5:1-17 -- Paul calls believers to imitate God, walk in love, flee from sexual immorality and greed, expose the deeds of darkness by living in the light, and walk wisely, making the most of every opportunity.

Devotional: Paul's instruction to live as children of light is not simply about avoiding wrong behavior. It is about becoming someone whose very presence exposes what is false and illuminates what is true. That kind of life requires intentionality. It means carefully determining what pleases the Lord rather than drifting along with whatever the culture presents. It means turning off what feeds darkness and turning toward what feeds your spirit. You will not drift into

a life that pleases God. You will choose it, repeatedly, in small decisions that accumulate into a life of genuine light. Walk carefully. Walk wisely. The days demand it.

Reflection: What sources of input in your daily life are feeding darkness rather than light, and what would it look like to replace them?

Application: Conduct a brief audit of your media consumption this week. Identify one thing to remove and one spiritually nourishing practice to add in its place.

We are looking forward to worshipping with you at Faith today! It's going to be an amazing Faith Experience!

Day 5: Living Worthy of the Call

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 -- Paul prays that believers would live lives worthy of God's calling and that God would enable them to fulfill every good purpose and act of faith, so that the name of Jesus would be glorified in them.

Devotional: God has not only saved you. He has called you. There is a specific purpose assigned to your life and to your family that no one else can fulfill in quite the same way. Living worthy of that call does not mean living perfectly. It means consistently positioning your life toward what God has asked of you, guided by His Word, empowered by His Spirit, and rooted in the community of faith. Your faith will prompt you toward things that may seem too large for your current circumstances. That prompting is not accidental. It is the voice of a God who has already prepared the way. Take the next step.

Reflection: What has your faith been prompting you to do that you have not yet acted on?

Application: Write down what you believe God has called your family or household to contribute to His Kingdom. Pray over it daily this week and share it with one trusted believer who can hold you accountable to pursue it.

It's going to be a great week for you! Stream today's Faith in the Morning and share it with your family, friends, and loved ones.

Takeaways

- Jesus as Lord means supreme authority, not just a title we claim. Yielding to His Word is what makes Him the actual ringmaster of our lives.
- Holiness is not optional or outdated. It is God's expressed will for every believer, and it carries generational consequence or blessings).

- Honor is the foundation of every healthy relationship, whether in the home, the church, or the broader community. Submission cannot function where honor is absent.
- Families are called by God. Knowing what your family exists to do gives you a framework for every decision you make.
- Moving from crisis to consistency requires intentional application of God's principles, not just crisis management.

Scripture References for Personal Review

- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 -- Paul urges believers to live in a way that pleases God, pursue holiness, and mind their own affairs.
- Ephesians 5:1-21 -- Paul calls believers to imitate God, walk in love, avoid sexual immorality, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Peter 3:1-7 -- Peter addresses honor, mutual respect, and the relationship between husbands and wives.
- Galatians 6:7-8 -- A reminder that whatever a person sows, they will also reap.
- 2 Thessalonians 1 -- Paul's prayer that believers would live worthy of their calling and do all that faith prompts them to do.

Reflection Questions

1. When you think about your daily life, what are the top three or four things competing for your attention at any given time? What does your personal circus look like?
2. If someone followed you around for a week without you knowing, what would they say is actually in charge of your life based on what they observed?
3. Before Paul and Peter ever addressed submission in marriage, they established the principle of honor toward everyone. Why do you think honor has to come first? What happens in a home or a church when honor is missing?
4. In teaching on relationships, Pastor Kerrick said, "You can love and honor everyone, but it does not mean you have to tell everyone your business." How do you balance being open and relational with setting healthy boundaries? Where do you struggle most with this?

Faith & Family in the Fall Applications

Choose at least one of the following to commit to doing this month.

For Everyone

- Spend 15 minutes this week writing down what you believe God has called your household to do, even if you live alone. Pray over what you write and bring it back to share with the group next week.
- Audit your media consumption for one week. Note how much time you spend on news, social media, or entertainment compared to time in the Word or prayer. Be honest with yourself about what is shaping your thinking most.
- Identify one area where you have been making excuses rather than agreeing with God that something is wrong. Ask God to forgive you and receive His forgiveness.

For Married Couples

- Before this week is over, have a conversation with your spouse about honor. Ask each other: "Do I make you feel honored in our home? Is there something specific I can do differently?" Listen without defending yourself.
- Review the way you talk about authority figures, your boss, elected officials, law enforcement, in front of your children. Make one concrete adjustment this week.

For Parents

- Think about the last time you disciplined your children. Was it from a place of love and honor or from a place of frustration and anger? If it was the latter, consider having a follow-up conversation with your child this week.
- Identify one habit or attitude you are passing down to your children that you received from your own upbringing but know is not healthy. Name it, bring it to God, and ask Him to help you break the pattern.

For Singles

- If you are in a relationship that is not honoring God, do not wait for a perfect wedding to make it right. Take one step this week toward getting counsel, having an honest conversation, or making a decision that aligns with what you know the Word says.

Seeing Yourself as God Sees You

Day 6: The Mirror That Does Not Lie

Reading: Romans 12:3 -- Paul urges believers not to think of themselves more highly than they ought, but to think with sober, accurate judgment according to the measure of faith God has given each person.

Devotional: Every day you encounter mirrors that distort your image — past failures, wounds from others, cultural messages, and old shame. These funhouse mirrors warp the way you see yourself and, in turn, the way you live. But God has given you a mirror that never distorts: His Word. It does not flatter you, nor does it diminish you. It tells the truth. You are worth the sacrifice of His Son. You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Begin today by choosing to believe what God says about you over everything else you have been told.

Reflection: What false image of yourself have you been carrying? Write down one truth from Scripture that directly contradicts it.

Practical Application: Identify one negative statement you regularly say about yourself and replace it with a specific biblical declaration. Speak it aloud every morning this week.

Today's Faith in the Morning Devotional is one you need to hear. Stream it and then share it with others.

Day 7: Humility Is Not Self-Hatred

Reading: 1 Peter 5:5-7 -- Peter calls believers to clothe themselves in humility toward one another, reminding them that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble, and that they can cast every anxiety on Him because He cares for them.

Devotional: Many people confuse humility with self-deprecation, believing that speaking poorly about themselves is a sign of spiritual maturity. But biblical humility is not self-hatred — it is accuracy. It means agreeing with what God says about you, no more and no less. When you call yourself unworthy of what God has freely given, you are not being humble; you are contradicting the finished work of Jesus. True humility positions you to receive grace, to cast your burdens on God, and to walk protected from the enemy. Pride in any form — arrogance or false lowliness — leaves you exposed.

Reflection: In what ways have you mistaken false humility for genuine godliness? How has that affected your ability to receive from God?

Practical Application: The next time you feel the urge to deflect a blessing or declare yourself unworthy of God's goodness, pause and instead thank God for His grace.

Stream today's Faith in the Morning podcast and make plans to join us tonight for our Online Bible Study at 7pm EST. Pastor Kerrick will be answering submitted questions and teaching on Faith 101. See you there!

Day 8: Meekness Is Not Weakness

Reading: Matthew 11:29 -- Jesus describes Himself as humble and gentle in heart, inviting those who are weary to take His yoke upon them and find rest.

Devotional: Meekness is one of the most misunderstood qualities in the Christian life. The world reads it as passivity or weakness. But the biblical word for meekness was used to describe the taming of wild and powerful animals — strength brought under wise authority. When Jesus called Himself meek, He was not describing a timid personality. He was describing a fierce will fully surrendered to the Father. Meekness means you feel deeply, desire strongly, and still choose to bring every emotion and impulse into alignment with the Word of God. That is not weakness. That is extraordinary strength.

Reflection: Where in your life are your emotions or desires leading you rather than the Word of God leading you?

Practical Application: When a strong emotion arises today — frustration, fear, or temptation — pause before reacting and ask: what does the Word of God say about this situation?

Don't forget to stream today's Faith in the Morning and share it with others!

Day 9: Casting Your Cares, Not Carrying Them

Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-7 -- Peter connects humbling yourself under God's mighty hand with the active decision to cast all your anxiety on Him, grounded in the certainty that He genuinely cares for you.

Devotional: Carrying your burdens can feel like penance — as though suffering under the weight of your mistakes proves you take them seriously. But God never asked you to carry what He already bore. When you refuse to cast your cares on Him, you are not being responsible; you are being proud, trusting your own ability to manage what only He can resolve. The Psalms show us a better way. David brought his anger, his fear, and his grief into God's presence and processed them honestly. By the end of each Psalm, he had found his footing again. God's presence is where you process your pain. It's not the place where you pretend it does not exist.

Reflection: What burden are you still carrying that you have not fully surrendered to God? What is making it difficult to let go?

Practical Application: Write down the specific worry or fear that weighs on you most. Then, in prayer, deliberately hand it to God. Return to that written note whenever you feel the urge to pick it back up.

It's Friday! Remember, to stream Faith in the Morning and share it with others. Make plans to join us this Sunday as Pastor Kerrick continues our Faith & Family in the Fall series.

Day 10: Walking Into the Future God Has for You

Reading: Numbers 13:30 -- Caleb quiets the fearful crowd and declares with confidence that the people are fully capable of taking the land God has promised them.

Devotional: Ten spies looked at the promised land and saw giants. Two spies looked at the same land and saw a promise waiting to be claimed. The difference was not the land. It was not the giants. The difference was how each group saw themselves. The ten said they were like grasshoppers. Caleb and Joshua said they were more than able. Decades later, Caleb stood just as strong as the day he first believed, still walking into everything God had spoken over him. How you see yourself today determines how much of God's promised future you will actually enter. See yourself accurately. See yourself as God sees you. Then walk forward without apology.

Reflection: What promised land in your life — a restored relationship, a healed identity, a God-given calling — have you been avoiding because of a distorted self-image?

Practical Application: Identify one area of your life where fear or a poor self-image has caused you to hold back. Take one concrete step this week toward that thing, trusting that God's word about you is more reliable than your feelings about yourself.

Key Takeaways

1. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is an ongoing, daily posture — not a one-time event. One sign of being filled is that there is a song of praise rising in your heart even in difficult circumstances.
2. Biblical humility is not thinking poorly of yourself. It is having an accurate opinion of yourself — one that agrees with what God says about you in His Word.
3. Meekness is not weakness. It is the discipline of bringing strong emotions and desires into submission to the Word of God.
4. Many believers operate from a "funhouse mirror" image of themselves — a distorted self-image shaped by past wounds, words spoken over them, and life experiences — rather than from the truth of Scripture.
5. Pride works in two directions: thinking too highly of yourself and thinking too lowly of yourself. Both resist God and leave you vulnerable to the enemy.

6. Humbling yourself under God means agreeing with what He says — about who you are, about your situation, and about your conduct.
 7. You cannot fully enjoy the life God has for you outside of a faith community. You need other believers around you.
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Reflection Questions

1. In your own life, what is the difference between seasons when you feel spiritually full versus spiritually empty? What contributed to each?
 2. What is the difference between a "praise break" and a "complain break"? Which one do you find yourself taking more often?
 3. What are some of the "funhouse mirrors" in your own life — experiences or messages that have distorted the way you see yourself?
 4. How have those distorted images affected your relationships, your finances, your parenting, or your willingness to step into what God has for you?
 5. Romans 12:3 instructs believers not to think of themselves more highly than they ought, but also not to think too lowly. Where do you tend to land on that spectrum, and why?
 6. Emotions are not a reliable standard of judgment. How do you practice bringing your emotions to the Word rather than letting your emotions lead your decisions?
 7. What is one area of your life where meekness — bringing your will into submission to God's Word — is most needed right now?
 8. How has being part of a faith community helped you see yourself more accurately or walk through a difficult season?
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Faith & Family In The Fall Applications

Choose one or more of the following to practice over the next week.

1. **Scripture Mirror Exercise.** Each day this week, find one verse that describes who you are in Christ. Write it down and speak it out loud.

2. **Identify Your Funhouse Mirrors.** Take time in prayer to ask God to reveal one distorted belief you have about yourself that does not line up with His Word. Bring it to Him honestly, confess it, and replace it with what Scripture says.
 3. **Practice Meekness in One Specific Area.** Identify one emotion, desire, or recurring thought pattern that you tend to act on without filtering it through the Word of God. This week, intentionally pause before acting and ask: What does God's Word say about this?
 4. **Reach Out to a Faith Family Member.** If you have been isolating yourself or carrying burdens alone, take one step toward community this week — whether that is reaching out to someone in your group, attending a church event, or seeking counsel from our pastoral team or a trusted believer.
 5. **Write Your Answer to This Question.** One day, Pastor Kerrick wrote on his white board, "Who do I want to be?" He answered: "I want to be who God saw before the foundation of the world." Write your own answer to that question and keep it somewhere visible this week.
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Key Scriptures for Further Study

- Ephesians 5:15-21 — Walking wisely and being filled with the Spirit.
 - 1 Peter 5:5-8 — Humility, submission, and vigilance against the enemy.
 - Romans 12:3 — Thinking of yourself with sober, accurate judgment.
 - Matthew 11:29 — Jesus as the model of humility and gentleness.
 - Hebrews 12:1 — The sin that so easily besets us.
 - 1 John 1:9 and 2:1 — Confession, forgiveness, and restoration.
 - Numbers 13 — The contrast between the ten spies and Joshua and Caleb.
 - James 1:22-25 — The Word of God as a mirror.
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Building Influential Faith

Day 11: Faith That Gives Hope Substance

Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6 -- The foundational description of faith as the assurance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not yet visible, and the affirmation that without faith it is impossible to please God.

Devotional: Faith is not wishful thinking. It is a force that reaches into the unseen and pulls what God has promised into your present reality. Just as Walt Disney saw his dream before a single brick was laid, you must develop an inward image of what you are believing God for before it appears outwardly. Vague hope produces vague results. Specific faith produces

specific outcomes. Ask yourself today: Can I clearly see what I am believing for? If not, spend time in the Word until that image sharpens. Your faith gives your hope substance. Without a clear picture on the inside, nothing changes on the outside.

Practical Application: Write down one specific thing you are trusting God for. Find at least one Scripture that confirms it belongs to you. Speak it aloud daily this week and begin building that inward image.

Our Imagine Conference is coming up. November 6th through 8th will be a weekend where Pastor Kerrick leads us in targeted prayer, applicable teaching, and hope-filled experiences so that we can prayerfully set goals for 2027 and exceed the goals in the coming year.

We look forward to worshipping with you at today's Experience! See you soon!

Day 12: Faith Grows by Hearing the Word Continually

Reading: Romans 10:17; Hebrews 2:1 -- The teaching that faith is produced by continually hearing the Word of God, and the warning that what has been received can drift away if not guarded.

Devotional: Faith is not a one-time deposit. It is a living, active force that must be continually renewed. Romans 10:17 does not say faith came by what you heard years ago. It says faith comes -- present tense, ongoing -- by hearing. Like a phone that loses its charge when left unplugged, faith that is not consistently fed by the Word will weaken over time. The world around you is loud and relentless. If you are going to live supernaturally in a natural world, you cannot afford to be casual about your intake of the Word. Daily hearing is not optional. It is the fuel your faith runs on. Faith is not just a Sunday thing. It is a way of life.

Practical Application: Commit to reading or listening to the Word every single day this week, not just on Sunday. Stick with this Guide and share it with others.

Don't forget to stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional and share it with someone else.

Day 13: Speaking to Your Mountain With a Praying Heart

Reading: Mark 11:20-24 -- Jesus instructs His disciples that whoever speaks to a mountain without doubting in their heart, and believes that what they say will come to pass, will have it; and that whatever they ask in prayer, believing they receive it, they will have it.

Devotional: Jesus spoke to a fig tree, and within twenty-four hours the results were visible from the roots up. He did not speak randomly. He spoke what He heard the Father say, because He lived in constant communion with God. This is the pattern for your faith declarations. Before you decree and declare, you must first spend time in prayer and listen. Your words of faith are most powerful when they flow from a relationship with God, not from a formula. Faith goes to the root of a situation, not just the surface. Do not be discouraged when results take time. Your faith is working beneath what you can see.

Practical Application: Identify one situation in your life that feels like an immovable mountain. Before speaking to it, spend intentional time in prayer first. Then, from that place of relationship, speak words of faith over it and write down what you sense God is directing you to say and do next.

This is going to be a great day for you! Stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional and share it with family, friends, and loved ones.

Day 14: Forgiveness Unlocks the Full Force of Faith

Reading: Mark 11:25-26; Matthew 18:21-35 -- The command to forgive anyone you hold something against when you stand praying, so that your heavenly Father may also forgive you, and the parable illustrating the severe consequences of refusing to extend forgiveness to others.

Devotional: Unforgiveness is one of the most overlooked barriers to effective faith. You can pray the right words, confess the right scriptures, and follow the right steps, yet still find your faith producing little fruit because bitterness has blocked the flow. Forgiveness is not a feeling. It is a decision. It does not mean you condone what was done or that the offense did not matter. It means you refuse to allow another person's wrong to cost you your miracle. Whether you are forgiving a person who wronged you decades ago or forgiving yourself for past failures, the release of forgiveness is an act of faith in itself.

Practical Application: Take a quiet moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anyone you have not fully forgiven, including yourself. Make a deliberate, spoken decision to forgive them. If resentment resurfaces, repeat the decision. Forgiveness is often a process, not a single moment, but the decision must come first. Say this as you start your day, "I forgive everybody of everything."

Day 15: Faith That Listens and Then Acts

Reading: James 2:17-26; John 10:27 -- The declaration that faith without corresponding action is dead, illustrated through the examples of Abraham and Rahab, and Jesus describing His sheep as those who hear His voice and follow Him.

Devotional: Prayer is not complete until you have taken time to listen. Many believers pray with faith, believe they receive, and then rush away without pausing to hear what God is directing them to do next. The miracle is often found in the listening and the doing. God may instruct you to sow a seed, serve someone in need, make a phone call, or take a practical step that seems unrelated to your request. Obedience is the bridge between your prayer and your answer. Faith that does not move is not fully alive. When God speaks, act on what He says, even if it seems small, even if it seems strange. Faith is not designed to operate apart from the leading of the Spirit. Allow Him to lead you today.

Practical Application: After your prayer time today, sit in silence for at least five minutes and listen. Write down anything you sense the Holy Spirit is prompting you to do. Then do it. Faith in motion is faith that produces results.

Stream today's Faith In the Morning Devotional and share it with a person that God places on your heart.

Living Set Apart: Walking Wisely in a Distracted World

Day 16: The Call to Walk Intentionally

Reading: Ephesians 5:15-18 -- Paul urges believers to live with intentionality and wisdom, making the most of every opportunity rather than wasting the days God has given.

Devotional: Have you ever seen a juggler at a circus? It's amazing what they can keep in the air. Have you ever felt like a juggler? Struggling to keep things from dropping? Life is filled with

competing demands, distractions, and noise. Yet God calls His people to walk with purpose, not simply drifting through their days.

God wants us to operate by His wisdom. Wisdom shows you what to “keep in the air” and what can be set aside. God’s wisdom helps you live intentionally. Wisdom is not accidental — it is cultivated through deliberate choices about what you allow into your mind, your home, and your heart.

Ask yourself today: are you living intentionally, or are you simply reacting to whatever the world places in front of you? The Holy Spirit is available to guide every decision. Surrender your day to His leadership and watch how clarity replaces confusion.

Reflection Question: What one area of your daily life needs more intentionality and less reaction?

Practical Application: Before checking your phone or social media today, spend five minutes praying in the Spirit.

Don’t forget to stream today’s Faith in the Morning Devotional. We’re looking forward to worshipping with you this Sunday as Pastor Kerrick continues Faith and Family In The Fall.

Day 17: Sober-Minded and Alert

Reading: Luke 21:34-36 -- Jesus warns His followers not to allow their hearts to become weighed down by overindulgence, drunkenness, and the anxieties of daily life, lest they be caught unprepared.

Devotional: Intoxication takes many forms. While some are enslaved to substances, others are held captive by worry, anxiety, and fear — and Jesus treats them with equal seriousness. When anxiety dominates your thinking, it dulls your spiritual perception just as surely as any drug. You begin making decisions driven by fear rather than faith, picking up burdens that were never yours to carry. Philippians 4:6-7 reminds believers to bring every concern to God through prayer so that His peace, which surpasses understanding, can stand guard over the mind and heart. Drugs tear apart families and relationships, but guess what? So does worry, fear and anxiety.

Reflection Question: Are there anxious thoughts you have been holding onto that belong on the altar before God?

Practical Application: Write down three worries currently occupying your mind. Pray over each one specifically, releasing them to God and declaring His faithfulness over each situation. When the worry tries to come back, be skillful with your thought life by answering, “I gave that to

Jesus. I refuse to worry about it anymore. I cast my cares upon Him and He takes care of me in grand style.”

Day 18: The Danger of Moral Compromise

Reading: Proverbs 5:1-23 -- The writer of Proverbs warns against the seductive pull of sexual immorality, describing how it promises pleasure but delivers destruction, robbing a person of honor, wealth, and health.

Devotional: Sexual immorality is uniquely dangerous because it is intoxicating — it impairs judgment, distorts perception, and causes people to make decisions they would never make with a clear mind. As 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 teaches, the body belongs to God and is the temple of the Holy Spirit. This is not a matter of legalism but of understanding your worth. You were purchased at an extraordinary price. To settle for immorality is to treat something of immeasurable value as though it were disposable. God's standard is not designed to restrict your joy — it is designed to protect it.

Reflection Question: Are there relationships, habits, or digital content in your life that are slowly pulling you toward moral compromise?

Practical Application: Conduct an honest audit of what you are watching, following, and consuming online. Remove anything that does not honor God or align with the person He has called you to be.

We're looking forward to worshipping with you today. It's going to be a great Faith Experience! See you soon!

Day 19: You Are Worth More

Reading: Romans 12:1-2 -- Paul urges believers to present their bodies as living sacrifices to God, refusing to be shaped by the patterns of the world and instead being transformed through the renewing of the mind.

Devotional: A living sacrifice is one that remains on the altar — not offered on Sunday and retrieved by Monday. Holiness is not a Sunday performance; it is a daily posture of surrender. The world will constantly attempt to define your value by your productivity, your appearance, your relationships, or your bank account. But your worth was established at the cross. No

employer, no relationship, and no achievement can assign you a value higher than what the blood of Jesus has already declared. When you understand your true worth, you stop settling for what falls short of God's best. As you go throughout the week, remember you are a living sacrifice and your faith is not for Sunday only. Have a miraculous Monday!

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life have you been settling for less than what God has called you to?

Practical Application: Memorize or meditate on 1 Peter 2:9, which describes believers as chosen, royal, and set apart. Speak this truth over yourself each morning this week.

As you start your Monday, stream Faith in the Morning. After you finish the Devotional, share it on social media and with a friend God places on your heart.

Day 20: Be Filled With the Spirit

Reading: Ephesians 5:18-21 -- Paul contrasts the destructive influence of drunkenness with the life-giving fullness of the Holy Spirit, describing a Spirit-filled life as one marked by worship, gratitude, and mutual submission.

Devotional: Before the Apostle Paul addressed family life and relationships, he wrote about the importance of being filled with the Spirit. Being filled with the Spirit helps you have healthy and love filled relationships. The antidote to every form of spiritual intoxication — whether substances, worry, or immorality — is being filled with the Holy Spirit. He is not a distant force but a present Guide who teaches, corrects, comforts, and empowers. John 16:13 reminds us that He leads believers into all truth. The question is not whether the Holy Spirit is available — He is. The question is whether you have created a life where He is welcome to rest and move. A life of worship, gratitude, and surrender is a life that becomes a landing place for His presence, and that presence changes everything around you.

Reflection Question: What practical changes can you make this week to create more space for the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

Practical Application: Set aside fifteen minutes each day this week for worship — not petition, but pure worship. Allow gratitude and praise to fill the space that worry and distraction have previously occupied.

Don't forget to stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional and share it with your friends and co-workers.

Day 21: Faith Is Not A Sunday Thing

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:7; Proverbs 3:5-6

Devotional: Faith was never designed to be confined to a church building or a single morning each week. It is a lifestyle, woven into every decision, every conversation, and every relationship. When Scripture describes walking by faith, it uses language that speaks of an entire manner of living, not a single religious act. Ask yourself today: in which areas of your life are you leaning on your own understanding instead of trusting God? Identify one specific area and bring it before God in prayer. Surrender your logic to His wisdom. True faith means trusting Him even when your circumstances make no sense.

Practical Application: Write down one area of your life where you have been relying on your own reasoning. Pray over it daily this week and find a Scripture that directly addresses that area.

Stream today's Faith in the Morning and have an amazing day! Make plans to join us for tonight's Online Bible Study. We begin at 7pm EST. See you there!

Day 22: Prophetic Parenting and the Paths of Our Children

Reading: Proverbs 22:6; Psalm 127:3-4; Jeremiah 29:11

Devotional: Every child entrusted to a parent carries a God-ordained path. Scripture describes children as arrows, which means they are meant to be aimed with precision and purpose. But aiming an arrow well requires knowledge of the target. Parents who seek God in prayer for their children gain prophetic insight that no parenting book or cultural tradition can provide. God knows the end from the beginning of every child's life. Your role is not to impose your dreams upon your children but to discern God's dreams for them and create an environment where those dreams can take root and flourish.

Practical Application: Set aside fifteen minutes today specifically to pray for each of your children or a young person in your life. Ask God to reveal his purpose and path for them. Write down what you sense Him saying and keep it as a point of prayer.

Stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional and have a great day!

Day 23: Standing Alone in a Shifting Culture

Reading: Romans 12:2; Daniel 3:16-18; Joshua 24:15

Devotional: Culture is loud, persistent, and constantly shifting. It presses upon families, children, and communities with relentless pressure to conform. Yet Scripture consistently calls God's people to a different standard, one rooted not in what the majority thinks but in what God has declared to be true. Teaching children not to fear standing alone is one of the most powerful gifts a parent can give. When they know that God is with them wherever they go, standing apart from the crowd becomes an act of courage rather than isolation. God has people everywhere, and no one who stands with Him ever truly stands alone.

Practical Application: Have a conversation today with a child, a younger believer, or even yourself about one area where cultural pressure conflicts with biblical truth. Identify a Scripture to anchor that position and commit it to memory together.

Have an amazing day. Don't forget to stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional. Make plans to join us for this Sunday's Faith Experience!

Day 24: The Lifestyle of Trust

Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6; Hebrews 10:38; Romans 4:20-21

Devotional: Faith is not a feeling. It is a firm persuasion, a settled conviction, and a deep trust in the character of God. You cannot truly have faith in someone you do not know. The more you know God, the more you recognize His faithfulness, His consistency, and His love, and the easier it becomes to trust him when circumstances are uncertain. Abraham did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief. He was fully persuaded that what God had promised, he was also able to perform. That same fully persuaded faith is available to you today. It grows as you spend time in His Word and in His presence. No matter the situations you face today, faith in God will bring you everything you need. Just like the quote you heard Donna Shambach and I discuss during Faith in the Morning this month, "You don't have any problems, all you need is faith in God." If you missed that podcast and what inspired that quote, stream it today. It will encourage you!

Practical Application: Identify one promise from Scripture that directly applies to a situation you are currently facing. Write it out, speak it aloud each morning this week, and record any shifts you notice in your perspective or peace.

Day 25: Replenishing Your Faith

Reading: Romans 10:17; Jude 1:20; Isaiah 40:31

Devotional: Faith is not a one-time deposit. It is a living, active force that must be continually replenished. Just as a muscle weakens without exercise and a vessel leaks without being refilled, faith diminishes without consistent nourishment from the Word of God and time spent in prayer. The faith you had five years ago is not automatically the faith you carry today. God calls His people to grow, to advance from one level to the next, always pressing deeper into trust and dependence on Him. Make a daily practice of feeding your faith through Scripture, prayer, and worship so that it remains strong and active in every season of life. As you read God's Word today, your faith will grow. When you go to church today and hear the anointed Word preached and taught, your faith will grow. It is important that we develop and maintain habits that help us grow in our faith.

Practical Application: Establish or revisit a daily habit this week that feeds your faith. Choose one of the following: reading a chapter of Scripture each morning, praying in the Spirit for ten minutes, or listening to a message that builds your faith. Commit to it for the remaining days of this month and notice the difference it makes.

We are looking forward to seeing you at today's Faith Experience.

Day 26: Overflowing With Faith and Hope

Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6, 2 Thessalonians 1:3, 1 John 5:4-5, Romans 15:13

Devotional: God has a vision for your life. He's the one who put dreams in your heart. It's going to take faith to experience the fullness of God's vision and to live your dreams. Faith is a force. It gives your hope substance. When we talk about having a dream and vision for your life, we are discussing the realm of biblical hope. God wants us to be overflowing with hope and ever increasing in faith. This week we are going to dive into discovering God's vision for your life and advancing in His dream for you.

Our Imagine Conference is coming up. November 6th through 8th will be a weekend where Pastor Kerrick leads us in targeted prayer, applicable teaching, and hope-filled experiences so that we can prayerfully set goals for 2027 and exceed those goals in the coming year.

Your practical application for today is to make plans to attend this special Conference. The sessions will be Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 1pm, and Sunday at 10am.

Have an amazing Monday! Don't forget to stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional.

Day 27: Discovering God's Vision for Your Life

Reading: Proverbs 29:18; Habakkuk 2:1-3

Devotional: Vision is not optional—it's essential for living a purposeful life. Without vision, we cast off restraint and drift aimlessly. God has a specific plan for your life, and you are not an accident or mistake. You're here "for such a time as this." Vision produces self-control and helps you make wise decisions aligned with your future. When you have a clear picture of where God is leading you, you can say "no" to distractions and "yes" to divine opportunities. Today, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His vision for your life. Write it down, make it plain, and begin speaking it over yourself. Your vision is an expression of hope that will be fulfilled through faith and action.

We are entering into an amazing season here at Faith. Pastor Kerrick calls it our Days Of Thanksgiving. This Sunday, we will have an amazing Faith Fest for the entire family. The following weekend, November 6th through the 8th will be our Imagine Conference. Make plans to join us as we start November and go into our Days of Thanksgiving. Stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional and share it with a friend.

Day 28: The Power of Walking Together in Unity

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6, 15-16; Psalm 133:1-3

Devotional: God's vision for your life is too big to accomplish alone. He designed us to walk together in unity, supporting and sharpening one another. When believers dwell together in unity, God commands His blessing. This doesn't mean we'll never disagree, but it means we refuse to divide or dishonor one another. Iron sharpens iron—sometimes the people who challenge us most are actually making us better. Be patient with others, making allowance for their faults because of your love. When each part of the body does its work, the whole body grows healthy and strong. Ask yourself: Am I making every effort to walk in unity? Am I championing someone else's vision while pursuing my own?

We need each other. An acronym for team is together everyone accomplishes more. We are Team Faith. We are better together. November and the holiday season is going to be a great time for our Faith Family. We are looking forward to enjoying this season with you. Don't forget to stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional and make plans to join us for tonight's Online Bible Study at 7pm EST.

Day 29: Overcoming Hindrances and Setbacks

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-18; Romans 8:28

Devotional: Roadblocks don't mean you're off course—they mean you're on a journey worth fighting for. Paul repeatedly tried to return to Thessalonica but was hindered by Satan. Yet he didn't give up on his vision. When you encounter setbacks, don't shrink your vision or assume God has changed His mind. Instead, pivot. Never waste a challenge—learn from it and overcome. Never underestimate the power of a delay—God may be protecting you or positioning you for a supernatural connection. When you face a setback, prepare to bounce back into your comeback. Your greatest comeback story may be on the other side of your current challenge. Keep your eyes on the vision God has given you and trust His timing.

Stream today's Faith in the Morning Devotional and have an amazing day!

Day 30: The Speed of Vision is Generosity

Reading: Philippians 1:3-6; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Devotional: All seeds have to do with the future. When you sow into someone else's vision with your time, talent, and treasure, you accelerate your own. Generosity is not just about money—it's a lifestyle of looking for opportunities to bless others. Farmers don't sow for today; they sow expecting a future harvest. As a person of vision, you must be actively sowing. Find someone doing what God has called you to do and sow into them. Champion their success and celebrate their victories. As you help others fulfill their vision, God will send help for yours. Prosperity has a purpose—to be a blessing to your community and beyond. Who can you be generous to today?

The weekend is here! We are looking forward to a fun Faith Fest this Sunday. Invite another family to attend with your family. We are going to have a great time. See you there!

Day 31: You Are the Light of the World

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16; 1 Timothy 1:18

Devotional: You are not called to be an ivory tower, isolated from the world. You are the light of the world, the salt of the earth—called to make a tangible difference in your community. Remember the prophecies spoken over your life and use them to wage effective spiritual warfare. Your calling is your invitation from God, and while it may seem impossible, there is nothing impossible with God. As the Scripture says, “all things are possible to them that believe.” The impossible is the breakfast of faith champions. You are a faith champion and your faith is getting stronger everyday. God partners with you and brings people alongside you to accomplish what He's called you to do. Let your light shine before others so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Today, ask God how you can be a blessing to your neighborhood and nation. Then step out in faith and watch Him work through you.

You are the light of this world. Refuse to give into fear or timidity. God has placed you here to shine! We hope you enjoyed our October Guide. November's Guide will be available at tomorrow's Faith Experience. The November Guide will help you prepare for our Imagine Conference, get ready for the holidays, and position you to finish the year strong. See you at tomorrow's Faith Experience & Faith Fest!