

# CROSS CHURCH



MAY 9-10, 2026

## **SURRENDERING SHADOWS - PART 5: THE SHADOW OF DEVOTION**

*"It is not possible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature."*

– PETER SCAZZERO "THE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY LEADER"

PERFECTIONISM IS CRIPPLING—BECAUSE YOU CAN NEVER OBTAIN IT.

PERFECTIONISM MEANS I'M ALWAYS STRIVING—NEVER THRIVING!

**DANIEL 6:3** Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

### **HOW DEVOTION GETS MISGUIDED:**

#### **1. We Focus On Rules Over Relationship.**

**EXODUS 20:8** "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**MARK 7:5-8** So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders ...?" He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

#### **2. We Keep Raising The Bar.**

**MATTHEW 6:1-2** "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do..."

**MATTHEW 6:5, MATTHEW 6:16**

**MATTHEW 23:25** "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

**MATTHEW 23:27** "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

### 3. We Seek Self-Affirming Voices.

*NUMBERS 20:10, NUMBERS 20:12*

#### WE CAN SURRENDER PERFECTIONISM:

- **Keep the main thing, the main thing.**
- **Don't glorify the method.**
- **Invite fresh perspective in your life.**
- **Understand it is okay to be wrong.**

*PHILIPPIANS 3:9*

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**What is the Holy Spirit speaking to me today, and how can I apply it?**

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#### DIVE NIGHT

7TH - 12TH GRADE  
WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

#### CROSSWALK CLASSES

SUNDAY AT 10:15AM

#### WOMEN'S NIGHT

MAY 14

#### SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

MAY 23-24, MAY 30-31

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