

GracePoint Turns Five!

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Proverbs 16:3-4a, ESV – Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. The LORD has made everything for its purpose...

Isaiah 61:3c, NIV – They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Three Keys to Continual Growth

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Ephesians 4:1, NIV – I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Ephesians 1:4-5, NLT – Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Revelation 2:2a,3-4, NIV – [Jesus said,] “I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. ...You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.”

2. _____

Ephesians 4:22-24, NIV – You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Isaiah 43:18-19a, NIV – Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

3. _____

Ephesians 4:11-13, NIV – So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

God's Vision for our lives is...

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Reflection

Why did God create me? Am I living a life worthy of the calling I've received through Jesus Christ? Am I living life constantly feeling overwhelmed or suffering burnout? How can I carve out habitual space in my life to be in his presence to reflect, rest, recharge, and remember why God has created me?

Which ways of living do I need to realign with God's ways of living? Which sinful habits or hurts am I refusing to bring before God because they're "small"? Talk to him. He loves you and wants to help you. Ask for forgiveness and for the strength to live a life worthy of your calling. Choose today to put on his holiness, and let him do the good work.

Whose vision for life are you living out? Ask God to root you in his vision for life, and let's commit today to walking in it together!