

## EVERYDAY ORDINARY Pt. 3 “The Week’s End”

How did you participate in His way this past week?

### LIFE WITH GOD

Our life with God comes from our walk with God.

#### Galatians 5:16-26 NIV

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**19 The acts of the flesh are obvious:** sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

### THE THREAT

This is the tension that makes Confession and Repentance feel like a threat.

### DERIVING LIFE

- Activity driven by Unchecked Desires
- Activity that flows from Unforced Rhythms

The two sources will create a pattern or a way of life— and there is a trajectory to both of them.

### LIFE WITHOUT GOD (Consider the direct Opposite)

If we aren’t experiencing Life WITH God— what is the opposite? Life WITHOUT.

This is the state in which we derive our life from some other source— any other source.

#### Psalms 32:1-5 NIV

1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

## **GUILT IS NOT ENOUGH**

If Guilt drives confession:

- You will Avoid Confession.
- You will Miss Confession.

## **CONFESSION & REPENTANCE**

When confession is a list— repentance becomes a promise.

## **REPENTANCE IS NOT A RESPONSE TO A THREAT-- BUT TO GOD'S KINDNESS!**

Forgiveness often feels like a function of shame.

### **Romans 2:4 NIV**

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

## **DISSONANCE**

- We Hide.
- We Defend.
- We Justify.

## **THE WEEK'S END: CONFESSION & REPENTANCE**

Confess your sin.

- Assess your tendency to hide?
- Assess your tenacity to defend
- Assess your resolve to justify?

Repent. Return to wholeness.