



Everyday Ordinary - Part 2 - "Midweek Connection"

Romans 12:1 (MSG)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them.

Romans 8:18-27 (NIV)

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Key Points

- Amid the grind of life, we must create a space in the middle to pause and reflect.
- With responsibility comes preparation, attention, and commitment.
- Work isn't the curse of sin; futility is the problem. One of the great gifts of the Gospel is the injection of hope into our work.
- We must find hope in the middle while honoring the mundane.
- The point of being faithful in the small moments is being faithful.
- God breathes life in the little moments, where we experience a deep abiding life with Him.
- The middle is where we want to speed up and get on with it or get out of it.
- Working for the weekend often has us walking right past Wednesday.
- Keeping in step with the Spirit is an unfamiliar way in the grind of life.
- Midweek connection involves awareness and alignment.
- Keeping in step with the Spirit is a moment-by-moment opportunity to love!

READ

Open your time together by reading the scripture passages on Page 1. Then, take a moment to consider what you just read:

- **Read Romans 12:1. What does it look like to treat our everyday, ordinary lives to God as an offering?**
- **Read Genesis 1:26-28. How should recognizing that God sees purpose in our work influence the way we approach the grind of the work week?**
- **Read Romans 8:18-27. Why do we often experience a sense of futility to our days? In what ways does the Gospel bring hope, redemption, and purpose to our work?**

REFLECT

“When I bless the actual days I am living, I suddenly find I have a great deal more to say that is honest. I am mourning. I am bored. I am exhausted. I am apathetic. I discover that I am freed from the need to declare everything #blessed. God or bad, I don't have to wait to say something spiritually true.” -Kate Bowler

- **Read the quote from Kate Bowler. In what ways does a midweek connection point invite and encourage honesty and transparency?**
- **Amid the busyness of your work, how do you (or can you) carve out moments to pause and consider the condition of your heart?**

RESPOND

“Blessing is the projection of good into the life of another. It isn't just words. It's the actual putting forth of your will for the good of another person. It always involves God, because when you will the good of another person, you realize only God is capable of bringing that.”-Dallas Willard

- **Complete the following sentence: I can honor the mundane this week by _____. What makes you answer in the way that you do?**
- **Read the quote from Dallas Willard. Who can you be a blessing to this week? Why did that individual come to mind?**

PRAY

Close your time together with prayer requests. Ask how you can pray, support, and lift one another up. Pray over these requests either collectively or by breaking up into prayer partners.