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Pastor Watley is concluding his month-long series entitled “It’s My Pleasure” today with the sermon entitled “Optimal Performance”. In his introduction, Pastor shares about a trip that he and Lady Shawna took overseas to pick up a foreign car. This car company had a program that helped those who made this trip, save money on the overall experience. Pastor shares that as he was driving the car, he was informed that although the car could go fast, it was best for them to not push the speed beyond 80 miles per hour until the car has at least 800 miles on it. They call this the “break-in” period. The car while new still needs to get used to the way it should drive and the way you will drive as the owner. Pastor points out that the company told him if he wanted to get the best out of the car, the optimal performance, he couldn’t go too fast too soon.

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In the same way, the company explained to Pastor the instructions on getting the most out of the car, Pastor shares that as Christians, the Bible is our manual to teach us how to get the most out of Christian life. Getting the most out of this Christian life Pastor says is linked to this statement. *“God did not save us to sit, God saved us to serve.”* Pastor lists several scriptures today but begins with the foundation scripture for Kingdom Fellowship AME Church.



Pastor Watley shared that God showed him the scripture Mark 1:15 at the launching of Kingdom Fellowship. This scripture as Pastor shared, is linked to us representing the Kingdom and sharing its Good News. Pastor Watley says that the Kingdom of God is already here but not yet and he teaches us the term “Inaugurated Eschatology”. This term means that God has already done it even though we haven’t seen it yet. God’s working is in process in our lives which is why we don’t always see the Kingdom of God at hand, but it is on its way through us. Watch the sermon again and see the example that the Pastor shares about the making of a cake.

Pastor uses this next scripture to help us see how someone grows in their faith.





Pastor lists these points that not only happen in the scripture but we must do in our own lives:

- The faith that is in you didn't start with you.
- You must fan the flame of Christ in you.
- You have to stir up your gifts in God.
- The major way to do that is to "Get involved" in ministry. [Click here to serve](#)

You only grow in your faith as you work your faith. You can't get in shape by wanting it or praying for it you have to work for it. Pastor is saying that there is no replacement for your service to the Kingdom of God. Pastor lists the below scriptures to support his next few points in the sermon.

Fruit – Galatians 5:16-26

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.¹⁹The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and 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. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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II Timothy 4:9-11

Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

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Pastor says several things here through these scriptures:

- A spiritual life requires you to be spirit-led.
- You have to make a decision, because you have to live according to your flesh or to the spirit.
- Even when your gifts make room for you, you have to have the character to keep you in the place that your gifts want to take you.
- We need to exercise our spiritual muscle.

Pastor closes with encouraging us to know that our best life and our best performance is linked to living a life of service to God and God's people. It all started with our willingness to serve and get involved. [Click here](#)



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1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï What is God trying to get your attention to do in service?
- ï What gift or talented should you be using for the Kingdom of God now?

Discussion Questions

- ï What do you think made Paul right about the using of our gifts in this scripture?
- ï What people in your life can you track back to who have helped you in the faith and who's flame you can use to fan your own ?