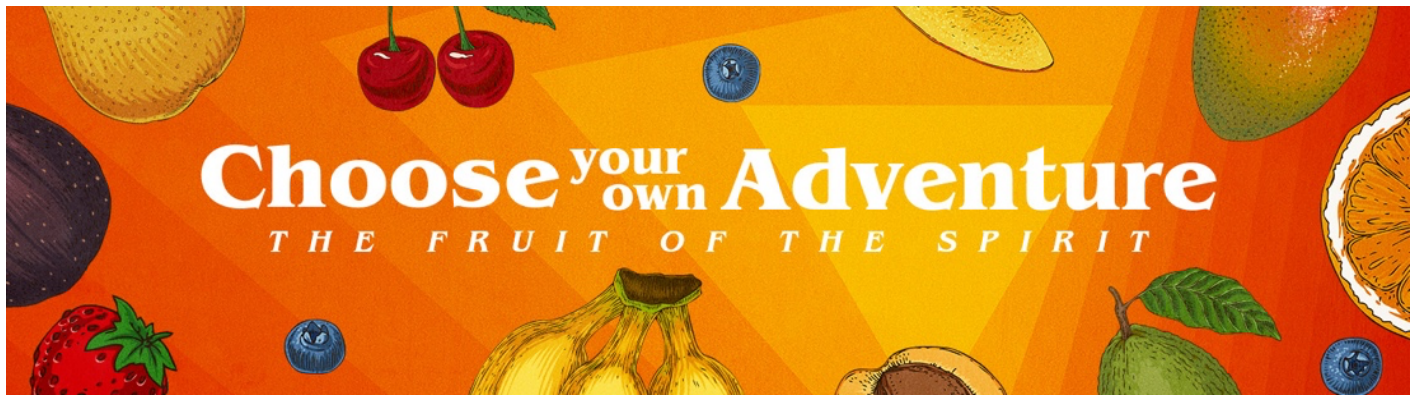




Bible study for the week starting September 6, 2026

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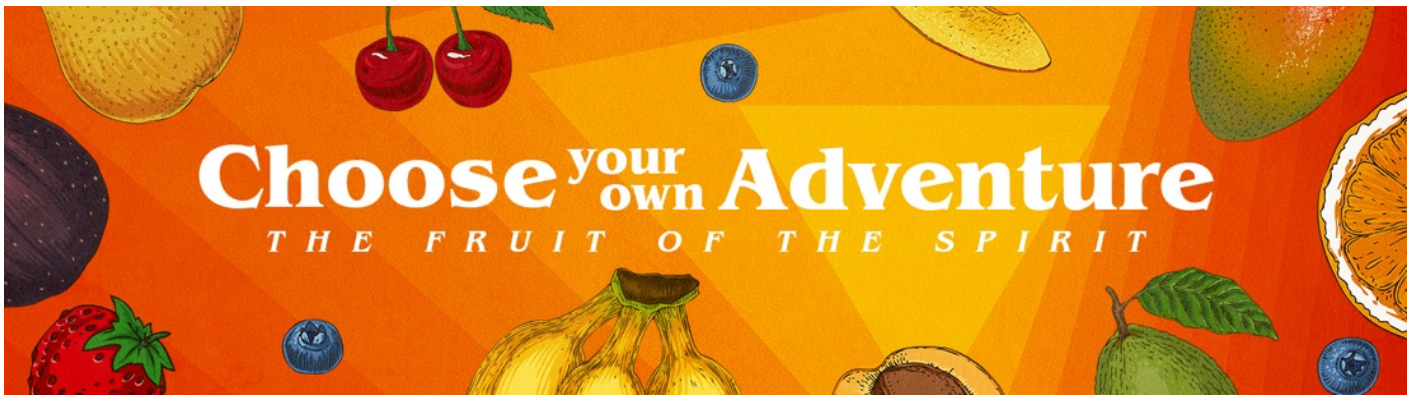
Who is a person who's quiet faithfulness or Spirit-produced gentleness stand out to you. What is it about them that leads you or others closer to Jesus?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Joshua 24:14-21**. Joshua instructs the people to "choose this day" whom you will serve. In what areas of your life might God be inviting you to an intentional, deliberate choice to turn away from the things of the world and toward Him?
2. The people in Joshua 24 enthusiastically responded in the affirmative, but we know how that played out. How might we keep from treating the seriousness of this too lightly?
3. Have you been on the dance floor with Jesus or by the punchbowl lately – engaged or disengaged from daily faithfulness? What simple practices have helped you in the past in staying connected?
4. Read **Galatians 5:16-21**. We tend to memorize the "good" fruit, but these "rotten" fruit serve as antonyms and give insight into the good things God is emphasizing. As you read the rotten list, what stands out?
5. Read **John 15:11-17**. Jesus chose us, so we choose Him. Jesus loved us, so we love Him and others. We know we can bear no fruit unless we are connected to Jesus, but what does this look like in a more concrete way?
6. God's standard is "faithfulness." For what do you anticipate Jesus greeting you one day and saying, "Well done!"?

PRAY

Every day is a new opportunity to serve Jesus. Pray for that Spirit-led strength for today, one day at a time. Be conscious of the opportunities God brings to your mind.



CHOOSE FAITHFULNESS & GENTLENESS

Joshua 24:14-21 [Galatians 5:16-21; John 15:11-17]

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“You did not choose Me, but **I CHOSE YOU...**” -Jesus (John 15:16).

“**CHOOSE THIS DAY** whom you will serve...” (Joshua 24:15).

“Be **FAITHFUL** unto **DEATH**, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

“Well done, good and **FAITHFUL SERVANT**” (Matthew 25:21).

The Gospel with **HANDS** and **FEET**

WORD – PRAY – PRACTICE

God attaches **ETERNAL** purpose to what we do in our **DAILY** life.

Faithful: the response of one fully **PERSUADED** of the **TRUTH** of God.

Gentleness: one who is cared for by God Himself, and who lives in quiet, **HUMBLE CONFIDENCE** under that care.

The Eyes of Christ:

1. See Christ working in this world in a **PRESENT** and **ACTIVE** way.
2. See the world and its **OPPORTUNITIES** as Christ would.
3. See who you are and the **POTENTIAL** of who God made you to be, as Christ **ENLISTS** you in His work.

There is too much going on to remain **DISENGAGED**.