

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

The Mirror of God's Word

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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We were created to know and become like Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:29 (NLT) “For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT) “So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.”

Philippians 1:6

How do we cooperate with God to become like Jesus Christ?

Psalm 119:1-8 (NLT) *Aleph* “Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord. ² Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. ³ They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. ⁴ You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. ⁵ Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! ⁶ Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands. ⁷ As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should! ⁸ I will obey your decrees. Please don't give up on me!”

Romans 5:8 (NLT) “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) “For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”

Big Idea: We mirror Christ by conforming to His Word.

How do we internalize God's Word so our lives reflect Christ more and more?

- **Memorize Scripture.**

Psalm 119:9-11 *Beth* “How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. ¹⁰ I have tried hard to find you—don't let me wander from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Psalm 119:11 (MSG) “I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart so I won't sin myself bankrupt.”

- **Mention Scripture.**

Psalm 119:12-13 “I praise you, O Lord; teach me your decrees. ¹³ I have recited aloud all the regulations you have given us.”

- **Meditate on Scripture.**

Psalm 119:14-16 “I have rejoiced in your laws as much as in riches. ¹⁵ I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. ¹⁶ I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NLT) “Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Action Step: 22 Day Challenge:

- **Heavenly Father, what would you say to me from your Word?**
- **Heavenly Father, what would you have me do to be conformed more to your image?**



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1) Take some time to discuss how your IC has been and will live out the Kingdom of Jesus together.

- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Read Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18, and Philippians 1:6. What do you learn about God's plan for you? How does this make you feel? What are the implications for you?

4) Read Psalm 119:1-8. What stands out to you about this Psalm? In what way do you see or not see your life reflected in these aspects of the "Blessed Life"? How does this Psalm reflect Jesus Christ?

5) Read Romans 5:8 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. How do these passages encourage you as you consider your life compared to God's holy standard?

6) Read Psalm 119:9-16. How does this passage challenge you today?

7) Of the 3 ways mentioned to conform to God's Word (Memorize, Mention, and Meditate) which one do you find the most fruitful and why? Which one is hard for you and why? What is God saying to you in this regard?

8) Read and reflect on Deut. 6:4-9. How can you take these principles and adapt them to your family and Impact Community life?

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