



God Family Country

# GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

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## **Growing, Not Standing Still**

**Speaker: Donnie Thomas**

### **Highlighted Scripture**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)**

**“Pray continually.”**

**Isaiah 55:11**

**“So is my word that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”**

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Donnie revisited the idea that prayer is not limited to posture or form, but is an ongoing relational conversation with God. How does this change the way you think about prayer throughout your day?**
- 2. Donnie emphasized that continual prayer flows from relationship, not ritual. What distractions most often interrupt your awareness of God's presence during daily life?**
- 3. Donnie reflected on discomfort—speaking, sharing, and stepping into unfamiliar roles. How has God used uncomfortable situations in your life to produce growth?**
- 4. A key reminder was that God controls not only the words spoken, but also the ears that hear. How does this truth help relieve pressure or fear when sharing your faith or testimony?**

**5. The message challenged listeners with the idea that we cannot remain spiritually stagnant—we are either growing or losing momentum. What is one intentional step you can take this week to continue growing in your walk with Christ?**

## **Reflection Challenge**

**This week, consider:**

- Am I viewing prayer as a continual relationship or a scheduled activity?**
- Am I allowing discomfort to stop me from growing?**
- Do I trust God to work through both my words and how others receive them?**

**Remember:**

- Growth requires movement**
- God works through relationship, not perfection**
- Trust God with both the message and the outcome**

## **Prayer**

**Lord,**

**Teach me to walk in continual conversation with You throughout my day. Help me not to fear discomfort or imperfect words, but to trust You to work through them.**

**Give me courage to grow, wisdom to seek You, and faith to believe that You are in control of both what is spoken and what is heard. Keep me moving forward in my relationship with You.**

**Amen.**









