

DEVOTED

A community living wholeheartedly for Jesus

Series Description

Devoted - what a beautiful word! It speaks of a wholeheartedness, a giving of all of one's love, loyalty and energy to a person or activity, and it's a word used often to describe the lives of those first Jesus-followers in the Bible. Our plan is not only to explore devotion to prayer, to worship, to Jesus, to one another, but to actively shape our life together to make a difference!

Recommended Reading

Crazy Love
Francis Chan

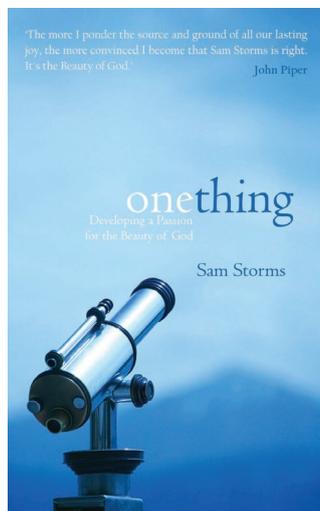
One Thing
Sam Storms

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LIFE Groups: Learning, Integration, Friendship, Everyone a witness

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Title: Joyfully Devoted

Speaker: Goff Hope

Bible reference: 1Peter ch1 vs 1-12 The Message

Overview

Church of the New Testament exhibited **Surprising Joy** despite real pressure, persecution See v8 *'joy that has been infused with heavenly glory. It is the joy of heaven before heaven.'* How? Jesus promised it was good He was leaving, that the disciples would be better off!

Why? Because His **Surprising Presence** would be given & be in them - the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Spirit, filling / baptizing them, led to huge change including Joyful Devotion. See Acts ch1,2,10 etc. So Christianity isn't Pie in the sky when I die – we get to taste now!

This was always God's plan for us, going back to Eden. Enjoying His presence brings joy. Psalm 16: *'You fill me with joy in your presence'*. But we sinned, turned away etc. But God planned & purposed a restoration program! He made the move to come close again, He came to Abram, Moses – Tent of Meeting – Temple. Sacrifice still needed, until Christ. **Surprising Glimpses** were given & seen by the Prophets, v10, the coming of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: Joel 2v28. The Holy Spirit brings us into Joyful Devotion. Is this your experience?

Response (SOUL)

Run through the following sections. Use smaller groups at any time if helpful.

S = Scripture - Read it, what does it say?

O = Observe - What do you see, context, details, surprises etc?

U = Understand - What truth does God want you to learn?

L = Live - What would it look like to apply this to your life?