

October 18: Boast in the Lord!

Read 2 Corinthians 10:12-17.

- Which verse in this passage spoke to you the most? Is there any habit to avoid? Is there any new habit to form?
- Last weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, “**Image-driven people are always comparing themselves to others.**” What does this statement mean to you? Are you an image-driven person or a God-driven person?
- What are the dangers of comparing yourself to others? How can you learn to celebrate others without insecurity? How can you boast in the Lord this week?

Make this declaration in faith: “I will not compare. I will boast in the Lord who called and equips me. My confidence is rooted in His grace, and my identity is secured in His love.”

October 19: Practice the Presence of God.

Read Psalm 63:1-3.

- How does this passage make you feel? Is there any praise to offer to God?
- Pastor Whitcomb taught us to “**Practice the Presence of God.**” What does it mean to practice the presence of God? What are some practical steps to begin practicing the presence of God?
- How can worship help you sense God more deeply? What changes when you live every day aware of His presence? Remember Pastor Whitcomb’s teaching: **Keep in Constant Communication with God, Keep in Step with God, and Keep Short Accounts with God.** (Refer to sermon notes for scripture references to help you practice the presence of God). God bless you as you practice his presence.

Pray this prayer in faith: “*Father, always make me aware of Your presence. Let my soul thirst for You and my lips praise You. May Your presence bring life, peace, and joy to my day. I ask this in the Mighty Name of Jesus. Amen.*”

Better!

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your Life Group.

A BETTER DAY

October 13: A Devoted Life.

Read Psalm 84:10-12.

- What spoke to you the most in this passage? Are there any examples to follow? Discuss with your Life Group.
- Last Sunday, Pastor Whitcomb taught three steps to build a better day: **pursue the right priorities, partner with the right people, and position yourself in God’s presence.** Which of these three steps is God calling you to explore more? Why did you choose this answer?
- What distractions tend to pull you away from God’s presence? How can you start each day more intentionally with God this week?

Pray and ask God to draw you closer to Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to value His presence above everything else. Commit yourself to starting and ending each day with a heart fully devoted to God.

October 14: What Matters Most.

Read Psalm 90 and focus on verse 12.

- Are there any lessons from this passage about how to live your days? Discuss with your Life Group.
- Pastor Whitcomb taught, “**What matters most is not how many days you live, but how you live your days.**” What does

this statement mean to you? Are you pursuing the right priorities? Why or why not?

- What small change can you make today to pursue what truly matters? Commit to live your days as God wants and you will experience the best days of your life.

Pray this prayer in faith: “Heavenly Father, help me value every day as a gift. Teach me to live with wisdom, purpose, and gratitude. May every decision reflect what matters most to You. Amen.”

October 15: Don’t Pursue Sin!

Read James 1:12-15.

- What lessons can you take from this passage? How can you persevere and overcome temptation? How can you abort any conception of sin in your life?
- Last weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, “**Sin makes a promise that sin can’t keep. When sin wins, you lose.**” What does this statement mean to you? What promise is sin making to you?
- Who can you be accountable to in your walk of purity? Sin will disappoint you and lead you to your end. Choose God’s way and you will have a better day!

Make this declaration in faith out loud: “I reject sin’s lies. I choose righteousness and receive the crown of life!”

October 16: Choose the PERMANENT.

Read 1 John 2:15-17.

- What part of this passage spoke to you the most? Are there any truths in this passage you must take with you?
- Last weekend, Pastor Whitcomb taught this precept: “**Choose the PERMANENT over the PLEASURABLE.**” What does this

precept mean to you? How will you implement this precept in your life?

- What are some examples of permanent things in life? What are some examples of pleasurable things in life?
- Why is it often easier to choose pleasure over permanence? What practical step can you take to set your heart on eternal things?

Pray this prayer in faith: “Eternal Father, help me fix my heart on what lasts forever. Detach me from worldly cravings and anchor me in Your will. May I delight in You above all, in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

October 17: Find PEACE.

Read Colossians 2:9-12 and focus on verses 9 & 10.

- What lessons can you take from this passage? You will not find fulfillment in people or things. You will only find fulfillment in Christ. He gives peace.
- Pastor Whitcomb taught this precept: **Choose PEACE over POPULARITY.** Why do people often seek popularity instead of peace? How can you resist the pressure to please people?
- In a society that is groupthink-oriented and driven by social media and inflated self-images, how can you avoid the urge to choose popularity? How can you pursue God’s peace this week?

Pray and thank God for bringing us this timely message through His servant Pastor Whitcomb. Thank God for his life. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to surround him and his family with His peace. Go to his social media page and write words of encouragement to him. Ask God to fill Agape House with His peace.