

June 27: Focusing on What Lasts.

Read 1 John 2:15-29.

- What warnings does John give about loving the world? Which of the temptations mentioned in this passage do you think believers struggle with most today?
- Pastor Whitcomb shared this powerful statement, “**Daniel chose the permanent over the passing. He gave up a few good meals but he gained everlasting glory. Rather than living in luxury, he chose to leave a legacy.**” What does this statement mean to you in your current circumstances? How can worldly desires distract us from God's eternal purpose?
- What temporary things are competing for your focus and attention right now?
- How can you intentionally invest more of your life in things that have eternal value?

Pray this prayer in faith: “Lord Jesus, give me an eternal perspective. Help me value Your will above temporary pleasures and worldly distractions. Amen.”

June 28: Choosing the Eternal Reward.

Read Hebrews 11:24-28.

- Pastor Whitcomb taught us to choose the permanent over the passing. He said, “**Advancing for God requires you to focus on the eternal not the earthly.**” Why is this choice essential for anyone who wants to advance with focus?
- What impresses you most about Moses' decision to reject the treasures of Egypt?
- How did Moses demonstrate that he valued God's reward more than earthly success?

Prayer: If you don't know your God-given gift, pray and ask Him to reveal it. If you do know, ask Him to help you develop and use it for His glory at Agape House.



Daily Devotional for ADVANCE WITH FOCUS

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.

June 22: Choose to Please God Not People.

Read Daniel 1:1-20.

- What spoke to you the most from the sermon last week? How will what you heard affect you?
- Think of a time when you stood out for God in a good way. What happened when you took a stand for the Lord?
- Pastor Whitcomb taught us, “**You can't get to the right destination when you have the wrong focus.**” What does this statement mean to you?
- What do you think is the most difficult thing about standing out for God and not blending in with the crowd?

Prayer: Ask God to give you the courage to stand for His truth even when it is unpopular. Pray that your desire to please God would become greater than your desire to please people.

June 23: Standing Apart for God's Purpose.

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

- According to today's Scripture, what does God promise those who separate themselves unto Him?

- In what ways are you currently being tempted to go with the crowd and disobey God? How would it hinder you from fulfilling your purpose if you give in to the temptation and follow the crowd to disobey God?
- Pastor Whitcomb said, "**Choose to be remembered for standing out rather than forgotten for blending in.**" What does this statement mean to you?

Prayer: Pray and ask God to show you His purpose for your life. Commit yourself to embracing God's purpose even if you must stand alone.

Make this declaration in faith: "I am set apart for God. My identity is found in Christ. I will not be conformed to the world."

June 24: Called Out to Shine.

Read 1 Peter 2:9-12.

- According to this passage, what does it mean to be part of God's chosen people? How should knowing that you belong to God affect the way you live each day?
- Pastor Whitcomb said, "**When you focus on pleasing God, it will sustain you in the face of public opposition.**" How have you seen this truth at work in your life?
- What opportunities has God given you to show others His goodness through your words and actions?
- How can your life become a stronger testimony to those who do not yet know Christ?

Prayer: Thank God for choosing you and calling you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Ask Him to use your life to point others to Jesus.

June 25: Choose the Right Master.

Read Matthew 6:19-24.

- Pastor Whitcomb stated last weekend, "**You can't fulfill your purpose and follow after sinful pleasures at the same time.**" This statement teaches us to choose purpose over pleasure. What does that mean to you personally?
- According to today's Scripture, why is it impossible to serve two masters?
- What pleasures or distractions most often compete for your devotion to God?
- How can pursuing temporary pleasures hinder God's greater purpose for your life?
- What changes do you need to make so that your heart is fully devoted to God?

Prayer: Ask God to reveal any competing priorities in your life. Pray for the strength to seek His Kingdom first and to desire His presence above everything else.

June 26: Surrendered for More.

Read Romans 6:16-19.

- Pastor Whitcomb said, "**If you don't stand for the right thing, you'll fall for anything.**" What does this statement mean to you?
- What does today's Scripture teach about the connection between obedience and freedom?
- Are there areas of your life that have not been fully surrendered to God?
- Pastor Whitcomb also taught, "**You will never experience everything God has for you until you surrender everything you have to Him.**" How does this challenge you? What would complete surrender to God look like in your life right now?

Make this declaration in faith: "I surrender every area of my life to God. I am free to walk in obedience, holiness, and purpose."
