

June 20: Who Are You Becoming?

Read Galatians 6:1-10.

- Pastor Whitcomb said, “**WHO goals are more important than DO goals.**” Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Choose three words to describe the person you want to become. Based on who you want to become, what’s one habit you need to start today?
- When people interact with you, what qualities do you hope they experience in your life?

Pray this prayer from a sincere heart: “God, I can’t do any of this without You. Thank You for showing me the places I can grow to become more like Christ. Holy Spirit, I need Your power to break off old habits and start new ones. I pray this by the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.”

June 21: Finishing Strong.

Read 2 Timothy 4.

- Pastor Whitcomb taught us, “**Advancing with fortitude is not about short-term intensity but about long-term consistency.**” What does this statement mean to you? How do we see the truth of this statement in the life and testimony of Paul?
- Are you more prone to short bursts of enthusiasm followed by inactivity, or are you steady and even in your activity? What are the advantages and disadvantages to both of these extremes? How does following Christ help you to advance with fortitude through the ups and downs of life?
- All great men and women of God faced times of isolation and loneliness. Share with your Life Group or a trusted friend at Agape House about your most painful time of being disappointed by someone.

Prayer: Ask God to heal you from all past hurts. Pray for a new revelation of His presence with you.



Daily Devotional for ADVANCE WITH FORTITUDE

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 15: Small Decisions, Great Victories.

Read 2 Samuel 23:8-12.

- What truth from the weekend’s message impacted you the most? Why do you think God highlighted that truth to you? How will what you heard affect your life?
- Pastor Whitcomb shared three challenges we face when we try to advance in life: **difficulties, discouragement, and disappointment.** Are you facing any of these challenges right now? Share with your Life Group or a trusted friend at Agape House if you are facing any of these challenges. Of these three, which one is the hardest for you to overcome?
- Pastor Whitcomb said, “**It’s not your big dreams that bring success. It’s your daily decisions.**” What does this statement mean to you? What decision do you need to make today to reach success?

Prayer: Pray and ask God to give you the strength to DECIDE and DO today what you should.

June 16: Trusting God for Today.

Read Matthew 6:19-34.

- Pastor Whitcomb taught us, “**When we devalue our daily routine, we diminish our life-long dream.**” Are you more focused on long-term or short-term goals? Are you paying enough attention to your daily habits, or do you tend

to spend more time dreaming about the future?

- What do you think Jesus meant in verse 34 from today's Bible reading? Rephrase this verse into your own words. What are some practical ways you can stop yourself from worrying about tomorrow?
- Have you ever allowed discouragement to grow because you became overwhelmed by future concerns? What happened?

Prayer: We all have 365 days in each year, and we must all live them one at a time. Pray and commit today into God's hands and focus on living for Him completely this day.

June 17: The Power of Godly Habits.

Read Daniel 6.

- Pastor Whitcomb said, "**A habit will keep you on track to succeed no matter the obstacles.**" What does this statement mean to you? What habits are currently shaping your spiritual life?
- What positive spiritual habit has helped you stay close to God during difficult seasons? What unhealthy habit or inconsistency may be limiting your spiritual growth?
- Daniel's daily habit of prayer and trust in God prepared him for the test of the lion's den. A daily time of prayer and study of the Bible is essential for every Christian. When we are in the habit of spending quality time with God, we will be prepared to overcome temptation and endure through every test and trial.

Prayer: Ask God to increase your spiritual fervor and devotion to Him. Pray, "Lord Jesus, help me to develop the habits that will lead to success. Pour out Your Spirit in my life to empower me to serve You this and every day. Amen."

June 18: Grace for Every Difficulty.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.

- Pastor Whitcomb said, "**The difficulties you face are not happening to you, they are happening for you.**" How can you relate this truth to the current difficulties you are facing in life?

What good can God bring from your present difficult circumstances?

- Paul's testimony in these verses is amazing! Even though he had knowledge, zeal, and experience, he discovered that none of those things were worth boasting about. He would rather boast in his weaknesses, because through them he was drawn closer to God.
- What benefits did Paul receive through his weaknesses? Would you be willing to suffer hardship and persecution if it would draw you closer to Christ?

Prayer: Ask God to help you rejoice in all circumstances as you draw near to Him. Pray this prayer in faith: "Father God, help me trust that You are working even through my difficulties. Teach me to rely on Your strength rather than my own. Help me discover Your purpose in every challenge I face. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."

June 19: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus.

Read 2 Corinthians 4.

- In his sermon, Pastor Whitcomb taught us, "**The longer you cling to a problem, the less it describes your past and the more it defines your future.**" In what ways can we "cling" to a problem? How can problems limit our future? Are there persistent problems in your life that threaten to limit your future?
- Of all the battles you face in life, which battle has been going on the longest? What would it take to put that battle to a permanent end? What part of the solution is your responsibility, and what part of the solution is God's responsibility?
- What practical step can you take this week to shift your focus from the battle itself to the God who fights for you?

Pray this prayer: "Lord, I pray for mercy and grace right now to free me from every limiting problem in my life. I declare I am who You say I am. I am who You see me to be. I am not defined by problems. I am defined by Your grace! Thank You, Lord! In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen!"
