

Take the Next Step in Growing in Your Relationship with God and Others

Meditate on these passages of Scripture. Slowly read them over and over again each day this week. Ask God to speak to you through the power of His Word as you begin this journey of meeting Jesus at the Well these next few months.

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 3: 12-14

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”
Hebrews 12:1-3

After prayerful contemplation and daily meditation on God’s word, list two areas of spiritual growth that you believe God is calling you to develop over the next three months:

A.

B.

What factors are leading you to believe that these are the issues God is calling you to develop? Often we look at the need for outward change and behaviors, where God will be calling us to deal with heart/character issues. Let God lead you through His word and prayer.

How does the Bible address the issues you have identified? What specific verses and Biblical insights directly speak to the growth areas you believe God is calling you to develop these next three months?

Who are the specific people in your life that will provide you with encouragement, support, truth in love, and accountability to assist you in your spiritual growth? How can your Bible study group help you in taking the next step to grow in your relationship with God and others?

After discussing these spiritual growth areas with your support/accountability people, what are the specific action steps that you will take to grow in the spiritual areas you have identified? (Remember action steps need to be realistic, concrete, measureable, and attainable.) Begin with small action steps that will lead to growth rather than discouragement.