

May 15, 2020

In March, just a short 12 weeks I invited you to join in a commitment to "Grow in Greater Intimacy with Jesus". We have considered our fundamental **beliefs**, confident that what we believe leads to **behaviors** in our that cause us **to become** more more spiritually mature. We have considered what we believe about triune God and how that belief

impacts our lives. We have considered the person of Jesus and his incarnation and what difference that makes. I hope we have learned from our study of Romans 8:28-30 that God's purpose for us is to be transformed into the image of His son. **God in Christ comes to redeem and restore that which was lost!** This process of transformation comes through Jesus in His incarnation redeeming and restoring us to His Image. And this is the Key: We are learning that it's not about the "**work we do**" but the "**work He does**" in us! So, our work is learning and growing to trust in Him more and more and not leaning on our efforts. *"God's number one purpose in your life is to make you like Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make the child of God more like the Son of God."* (Rick Warren)

Well, our study may be concluding in the next few weeks, **but it is not ending!** We believe, behave and we are becoming more like Jesus. This is something that never ends in our lives. We are always learning and growing. So how do we sustain spiritual momentum? How do we finish the race we have started that God has called us to run? This Sunday, I want to seek to answer that question in a sermon entitled "*The Race Worth Running*" taken from Hebrews 12:1-3. To finish this race we have started, the Biblical writer calls us to get rid of everything that hinders, entangles, or distracts us from running with perseverance the race marked out for us. The Key is "**fixing our eyes on Jesus**". We must always be considering him and all he suffered without turning back or giving up. This way, He will enable us to "*not grow weary and lose heart*".

I trust this message will serve as a fine challenge to our FFBC Graduates 2020. I invite you to celebrate with me and our graduates and their families. You see, they are coming to the end of their high school years, and yet it's really not an ending but "*a commencement*"; a new beginning. So, congratulations to them as we recognize them during our morning worship service.

Please continue to join with us this Sunday morning as we continue on-line streaming on "Facebook live" for our Sunday worship services at 10:30 A.M.

We plan to make an announcement this Sunday as to the plans to relaunch and meet together again. I believe in the old adage my mom used to tell me, "*absence only makes the heart grow fonder*". I have missed meeting together with you. As we begin to meet together again, lets always remember what God has been teaching us in this season of separation. Let's also do all we can to help everyone be safe as we meet. Looking forward to seeing each other again soon...

Expectantly,
Pastor Garry

*"We are a **faith fellowship** of believers on our journey **together** with our Lord... meeting needs, mending hearts."*



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