Day 13

Scripture

When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth— 16 that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit. 17 And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself. Ephesians 3:14-19

Thought

With all the demands of life, how does someone maintain momentum in growing spiritually? There are two critical ingredients that are necessary: time and attitude. We must make the time to focus inwardly and allow growth the space and time it needs. Spiritual growth doesn't happen quickly; it's a process, not a destination. Spiritual growth also calls for a specific attitude, that being – humility. Humility is what moves you to trust Jesus enough to let go of yourself and live with an inner strength that comes from him. This inner strength certainly helps us cope with life's issues, but the real purpose of spiritual growth is found in confidently knowing the breadth, length, height, and depth of the
love of Christ. God does not want to simply love us through another person, he desires an intimacy with each of us, an intimacy that can only be developed with time and humility.

Prayer

Father, I thank you for a brand-new day filled with promise. I come to you in humility and obedience, knowing that in keeping your commandments, I am truly in fellowship with you. Give me the courage to walk in faith today, even when I may be faced with trials and challenges. Help me to remember your Word and apply it to my life. In Jesus' name, amen.

Call to action

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- Today, ask God to lead you to somebody you can, in humility, serve.
- Spend 5 minutes in a quiet place thinking about how much God loves you.

Day 12

Scripture

12 I don't mean to say I am perfect. I haven't learned all I should even yet, but I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ saved me for and wants me to be. 13 No, dear brothers, I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my
energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us. Philippians 3:12-14

Thought

Paul lived with a clear focus. He was always thinking about and committed to continuing to "grow up" in his spiritual life. The reality is, growing up should never stop in the life of someone who is following Jesus. God is deeply interested in where we are heading, and he challenges us to think about the direction of our character development and contribution to his Kingdom. He is always reminding us that there is more he wants to do in and through us. And for this "more" to be realized, more "growing up" must happen. He wants us to capture the dream of lifelong growth.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I want to keep growing and becoming more like Jesus. Help me to pursue wisdom, healthy habits, and deeper relationships with you and others, so that I may blossom into the fullness of who you created me to be and produce good fruit. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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- Make a list of 2 things you believe God wants to help you change in your life.

- Share these 2 things with a trusted friend and ask them to pray for your growth in these areas.

Day 11

Scripture

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each
season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and
take up their cross daily and follow me.” Luke 9:23 (NIV)

Thought

John Chrysostom said, “Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.”We often look for big life-changing spiritual moments, but the truth is, lasting faith is built in the quiet, everyday routines. Just like a tree grows strong by being consistently watered and nourished, our relationship with Christ deepens through spiritual growth habits that keep us rooted in Him. Jesus reminds us that faith is a daily walk, not a one-time sprint. Like any relationship,
our connection with God grows stronger through consistent time spent together.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me stay rooted in you today. Grow my faith through simple, daily moments. Teach me to abide in your love.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

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- Reading a chapter a day in the Bible (Mark or Proverbs are a great place to start).
- Begin and end your day with a simple/honest prayer.

Day 10

Scripture

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” 9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. **John 14:8-14**

Thought
Look at the intriguing words of Jesus in verse 12? The greater works Jesus is talking about are related to proclaiming the full gospel message. During his earthly ministry, Jesus shared the gospel, but it was too soon to give all the details. His death and resurrection were still in the future. However, his disciples (including us) would be able to tell people exactly what happened as Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected from the dead. We can share that, as a result of his death and resurrection, Jesus is able to offer people life, forgiveness, and salvation. Also, think about what happens as people believe this message and trust Jesus to save them. The Bible says that God makes them into new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). Think about how much of a miracle that is! When we share the gospel with someone and watch them come to faith, we get to be a part of that. That’s what Jesus is talkin**g** about when he says we will do greater works than he did.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for the amazing privilege of being a partner with you in sharing the transforming message of your son, Jesus. Stir my heart to love you and lost people more.

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- Could it be that the reason God hasn’t given each of us more relational in-roads with non-Christians and more opportunities to share the gospel is simply because we haven’t been praying for those things?

- Make a list of 3 people you’d love to see Jesus save. Pray for them by name every day. Watch for God to soften their hearts and open doors for you to share with them.

Day 9

Scripture

What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a "law man" so that I could be God's man. Christ's life showed me
how and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that. 21 Is it not clear to you that to go back to that old rule-keeping, peer-pleasing religion would be an abandonment of everything personal and free in my relationship with God? I refuse to do that, to repudiate God's grace. If a living relationship with God could come by rule-keeping, then Christ died unnecessarily.
Galatians 2:19-21(MSG)

Thought

It's amazing how our legalism-prone hearts impact our walk with God. We tell ourselves (and others), if we are sincere enough, if we are earnest enough, if our faith is strong enough, then Christ will work in and for us. Paul's personal journey of faith, which emphasized the shift from law to grace by identifying with Christ's death and resurrection, should help us shed that skin. Instead of his trust in Christ becoming a work or performance, it was merely a reaction to the overwhelming love and grace of Jesus—of course, I will trust him! Think of who he is! Faith-driven hearts will walk with Jesus and steadily move into the things that are important to him. As a result, our lives will transform to look more like him, and less like we were before we met Jesus.

Prayer

Father, help me to remember that I am saved by belief in Jesus' finished work on the cross and nothing else. Keep me from falling into legalism and the hypocrisy that goes with it. Thank you for loving, changing, and setting me free. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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- Today, look for ways to move your ego out of the way. Think about the phrase, "It's not about me."

- As you interact with people today, remember…Christ lives in you. Let love and service drive your actions.

Day 8

Scripture

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see…By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he
was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to
him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:1, 5-6 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. Genesis 5:24

Thought

Genesis 5 twice says "Enoch walked faithfully with God." Enoch's great walk produced two wonderful things—fellowship and
righteousness. When two walk toward the same place on the same path at the same pace for three hundred years, they are truly in relationship. We are probably not being asked by God to build an ark, hide our child in the river, or lead many people out
of slavery, but we are called to be faithful in our lives. At some point, our faith will be greatly tested. It may be through having a
prodigal child, major health concerns, or our bank account may be in the red. There are also the relational struggles, job stress,
deep needs, unrelenting fear—whatever our circumstances, we are called to look to that which we do not see. By faith, we can
keep praying and walking with God, trusting that he is at the helm and will never leave or forsake us.

Prayer

Lord, I want to have the kind of relationship that Enoch had with you. Teach me what faith is, what it does. But more than
speaking to my intellect, Lord, grow real faith in me as your precious gift to me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to action

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serve others with the heart of Christ.

• Make your choices today based on faith.
• Whether circumstances are good or bad, keep on trusting him, no matter what.
• Share with another believer something specific about your “walk” with God - what he’s doing in your life right now.

Day 7

Scripture
So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. Romans 10:17 (NLT)
My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don’t lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. Proverbs 4:20-22 (NLT)

Thought

Living with our faith stirred up is foundational to living an abundant life. It’s God’s Word that stirs up our personal faith. Scripture has the amazing power to lead us to a different way of
living: the way of faith. Studying Scripture is the central way to learn about and connect with God and have your life transformed by it. Allow God’s Word to fill you with faith to live differently and
guide you to a lifestyle of trust, hope, and surrender.

Prayer

Dear God, I believe in you. Help me to trust and serve you with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. In Jesus’ name. Amen!

Call to action

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• How does what and who you believe in affect your everyday life?
• Name one way that God’s Word has specifically changed the way your life looks.
• If you aren’t already, commit to spending daily time in God’s Word (start with a Gospel).

Day 6

Scripture

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this, He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. John 7:37

Thought

Everyone is trusting someone or something to secure a satisfying future for them. God wants us to believe/trust in him. The truth is we will trust someone to the degree that we know they love us. That’s exactly how faith in God is designed to grow. Confident of his love for us, we don’t have to trust our own wisdom or efforts but learn to lean into his. Our struggles come when we don’t trust that God loves us enough to take care of us and provide us with what is good. Belief/trust is not something we can manufacture. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith, and he is always inviting us to rely on him which grows our trust. There is indescribable peace in knowing that we are his and that he will be sufficient in all circumstances.

Prayer

Faithful God, you have proven repeatedly that you are worthy of our trust. We praise you for the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us through life. Help us to give you our lives, trusting you with the outcomes of our dilemmas as well as our dreams. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Call to Action

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 Regularly remind yourself of Jesus’ trustworthiness. When you’re tempted to put your ultimate trust in people or circumstances, intentionally redirect your trust to Christ.
 Start each day with a commitment to trust Jesus to lead your life.

Day 5

Scripture

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:15-17

Thought

Church is not an extracurricular activity. Church is an important and vital part of our faith journey. And that's because the journey to grow in Christ is taken through the local church. Our mission at HPC is to serve Jesus by making disciples for Him and walking the faith journey together in support and love in honor of Him. The church is most unified when the members live out who they are. God's Word and God's mission should be the unifying force of every church. If you are a Christian, then you are called to live and love like a Christian. The truth is that the healthiest churches inwardly are focused outward.

Prayer (taken from Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23)

Father, use my life as a witness for Jesus. Please draw your people to be one in heart and mind with you and Jesus. I pray that our city will see the extraordinary unity of your church and that will stir them to believe that Jesus is truly your son and that you love them.

Call to action

- Take an inventory of your life…are there any areas that you haven't turned over to Jesus? Today, begin to release those areas to King Jesus.
- Think about the words that come out of your mouth? Do they honor Jesus? Do they encourage and bring unity? Make it a habit to begin each day by asking that the words you speak will glorify God.

Day 4

Scripture

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:23-25

Thought

"You can impress people at a distance; you can only impact them up close." Howard Hendricks

The church is not just a group of people; it's a family formed by the gospel, where we encourage and support each other as we await Jesus' return. True fellowship has the power to revolutionize lives. Masks come off, conversations deepen, hearts open, and lives are shared. Accountability is invited, and tenderness flows. People really do become like brothers and sisters. They shoulder each other's burdens. Our shared hope in Jesus inspires us to live selflessly, love sincerely, and motivate each other to demonstrate the gospel's beauty to the world. No matter how you look at it, motivating one another is about inspiring each other to live for God by loving others and doing good deeds in Christ's name.

Prayer

Father, thank you for the opportunity to spur others on to love and good deeds. Help me to not neglect meeting together with other believers and paying attention to the fact that the Day is drawing near. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to action

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- Don't run off after the service. Before and after church gatherings, give time to meaningful contact with other people. Some of the deepest relationships begin to develop in church lobbies.

- In the next few days, reach out to someone. A call to touch base and to encourage can be significant.

- Take time this week to look over your schedule. Candidly evaluate the activities that are crowding out your time for people. Make time available for people.

Day 3

Scripture

In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." Isaiah 2:2-3

Thought

God envisioned a much larger community than his people in Israel ever imagined. In Isaiah, he says that people from all nations will stream in. They come to the Lord not because of how great they are, but because of how great he is. God is bringing people to HPC from all areas of life. They have different backgrounds and experiences, but they are and will be drawn to us because of who God is in our lives. God loves people! He loves you, and the people around you. The community (church) that God envisions for his people is not a stagnant one but a growing one.

Prayer

Father, grow your church at HPC and cause us (me) to truly see, love, and value the people you are bringing into our (my) lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to action

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Today –
 Think about what it means for you to Believe - Grow – Serve.
 As you go through your day, intentionally try to see, love, and value the people you encounter. Most of us have been conditioned to not do this…it's worth the effort!

Day 2

Scripture

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world
to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

Thought

Paul says that for this new creation in Christ, having been reconciled by God through Jesus' death on the cross, there is a new and even greater purpose/mission for our lives. Because our relationship with God has changed, we now also have a changed relationship with the world. We are now on mission, with God, in helping people believe and embrace that they too can be reconciled to God. What a beautiful mission… building bridges between imperfect people and a Holy and perfect God. Your role may be to plant the seed; another waters that seed, and ultimately God brings growth/transformation (1 Corinthians 3:7). As the church, when we teach and live out this message of reconciliation, lives are changed, and God gets the glory!

Prayer
Thank you, Lord, for calling me back into relationship with you and transforming my broken life. As your ambassador, I am tasked with representing you in the world. Please equip me and empower me to do this well. Amen.

Call to action

At Holland Park Church, we exist to believe in the life-changing truth of the Gospel, to grow together in faith and love, and to serve others with the heart of Christ. You are an ambassador. And your King is good.
 Where is one area in your life you are feeling the tug to be an ambassador in a more intentional way?

 Find one moment to be an ambassador in a small way. Do it and share with a Christian friend how it went. Make sure you learn something and then try it again.

Day 1

Scripture

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: **2** Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. **3** "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. **4** Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. **5** He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. **6** He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. **John 21:1-6**

Thought

Like the disciples of Jesus, a church with a mission that is blessed by God can do amazing things. What it takes is a willingness on our part to trust and obey. It's at this point that our God, as we love, serve, and teach, takes over and works through His people to bring about transformation in the lives of friends, neighbors, and people in our community.

Prayer

Father, guide your church at HPC as we work together with you to bring Jesus' transformational power to our community. Give me the faith to believe that you will use me to make a difference in the lives of people I encounter. Also, give me a willing heart to obey when you call me to action. In Christ's name. Amen.

Call to action

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- Think about what it means for you to Believe - Grow – Serve.
- In what areas of your life do you need to trust and obey the Lord in a greater way?