Diving Deeper into Discipleship

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Faith Like a Child: A Kid Becomes King!

Sermon Reflection Questions:

- Thank God for the people who provided you "hands of protection" during your formative years.
- Does the "temple" of your life need some restoration? Have you been feeling run-down, neglected, or hurt spiritually?
- Are you able to give gladly from your life—of your time, your talents, and your treasure? If not, what might be holding you back?
- How are you going about diligently "working out" your salvation to create more space for God to work in you for His will and good purposes?

Devotional Reading and Reflection

- **2 Corinthians 6:14-18** | What does this passage teach us about some of the social aspects of being the "temple of the living God?"
- **Proverbs 11:24-25** | According to this passage, what advantages are there to a generous life? Can you think of more?
- **1 Thessalonians 4:9-12** | Why do you think this passage encourages us to "work with your hands?" How does diligence in the work of our everyday lives act as a form of witness to the world around us?

Self-Care Discipline

May Discipline:

Essentials for Confession | Essentials for Confession | Private and Communal Confession *(Excerpt from The Making of an Ordinary Saint by Nathan Foster)*

- Confession is both private and communal. It is a wonderful truth that the individual can break through into new life through the cross without the aid of any human mediator. But if we have not experienced release from the sins and sorrows of the past by means of private confession, we have not exhausted our resources, nor God's grace. In The Book of Common Prayer, we read these encouraging words: "If there be any of you who by this means cannot quiet his own conscience herein but require further comfort or counsel, let him come to me or to some other minister of God's Word, and open his grief." So, God has given the Christian fellowship to help us. We can share our burden with another in the Christian community.
- Have you been struggling with a lack of comfort or a troubled conscience regarding private confession? Seek wisdom from the Lord about someone from your Christian community who can help carry that burden by listening to what is heavy on your heart.

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