



SD#101 - Finding Perspective - Pursuing God’s Perspective

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

“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.”

Reflection Questions:

- 1) How has the perspective of your faith changed over the past few weeks?
- 2) Do you have a specific time where you get alone with God?
- 3) Does the knowledge that He pursues you, change your perspective?



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Extended Devotion:

Do you often feel the world is drowning in chaos, and you're slowly sinking under the weight? Yes, the present chaos and worry of today can take a toll on our hearts and mind if we allow it. Honestly, there are times when it can seem comfortable to simply go along for the ride rather than fight against the current. The confusion and opinions that are constantly infiltrating our surroundings can shift our perspective if we are not vigilant against their dangers. But it doesn't have to be this way. Scripture does not promise an easy living on the path to righteousness. But it does promise life abundantly if we seek after God's righteousness.

God is more concerned with our character than our comfort. It is difficult to fight against the current struggles of today. While it may seem more comfortable to do what is easy, that path will bring hardship at some point. Choosing God's perspective and pursuing His way of living will bring us joy and peace as we have never known. Having faith and seeking after God's righteousness will produce abundant fruits, even if we don't see them right away. God always sees them.

Sometimes we know the way of truth but we have a hard time pursuing it on a daily basis. Knowing what is the right way and neglecting to live accordingly is frustrating, isn't it? You know, we all have that problem at some point in life. The apostle Paul had the same struggle. In Romans 7: 15-20, he shares his struggles of walking the righteous path. Even though we are Christians, we are still fallen human beings. We are still prone to our sinful nature. But God! When we draw close to Him and pursue Him as He pursues us, the struggles become fewer. His way becomes our way.

When we begin to lose hope in our present circumstances, let us earnestly seek after God. The daily pursuing strengthens our faith and makes our calling on the earth clearer.

Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV) says, "*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*" God's perspective for us on earth is for us to set our minds on Him.

Application:

1. If you journal, write out Colossians 3:1-2. If you don't journal, simply read the verses, and meditate for a few moments on a heavenly perspective.



2. Prayer is an essential part of our relationship with God. He longs for us to connect with Him. Write out a prayer of perspective or feel free to use this one below:

“God, I long to see Your goodness in my life each day, but I struggle to find it in the chaos and confusion all around. Help me to commit my thoughts and actions unto You each day. Grant me strength sufficient for each day and grace abundant when I stumble and fall. Transform my perspective toward You so that others around may see me living by Your Spirit, showing holiness in all my doings. For Your glory, and in Jesus name, Amen.”

Takeaway:

Shaping our perspective to God’s requires daily, faithful obedience as we pursue Him.

