

## **"The Life You've always wanted"**

"The heart of Christianity is about transformation-about a God who isn't just concerned with our 'spiritual lives' but who wants to impact every aspect of living. It's realising that God meets us not in a monastery but on the Main Street, and that all of ordinary, daily life has the potential to be lived as if Jesus himself were the one living it." This series based on John Ortberg's book, gives directions on the journey of personal transformation to become like Jesus. Will we take those steps?

### **Which steps do you do to take in your walk with God?**

Plan some practical actions.

#### **Hurry sickness**---Practicing the art of slowing down.

Being still and know the presence of God. Going on retreat or having a longer time with God.

#### **Celebrating life**---Taking time to celebrate the good things of life.

"For everything God created is good and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving" 1 Timothy 4:4

#### **Listening to God**---God is wanting to guide our lives, are we listening?

#### **Life beyond regret**

God wants us to walk in forgiveness

#### **Interrupting heaven**

Develop a prayer plan that works for you

#### **An undivided life**

Memorising and meditating on bible verses

#### **Appropriate Smallness**---Learning to serve deals with pride

#### **Secrecy**

Breaking approval addiction of others by serving in secret

#### **A balanced life**---ordered heart

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus" Colossians 3:17

#### **Enduring well**

Growing through trials

### **Living in Jesus' Name**

*"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."*

In the Bible, names often reflect a person's character. So to do something in Jesus' name means to do it in a way consistent with his character — to do it the way Jesus himself would.

Every moment is an opportunity to live in Jesus' name. All the everyday stuff of life can be filled with his presence — if you are.

Start by thinking about what it would mean to do each of these activities in Jesus' name:

Waking up

Greeting those you see first thing in the morning

Eating

Driving

Working outside the home, or caring for children

Shopping

Watching television

Doing household tasks

Reading

Going to sleep

*Keep it simple.* Focus on Jesus' presence with you as you go through these seemingly inconsequential moments of the day. Keep directing your thoughts back to him. Ask for his help or his guidance, or simply share your heart with him.

*Memorize Colossians 3:17* as a way of helping you do this exercise. Ask God to bring these words back to your mind continually.

*Keep track* of how this experiment goes. Talk about it with a spiritual mentor or friend.