

# The Life Challenge

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## WARM-UP

Share one thing that stood out to you from this past weekend's worship service.

## DISCUSSION

### Icebreaker Question:

- Describe a time in life where someone's encouragement, love, or expression of belief in you gave you the courage to do or try something you might not otherwise have attempted?

### Read Hebrews 10:1-14 (note that some translations will use "made holy" in place of "sanctification")

- In what or whom does the process of our sanctification originate?
- How is sanctification accomplished according to this passage?

### Read 2 Timothy 2:14-26, where we have the other side of the coin; the human responsibility in sanctification (note that in verse 21, some translations use "made holy," or "set apart as holy," or "ready," etc. instead of "sanctified").

- The image Paul gives in the middle of this passage (verse 20-21) is a great word picture of what sanctification is. Using that metaphor, describe what you understand it means for a person to be sanctified.
- How is sanctification accomplished in this passage?
- What practical examples of living a sanctified life does Paul mention?

### Pastor Matt pointed on Sunday that the end result of sanctification is that we are God's treasured possession, which is astoundingly good news!

- When you hear the word "sanctification," do you hear it first and foremost as a heavy word (I was/am a sinner) or a joyful word (I am now a treasure)?

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**"If we doubt we are loved, we will always be handicapped in our capacity to know the call of God. We will have a proclivity to choose to act in ways that strive to find love rather than to live and work out of the assurance that we are loved."** Gordon Smith

- Share your thoughts about that statement.
- How would you assess your own life? Do you find yourself living to try to earn God's love, or living out of an assurance of God's love?
- What impact do you think each of those ways of living has on our ability to successfully live a sanctified life?
- Which of those ways of living is more likely to see us being obedient to the things described in the 2 Timothy passage out of delight, and which out of duty?
- In what way do you think that gaining a greater understanding of your position as God's treasured possession might also give you a greater ability to live a sanctified life?