

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?