

TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS

ROMANS 6 - 10



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How To Use This Devotional Journal

Journaling is a powerful discipline to help you grow in your relationship with God. When we take the time to write down the Word of God with application, it will begin to take root in our hearts. In ancient times with Israel, it was the responsibility of each king to write down a copy of God's laws and apply it in his heart.

In Deuteronomy 17:18-20 (NIV) we read, "When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. ¹⁹ It is to be with him, and he is to **read it** all the days of his life so that he may **learn to revere** the LORD his God and **follow carefully** all the words of this law and these decrees ²⁰ and **not consider himself better** than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel."

I have broken down the Bible passages into smaller sections for you to read. I suggest you read each passage 2-3 times and then write down how each passage applies to your everyday life. Asking questions is a great way to go deeper in your Bible Study. The goal is to go deeper in the Word of God to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. READ one passage each day, REFLECT on what you have read, and then RESPOND by writing a personal prayer that will correlate to the passage you read. Use Saturday as a day to catch up if you need it. Sunday is designed to be a day to worship as a church and discuss any highlights of your week with your family and friends. Remember, knowledge isn't the goal, but rather life application of God's Word that blesses our family, church, and community.

In the back of this booklet there is a Prayer Journal. If you are like me, it is too easy to forget all that God has done and is doing. By keeping a record of your thankfulness and how God answers your prayers, you will see God at work. If you dare to keep a discipline of prayer for 30 days, I believe you will see God bring you on an amazing spiritual journey of His presence and joy.

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Prayer Journal For The Book Of Romans

Day 13 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 6:1-11 (NLT2) Sins Power Is Broken

¹ Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ² Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. ⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Reflect:

What motivates you to live a godly life?

In this passage “death” and “died” are used several times. What is the point Paul is trying to make?

How is the image of baptism a symbol of what Christ did for us?

Describe your experience when you were baptized. What meaning did it have when you were baptized? Was it more for you or others?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 14 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 6:11-14 (NLT2)

We Are To Live Out Our Position In Christ

¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. ¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³ Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. ¹⁴ Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

Reflect:

In what ways do people become slaves to sin?

How can people escape this bondage?

What do you do with the flashbacks that remind you of your past mistakes?

What does it mean to be dead to sin?

If we are dead to sin, how is it that Christians still sin?

What is different now that you know Jesus as your Savior?

What does it mean to practice the teachings in verses 11-14?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 15 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 6:14-23 (NLT2)
We Do Not Have A License to Sin

¹⁵ Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! ¹⁶ Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. ¹⁷ Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. ¹⁸ Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. ¹⁹ Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. ²¹ And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. ²² But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reflect:

If Paul was around today, what would he say enslaves our society?

What about the Christian community?

Looking at verses 16-18, what are the two choices to serve?

Life Application New Testament Commentary. "All human beings are enslaved. While this idea clashes with our goal of independence, the fact is that we were created for interdependence. Paul is using an "illustration" to make an important spiritual point: You are a slave to whomever or whatever you commit yourself to obey. This means that friendships, goals, employment, citizenship, membership, education, career, debt, and marriage all include aspects of slavery. We should choose our slavery wisely. When sin is our master, we have no power except to do what it bids us, with the end being death. But when we choose to obey God, the one who created us, we become slaves to obedience and will receive God's approval.

What is the benefit of slavery to God and it's results?

How do you feel about being a slave to God?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 16 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 7:1-6 (NLT2)
No Longer Bound By The Law

¹ Now, dear brothers and sisters—you who are familiar with the law—don't you know that the law applies only while a person is living? ² For example, when a woman marries, the law binds her to her husband as long as he is alive. But if he dies, the laws of marriage no longer apply to her. ³ So while her husband is alive, she would be committing adultery if she married another man. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law and does not commit adultery when she remarries. ⁴ So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God. ⁵ When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death. ⁶ But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.

Reflect:

Paul uses the analogy of marriage to help us see that we are released from the law and free to serve God by the power of the Holy Spirit. What kind of legalism have you been exposed to in the past? What are some that people fall prey to today?

In your life, are you bearing more fruit for life or death?

What is one way you can serve God in the new way of living in the Spirit?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 17 _____ / Date

Romans 7:7-25 (NLT2)

The Confessions Of A Person's Struggling Soul

⁷ Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, “You must not covet.” ⁸ But sin used this command to arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power. ⁹ At one time I lived without understanding the law. But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life, ¹⁰ and I died. So I discovered that the law’s commands, which were supposed to bring life, brought spiritual death instead. ¹¹ Sin took advantage of those commands and deceived me; it used the commands to kill me. ¹² But still, the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good. ¹³ But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God’s good commands for its own evil purposes. ¹⁴ So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I don’t really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶ But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. ¹⁸ And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰ But if I do what I don’t want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God’s law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God’s law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

Reflect:

When you were a teenager, what was one of your biggest struggles?

What New Year’s Resolution have you started that kind of fizzled out?

How close did your day come to “I do not understand what I do”?

What is the root problem? Verses 14-24

Despite his misery, what is his hope in verses 24-25?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 18 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 8:1-17 (NLT2)
In Christ Jesus We Are Freed From Condemnation

¹ So now there is **no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.**
² And because you belong to him, the **power of the life-giving Spirit** has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.
⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.
⁵ Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.
⁶ So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. ⁷ For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. ⁸ That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. ⁹ But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) ¹⁰ And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. ¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. ¹² Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.
¹³ For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

Reflect:

From verses 8:1-4, how would you explain the gospel to someone who feels they are not good enough for God?

Where is the battle for your life going to be fought and won or lost?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 19 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 8:18-30 (NLT2)

All Creation Will Be Freed From Struggling & Suffering

¹⁸ Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. ¹⁹ For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰ Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, ²¹ the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. ²² For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. ²⁴ We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. ²⁵ But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.) ²⁶ And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. ²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. ²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

Reflect:

What are your expectations for the future?

Why do we as Christians groan?

What reasons for hope do you find in this passage?

What does the Holy Spirit do for us when we do not know how to pray?

When was the last time you did not know how to pray and the Holy Spirit comforted you?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 20 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 8:31-39 (NLT2)
Nothing Can Separate Us From God's Love

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. ³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. ³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reflect:

In the last week, have you felt like a conqueror or conquered?

What confidence do we have about events in our lives as believers? Vs. 28

When has it been hardest for you to believe this?

How have you seen God bring something good out of a bad situation?

How do verses 31-34 support Romans 8:1, "there is no condemnation" for those who are in Christ?

In verse 35-39, which is the most threatening to you?

What phrase impacts you the most from this passage?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 21 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 9:1-29 (NLT2)
The True Children Of God

¹ With Christ as my witness, I speak with utter truthfulness. My conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm it. ² My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief ³ for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed—cut off from Christ!—if that would save them. ⁴ They are the people of Israel, chosen to be God’s adopted children. God revealed his glory to them. He made covenants with them and gave them his law. He gave them the privilege of worshiping him and receiving his wonderful promises. ⁵ Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are their ancestors, and Christ himself was an Israelite as far as his human nature is concerned. And he is God, the one who rules over everything and is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. ⁶ Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel? No, for not all who are born into the nation of Israel are truly members of God’s people! ⁷ Being descendants of Abraham doesn’t make them truly Abraham’s children. For the Scriptures say, “Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted,” though Abraham had other children, too. ⁸ This means that Abraham’s physical descendants are not necessarily children of God. Only the children of the promise are considered to be Abraham’s children. ⁹ For God had promised, “I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.” ¹⁰ This son was our ancestor Isaac. When he married Rebekah, she gave birth to twins. ¹¹ But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to his own purposes; ¹² he calls people, but not according to their good or bad works.) She was told, “Your older son will serve your younger son.” ¹³ In the words of the Scriptures, “I loved Jacob, but I rejected Esau.”

God's Right To Show Mercy And Justice As He Wills

¹⁴ Are we saying, then, that God was unfair? Of course not! ¹⁵ For God said to Moses, “I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose.” ¹⁶ So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it. ¹⁷ For the Scriptures say that God told Pharaoh, “I have appointed you for the very purpose of displaying my power in you and to spread my fame throughout the earth.” ¹⁸ So you see, God chooses to show mercy to some, and he chooses to harden the hearts of others so they refuse to listen. ¹⁹ Well then, you might say, “Why does God blame people for not responding? Haven’t they simply done what he makes them do?” ²⁰ No, don’t say that. Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹ When a potter makes jars out of clay, doesn’t he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into? ²² In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who

were made for destruction. ²³ He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory. ²⁴ And we are among those whom he selected, both from the Jews and from the Gentiles. ²⁵ Concerning the Gentiles, God says in the prophecy of Hosea, “Those who were not my people, I will now call my people. And I will love those whom I did not love before.” ²⁶ And, “Then, at the place where they were told, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘children of the living God.’” ²⁷ And concerning Israel, Isaiah the prophet cried out, “Though the people of Israel are as numerous as the sand of the seashore, only a remnant will be saved. ²⁸ For the LORD will carry out his sentence upon the earth quickly and with finality.” ²⁹ And Isaiah said the same thing in another place: “If the LORD of Heaven’s Armies had not spared a few of our children, we would have been wiped out like Sodom, destroyed like Gomorrah.” ³⁰ What does all this mean? Even though the Gentiles were not trying to follow God’s standards, they were made right with God. And it was by faith that this took place. ³¹ But the people of Israel, who tried so hard to get right with God by keeping the law, never succeeded. ³² Why not? Because they were trying to get right with God by keeping the law instead of by trusting in him. They stumbled over the great rock in their path. ³³ God warned them of this in the Scriptures when he said, “I am placing a stone in Jerusalem that makes people stumble, a rock that makes them fall. But anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”

Reflect:

According to this passage who are God’s children?

What is God’s favor based on? Verses 15-18

How do verses 19-21 answer questions raised?

What qualities of God stand out to you? Verses 25-29

For what work do you feel God created you?

How deeply do you hurt for unbelievers? As much as Paul?

Who are some people God has placed upon your heart to share your story of faith?

Make a plan to share in the next week or two.

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 22 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 10:1-10 (NLT2)

The Tragic Mistake Of Israel: Missing God's Righteousness

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. ² I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. ³ For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. **Refusing to accept God's way**, they cling to their own way of getting right with God **by trying to keep the law.** ⁴ For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. **As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.** ⁵ For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires **obedience to all of its commands.** ⁶ But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven' (to bring Christ down to earth). ⁷ And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead' (to bring Christ back to life again)." ⁸ In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart." And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: ⁹ **If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Reflect:

What would you say is a general view in the world today for a person to go to heaven?

What hope does Paul have for the Israelites in 10:1?

In what ways did the Jews seek to be right with God? 9:32; 3:20; 7:7-11; 10:3

According to verses 9 -10, how is one saved?

How would the attitude of a person coming to God on their own merit (vs.5); differ from a person coming to God by faith in Christ verse 8-10?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

Day 23 _____ / Date

Read: Romans 10:11-21

The Gospel (Righteousness By Faith) Is Not for Israel Alone

¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”

¹² **Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect.** They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For “**Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.**” ¹⁴ But how can they call on him to **save** them unless they **believe** in him? And how can they believe in him if they have **never heard** about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone **tells them**? ¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without **being sent**? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!” ¹⁶ But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, “LORD, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷ **So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.** ¹⁸ But I ask, have the people of Israel actually heard the message? Yes, they have: “The message has gone throughout the earth, and the words to all the world.” ¹⁹ But I ask, did the people of Israel really understand? Yes, they did, for even in the time of Moses, **God said, “I will rouse your jealousy through people who are not even a nation. I will provoke your anger through the foolish Gentiles.”**

²⁰ And later Isaiah spoke boldly for God, saying, “**I was found by people who were not looking for me.** I showed myself to those who were not asking for me.”

²¹ But regarding Israel, God said, “**All day long I opened my arms to them, but they were disobedient and rebellious.**”

Reflect:

How do the questions in 14-15 challenge you?

What do you see as the basic difference between Christianity and other religions?

What does it mean to confess Jesus as Lord?

How does this tie in with belief?

Share when you believed in Jesus and confessed him as Lord.

When did you realize that it isn't so much what you do for God but rather what He has done for you?

Respond: (Write out a personal prayer using the scripture above)

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Giving Thanks

Prayer Devotional Journal

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Let all Israel repeat: ‘His faithful love endures forever.’ Let Aaron’s descendants, the priests, repeat: ‘His faithful love endures forever.’ Let all who fear the LORD repeat: ‘His faithful love endures forever.’ In my distress I prayed to the LORD, and the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me? Yes, the LORD is for me; he will help me. I will look in triumph at those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in people.” **Psalm 118:1-8 (NLT)**

Start by writing the top ten things that you are most thankful for.

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“The prayer power has never been tried to its full capacity...if we want to see mighty wonders of divine power and grace wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let us answer God's standing challenge, “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.” ~ J. Hudson Taylor

Our Purpose And Vision

When you come to Cornerstone, you will find a contemporary style of music with words that direct our hearts to celebration and **WORSHIP** our great God and Savior. You will hear relevant teachings from God's Word with a life application every Sunday. As we **CONNECT** with each other, it is our vision to go beyond the superficial and encourage each other to take our next right step with God. It is our aspiration to help people **GROW** into maturity through personal application of God's Word. We desire to lead the way with selfless generosity and **SERVE** as a way of life. It is our purpose to **SHARE** God's message of forgiveness through Jesus Christ and help people find and follow Jesus.

Service Times:

On Campus Sunday Worship Service: 9:15 & 11:00AM

Online Sunday Service: 9:15AM > <https://www.youtube.com/c/cornerstonepoway>

Weekly Sermon Notes> <https://www.cornerstonepoway.com/sermons>

Sermon Notes Bible Study, Tuesdays 6:00-7:00PM (online Zoom)

Link> <https://zoom.us/join>. Meeting ID: 84983852091, Password: 355924

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