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Personal

Thinking about the message on Sunday led me to this quote from Paul Tripp.

"Maybe another way to phrase our struggle is like this: **human beings are glory junkies.** Whether you like to admit to it or not, you're addicted to glory. In a way, this can be a very healthy thing, because you're actually designed to crave glory, as long as it's related to the things of God. So yes, you should be "addicted" - you should wake up and have a strong desire for Christ each morning, and you should experience a buzz when the Holy Spirit is moving in your life and in the lives of those you love and care for.

At the same time, however, you can't be so naive to think that you have overcome your addiction to self-glory. You see, glory addicts aren't just found in Hollywood, Nashville, or in professional sports. Glory addicts exist in the bedrooms, kitchens, and offices of everyday life.

I love how the Apostle Paul captures this idea in 1 Corinthians 10:31 - "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." When Paul thinks about giving glory to God, he isn't thinking about the speech we make after accepting an Academy Award or scoring a game-winning touchdown in front of millions of viewers. No, he thinks of the utterly mundane, when very few people are watching. And that's where 99% of us live every day."

Let's live for the only glory that really matters and that really lasts.

Family Front

Kate and I are doing well by God's grace. I have not been feeling well lately. I have had stomach issues recently, and i'm not sure exactly why. Please pray that these would resolve quickly. Kate has often been tired as she is in her third trimester of pregnancy. But we are thankful at the end of every day the Lord has faithfully granted her the strength to make it through. Our Son is doing well. Looking forward to see him become a God fearing young man. Very encourage to hear him ask theological question about sin. This has open opportunities to share the gospel with him. Pray for us that the Lord will be gracious to open his heart to respond to the gospel at his early stage

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Church

Our regular church gathering activities continue. We have been going through a preaching series on the book of Galatians. We have taken a break as we have been teaching through a more topical series from Acts 2:42-47 focusing upon the corporate life of the believers in Christ. We will begin six sermon series that will focus on the church.

God has called each of us to become conformed to the image of Christ and to serve Him. As that happens in each of our lives, the church as a whole will fulfill her multiple purposes.

Those purposes will be the focus of this sermon series. All of them fit under the general purpose of glorifying God by making disciples of Jesus Christ which is carried out by membership, identification, evangelism, edification, and fellowship, all of which results in true worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I believe the sermon series will help our people from a biblical point of view how a healthy church looks like as they are considering taking membership classes and baptism.

Encouragements

There have been several things happening that have encouraged us about the group, including:

- ◆ A couple of godly responses to challenging circumstances by a potential brother. When faced with the possibility that obedience to Christ might mean losing the ability to earn income for his family, he was willing to honor the Lord. Thankfully he was able to continue working by God's grace!
- ◆ A couple ministering to one another's basic needs in a very sacrificial way. There have been several times that some believers have shared food with each other during the difficult season.
- ◆ Men seeking to lead their homes in the Scriptures. Two brothers are seeking to be faithful in regularly reading the word and discussing things with their wives and children.
- ◆ We were also visited by a missionary couple from Rafiki (Jay and Maureen Richard). They were in Mzuzu for a couple of years. They went back to the States for good and they just came for 2 weeks. They came just to encourage us.



Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters at PBC, particularly that they would trust God to meet their daily needs and to provide some of them with work - three people in particular are without jobs right now. And for the group to bear a strong gospel witness for Jesus by continuing to sacrificially love one another and proclaiming the saving message of Christ within the community.

Growth Group

Overall our Thursdays gathering has been encouraging. We are continuing our study on the book “knowing the living God” chapter 7. God is Personal. From Genesis to Revelation, the Scriptures portray God as One who desires to enter into fellowship with His creation, especially with man, in spite of his sin. In a very real sense, the Bible is a record of God seeking sinful men and working to restore His relationship with them. This truth is clearly seen even in the fall of Adam and Eve. The discussion has been pretty good and it’s been a great opportunity to consider the person and work of Christ and that salvation is by the grace of God and not by works in simple and clear ways from the Bible. Pray for our group as we are impacted by these truth that we will be a salty light to their family members and neighbours for Christ.





Mentoring

We have continued to meet weekly with the young couple. We've been working our way through the gospel of John and are in the middle of chapter 8. In light of Jesus' interactions with the Jewish leaders in this section of John's gospel, we've recently spent a lot of time talking about the nature of a true believer in Jesus and someone who is an unbeliever, even if they say they are a believer. Unbelievers love this world, the praise and acceptance of people, their sinful lifestyles, and personal autonomy. Though they appear religiously moral and may claim to love and follow Jesus, they will not part with these things to follow him. While they may find many things that Jesus said and did which they can accept, they cannot accept all of his teachings, particularly the "hard sayings" of Christ that run contrary to the values and conduct of our godless society. I think I've seen in Theu and Caroline a desire to establish their beliefs in the Bible, to receive the things in the Scriptures in childlike faith, and an increased discernment between true and false teaching (particularly in Caroline).

They can't clearly articulate the gospel, and can only say they hope they are saved and have eternal life. We had a very direct conversation last week along some of these lines. They are willing to continue to get together and have expressed their appreciation for our studies and discussion, so please pray that they will come to saving faith.

I continue to meet weekly for inductive Bible study with a young man at PBC. After we finished going through Philemon another young man joined us and we are now working through 2 John. It has been a really good time, we are all learning and being challenged, and I'm encouraged by these young brothers' increasing abilities to reason through the meaning of a portion of Scripture, answering questions and defending conclusions from the context of the letter. Please pray for these opportunity and great fruit from them

We can't thank you enough for your partnership with us in the gospel. You are fellow workers with us for the truth as you pray for and with us as the Lord supply our needs. We praise God for you and we love you in Christ.

Here are some items to pray;

1. We've been reading and talking through Luke 12 in family devotions. Pray for us, that the focus of our affections and efforts would be more single-minded upon the kingdom of God and invest in his work through a radical generosity of money and possessions, supported and fueled by a satisfaction in the future inheritance he promises us and an unwavering trust that he will provide what we need
2. Pray for good fruit from the regular preaching of God's word at PBC
3. Pray the congregation would welcome political, economical, social and radical diversity as God gives it.
4. Pray that the church's reach for the gospel would broaden to more people and places
5. Pray for growing faithfulness in private prayer for each other