

JOURNEY: LIVING WELL WITH GOD & OTHERS

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Day 2 QUIET TIME Reflection Questions

Begin by sitting quietly, asking God to bring to mind fresh encouragement from the Word or principles the Holy Spirit may have impressed on your heart in our time together yesterday.

We grow in both discipline and discipleship as we learn to make careful choices about the future even as we grow in maturity from lessons learned in the past. **Reflect on the following:**

*“Seeing my intentions before he beholds my failures;
Knowing my desires before he sees my faults;
Cheering me to endeavor greater things, and yet accepting the least;
Inviting my poor service, and yet above all, content with my poorer love.” - Cardinal H.E. Manning*

- 1.) Every journey begins with a dream (“What do I seek to accomplish?”), a destination (“Where do I want to go?”), and a direction (“How do I want to get there?”). As we wait on God for guidance, though, we learn that our expectations are not always his plans. Look up Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 40:5, and Hebrews 11:40. What is the common thread in these verses when it comes to the plans and purposes God has for His children? Can you think of instances from your past when God’s agenda turned out to be much better than your own? How does that encourage you as you look ahead into what He has for you throughout this new decade?
- 2.) Read Acts 13:36 several times through. How can we, like David, “serve God’s purposes in our own generation”? What tends to keep us from doing so?
- 3.) God guides us on our journey through “The Four C’s”: Confirmation from the Word, Communication with God through prayer, Counsel of mature believers, and the open (and closed) doors of Circumstances. Consider situations in your life where you are seeking guidance this year and ask God to lead you in each of these areas.

The following prayer is centuries old but could have been written for us today. Pray it back to God.

*“God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with life, we beseech Thee; turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; **and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road to life, to Thy honor and glory.**” St. Augustine*