SERMON NOTES

November 15 & 16, 2025

One More Celebration Weekend

Life Steps

One More Celebration Weekend | November 17-23, 2025

Monday: Psalm 84

Reflect: We often take for granted what a gift it is to have a home with God and with other believers where we can worship together. Who has God placed in your life who is looking for this kind of home? Consider inviting them to worship this next weekend.

Prayer: God, you are my home. Where you are is where I long to be. Thank you for inviting me in. Give me the courage and compassion to bring others with me.

Tuesday: Matthew 11:28-30

Reflect: There is nothing like the rest our souls receive in the presence of Jesus. When was the first time you felt this rest, this peace? How are you doing at living this peace out in the world for others to see? **Prayer:** God, use me as a calming presence in the chaos around me. Allow your peace to flow through me to others who need to know your peace.

Wednesday: Proverbs 22:6

Reflect: Each of our families "trained" us, or did not "train" us, on how to understand God and follow Jesus. What did you learn about church, God, and following Jesus as you grew up? How do you understand those things now?

Prayer: God, I know You are training me for the next thing You will call me to do. Give me clarity when You can and courage to go when You call, Amen.

Thursday: John 12:26

Reflect: Serving is how God helps us dial in His calling on our lives. If you are clear, reflect on your calling and consider if all of your "Yes" lines up with it. If you are still refining God's call on your life, list serving roles that have drained you. Then list serving roles that have energized you! **Prayer:** God, thank You for placing your call on my life. Guide me or give me peace as I wait for your will to be revealed for my life, Amen.

Friday: Luke 15:11-19

Reflect: Imagine the extravagant lifestyle of the younger son after he ran away from the love of his father. What were the consequences of his rebellious behavior? What was the turning point for the younger son, and how did this lead him to repentance? How do you relate to the younger son? **Prayer:** God, please forgive the many ways I have squandered your generosity and relentless love. I love you, Lord, and am grateful for your patient presence in my life.

Saturday: Luke 15:20-31

Reflect: How did the father react when he saw his younger son returning? What does this reveal about God's unconditional love and forgiveness? How were you impacted by our One More Celebration service? **Prayer:** God of relentless love, mercy, and grace, help me extend to others what you have so generously given to me.

Sunday: Ephesians 4:1-3

Reflect: As you approach the Thanksgiving holiday this week, what emotions are you feeling about being around extended family? How can God work through you this week to help keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace in your family?

Prayer: God, you have been patient with me. You have forgiven me. You love me unconditionally. Help me show this kind of love to the people in my family who are not easy to love.

