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Day 1: Passionate
Purpose

Reading:
Philippians 1:12-18

Paul's unwavering commitment to sharing the gospel, even in the face of imprisonment, challenges us to examine our own passionate purpose. Are we, like Paul, more concerned with advancing the gospel than our own comfort or reputation? Today, reflect on your life's purpose. How can you integrate knowing Christ and making Him known into your daily activities? Consider one way you can boldly share your faith today, remembering that the Holy Spirit dwells within you, providing the strength and courage you need.

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Day 2: Eternal
Perspective

Reading:
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Paul's ability to see his imprisonment as an opportunity rather than a setback demonstrates his eternal perspective. In today's reading, Paul reminds us that our present troubles are achieving an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. How might adopting this perspective change your attitude towards current challenges? Take a moment to list your current struggles, then beside each one, write a potential eternal benefit that could come from it. Ask God to help you see your circumstances through His eyes.

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Day 3: Love as
Motivation

Reading:
1 Corinthians 13:1-7

The sermon emphasized that our motivation for sharing the gospel should be love. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13 beautifully describe the nature of true love. As you read, consider how this kind of love might transform your interactions with others, especially those who don't know Christ. How can you demonstrate this love in a tangible way today? Remember, loving others as yourself means caring enough to share the truth about their need for Jesus.

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Day 4: Unity in Christ

Reading:
Ephesians 4:1-6

The transcription touched on the issue of rivalry and wrong motives in ministry. Today's reading calls us to unity in Christ. Reflect on how you can contribute to unity within the body of Christ, even when there are differences in approach or understanding. Are there any attitudes of rivalry or selfish ambition in your heart that need to be addressed? Pray for humility and the ability to "count others more significant than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

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Day 5: Rejoicing in
Christ Proclaimed

Reading:
Philippians 1:18-21

Paul's ability to rejoice even when the gospel was preached with wrong motives is a powerful example of keeping the main thing the main thing. As you read today's passage, consider Paul's singular focus on Christ being proclaimed. In what ways can you cultivate this kind of joy and focus in your own life? Reflect on situations where you might be tempted to criticize or become discouraged by others' methods or motives. How can you instead choose to rejoice that Christ is being made known? End your devotional time by praising God for the ways He is working, even in imperfect circumstances.

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