

# A DEVOTED LIFE

WINTER SERMON SERIES



## "A Devoted Life"

Series Introduction

December 27, 2020

Text: Psalm 27:4

Part 1 of "A Devoted Life"

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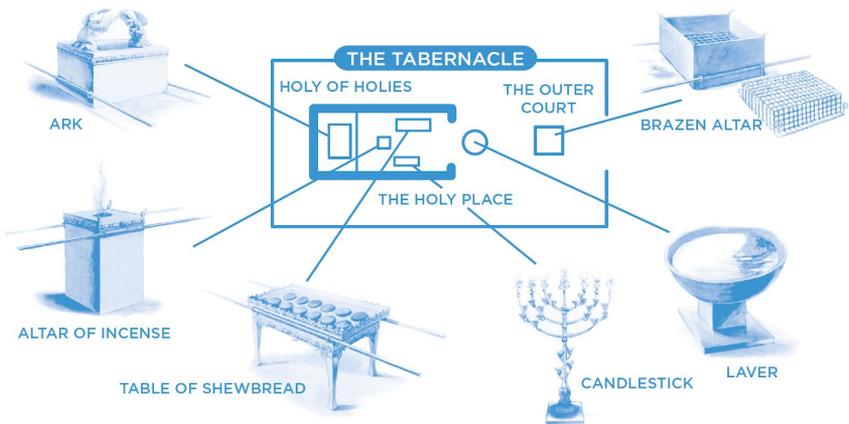
*"One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple."*

*-Psalm 27:4*

1. God warns us to avoid living a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
  - a. Mark 3:24-26
  - b. It \_\_\_\_\_ us.
  - c. It \_\_\_\_\_ us.
  - d. God desires us to \_\_\_\_\_ with Him on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis.

2. God invites us to \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

- a. John 1:14
- b. Old Testament
- c. New Testament



3. God guides us into a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

- a. Psalm 100
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Create your own tabernacle over the weeks ahead. See the diagram above. Research the Tabernacle online and discuss together. Draw a tabernacle or create a model tabernacle out of craft supplies. Legos. Or, create a digital tabernacle in a drawing app or game, like Minecraft.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Dig Deeper:** Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this sermon deeper.

On a scale of 0-10, how connected to God would you say you are these days?

0- I don't really feel connected to God at all.

5- I'm aware of God but lack a desire to grow or change.

10- I desire to live fully devoted to God on a daily basis.

In terms of your prayer life with God, what is your experience or understanding of the Lord's Prayer? (As a whole and specific phrases within it) Matthew 6:9-13.

The theme verse for this series is Psalm 27:4. Read it together. What are some things you are “seeking after” these days? Not that they are necessarily “bad,” but share some things that are frequently on your mind and/or in your life. How might those things be or become idols?

Do you have a time when you can regularly meet with God? If not, when (in the day/week) might it be in the month of January?

Do you have a place (or places) to regularly meet with God? If not, where could it be for the month of January?

The instructions for the creation of the Tabernacle can be found in Exodus 25-27. To read about the Courts, read Exodus 27:9-19. What precious metals are found here in the outer courts? The entrance to the Tabernacle faced the same direction as the entrance to the Garden of Eden; which direction (see 27:13)?

Take a few minutes (not long!) to pray through Psalm 100. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Use the words to prompt your prayers. Remember, keep it simple. Pray by yourself or with someone else. Talk about it with someone.

*Father, as we head into a new year, thank you for being present with us and good to us. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge you in the ways that you deserve. Jesus, teach us how to pray and live a prayer-filled life. Holy Spirit, guide us, empower us, and give us the words; Jesus may you be glorified in our lives. Amen.*