

Introduction – Building a garage

SERMON SERIES

*"Certified Purveyors
of the High Life!"*

Text In Question of the Week:

Is there in you a renewed desire to seek the high life?

What is the aim? Matter and Manner
(John 5:39-40)

FIRST EIGHT WEEKS

1. Weeks 1-4: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
2. Weeks 5-7: The Inner Life of our Thoughts, Feelings, and Will
3. Week 8: Love God. Love Neighbor.

This Week

What do you want from me? My soul, or something?

Matthew 7:24-29

1. What are "these words of (Jesus)?"
2. And "does them"
3. Simile Land!
4. Two houses - one on the rock and one on the sand
5. "and great was the fall of it."

Application – *Are you hearing and gettin' 'er done so that you don't become undone?*

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James 1:22-25

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The time we built a garage

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Have you experienced a renewed desire
to experience the high life?

Text/Email to Cor@hopecc.com



WEEK #1: Do you want God for God?

How are you getting filled?

"Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in thee."

~Augustine of Hippo, 354-430



Week #3:

The Holy Spirit is personal

1. The Spirit speaks
2. The Spirit bears witness
3. The Spirit teaches/reminds
4. The Spirit hears
5. The Spirit helps/intercedes



WEEK #2



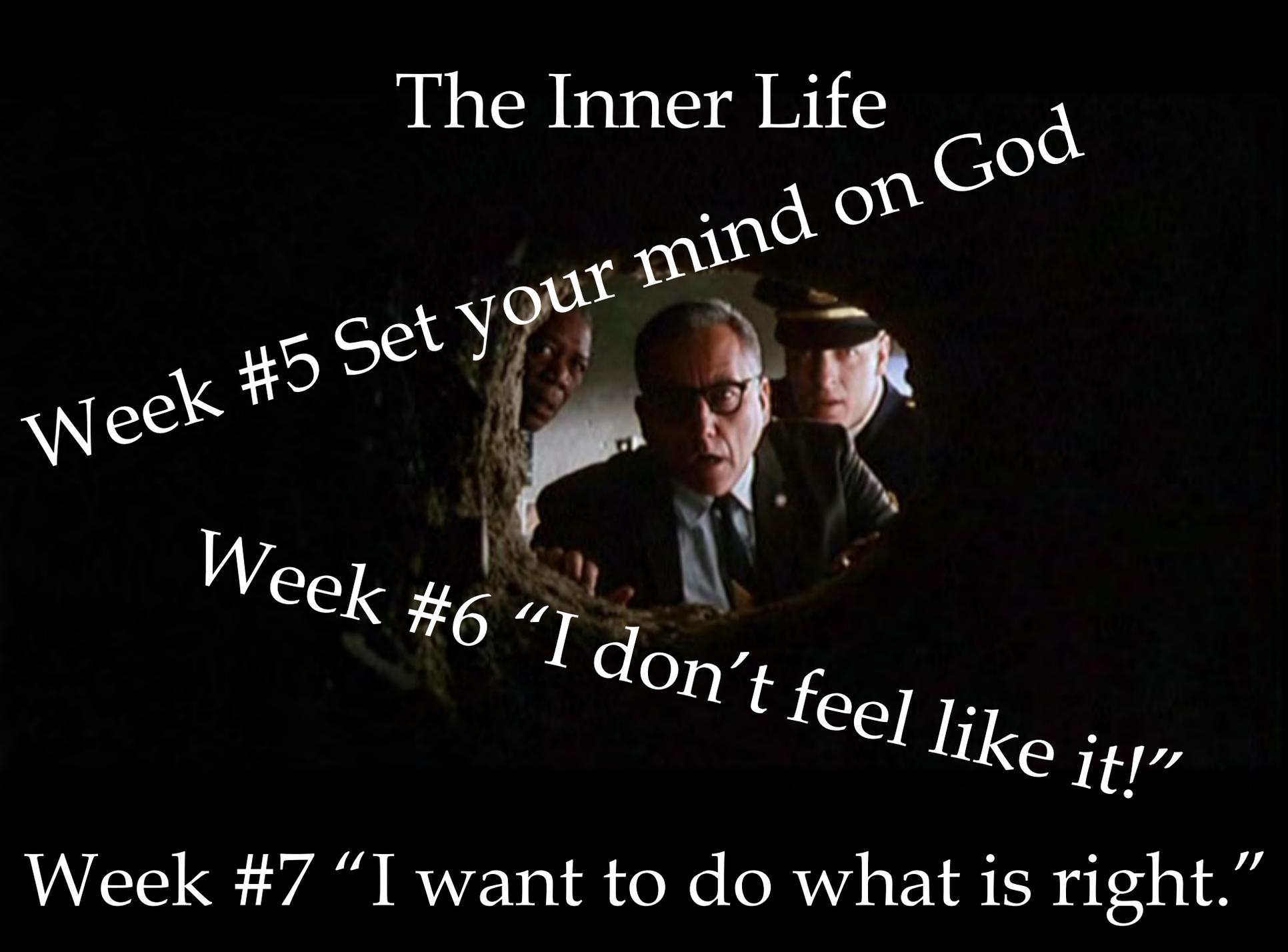
Week #4:

The Holy Spirit is essential

1. The Spirit informs specifically
2. The Spirit empowers continually



The Inner Life



Week #5 Set your mind on God

Week #6 "I don't feel like it!"

Week #7 "I want to do what is right."

Jesus' Response: Love God.

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What are the “words of (Jesus)?”

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1. Showcase God in all your actions
2. Carry out God’s word
3. Do not be angry
4. Do not look at another with lust in your heart
5. Do not divorce your spouse
6. Speak truthfully
7. Love everyone, even those who don’t love you
8. Practice holiness (pray, fast, give) in private
9. Treasure God, not stuff
10. Do not be anxious about things, even those of absolute necessity, or about tomorrow
11. Don’t judge
12. When you ask, trust him, in his goodness, to provide
13. Stay on the narrow and difficult path that leads to life
14. Watch out for false prophets

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Be *doers* of the word

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Environment: Storm and Storm

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- You overcome lust
- Your marriage points to God
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- Speak truthfully
- Hear and Get ‘Er Done

- God is defamed
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- Your marriage dissolves
- You dishonor the other sex
- You treasure stuff
- You question God’s provision
- Tell them what they want to hear
- Become Undone

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“But it did not fall”

My brother was diagnosed with two forms of cancer. After two and half years of chemo the cancer returned. My family's only option was a bone marrow transplant. That is where my "giving" comes into play. I really don't see it as a gift (as I was REALLY excited to do be a part of his treatment). I was a perfect match to be my brother's donor. So when I was 15 years old I donated two liters of my bone marrow to my brother. It is quite the process, google it if you want details. Well, the transplant took and we had a great following summer. At the end of August in a monthly checkup the cancer had reappeared.



“But it did not fall”

We went ahead with another bone marrow transplant and when that did not take the doctors decided to take my stem cells and give them to my brother (an even weirder process). Well, this story does not have a happy ending. Though I think my brother won because he got to meet Jesus. So astronomical gift on my part? I really don't think so, but I am forever grateful for the chance to save my brother's life and give my brother a summer that was beyond our wildest dreams, where he could be a "normal" teenage boy and my family has three months of fantastic memories. And that is the actual astronomical gift from God.



Are you hearing Jesus and
gettin' 'er done
so that you don't become undone?