

MESSAGE NOTES

Experience the High Life with Hope!

Scripture Passages

(taken from the English Standard Version)

Introduction #1 - High Life Story

Introduction #2 - What was that?

SERMON SERIES

*"Certified Purveyors
of the High Life!"*

FIRST NINE 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.
4. Week 9: Hear and Get 'Er Done so that You Don't Become Undone

This Week

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"I am sending you."

In Gathering Together - Hebrews 10:24-25

In Service - Mark 10:42-45

In Sharing - 1 Timothy 6:17-19

In Witness - Philemon 6

Application - *How is God calling you to experience the high life with and through Hope Community?*

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Philemon 6

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John 10:10

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“There’s No Crying in Preaching!”



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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



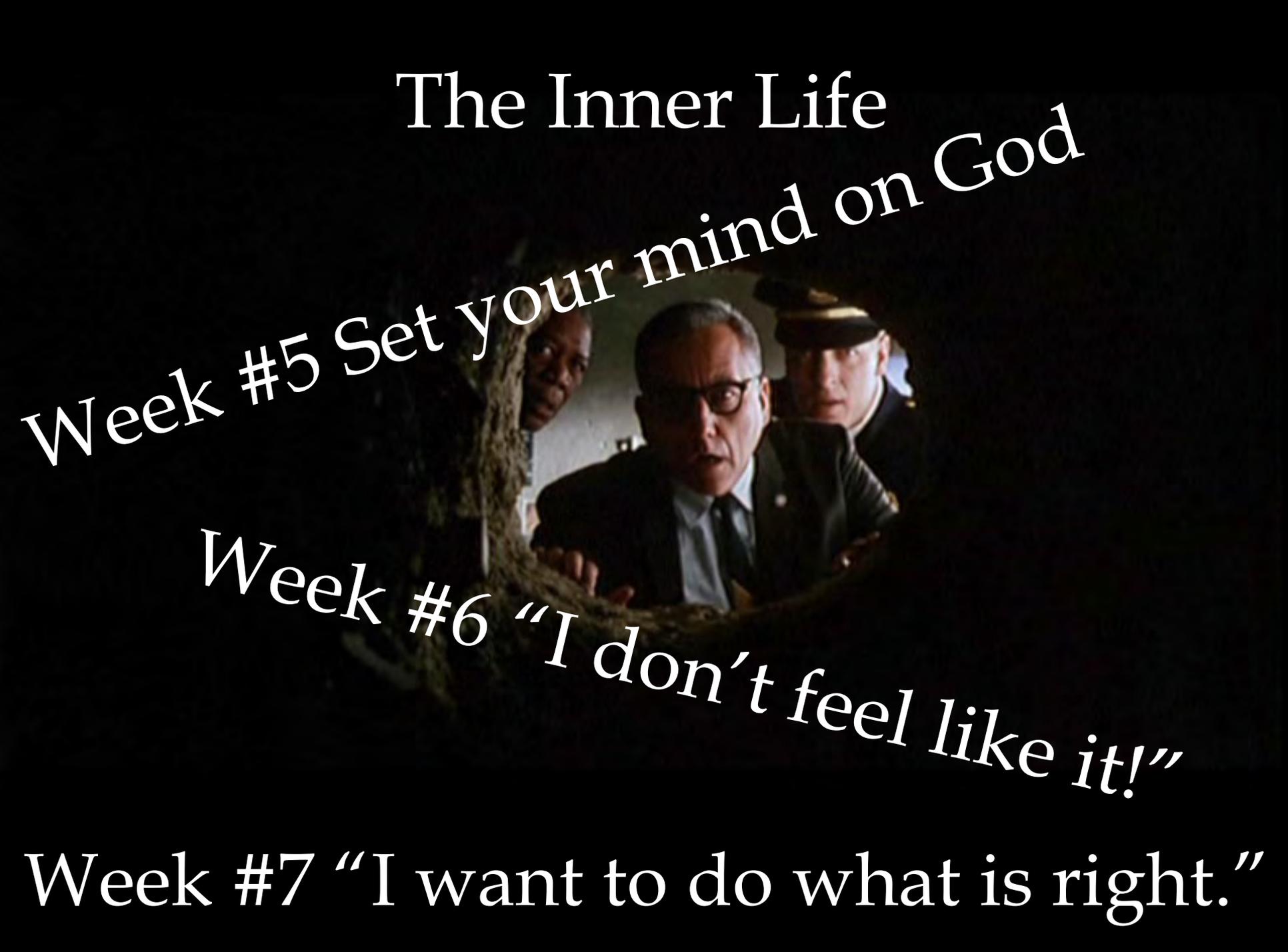
Week #4:

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."

Week #8





Week #9 Hear and Get 'Er Done!

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

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FOUR Areas of High Life

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2. In Service

3. In Sharing

4. In Witness



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When I moved to Minnesota for college, I did not find a church to attend regularly. For three years I allowed myself to believe I was too busy to go, too tired, etc. The truth is my lack of contact with our Father wore me out more than anything. Every time I did manage to get to church, the result was the same. I could barely contain myself during worship. The message gave me new life. My first experience at Hope about one month ago was no different. The only thing holding me back from a wild dance most Sundays is the thought that I might cause others to lose their focus on Christ. I am so absorbed in the messages, I come very near to shouting questions out to you. My question to you, and the whole congregation, is this: do you mind wild dances and/or questions?

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But in response to your question, I am so renewed. I am reminded I get to go to Heaven, despite everything I am. I get to see Jesus seated at the right hand of God Almighty Himself. Not to mention the fact that the the God of the universe (the universe!) knows who I am, and loves me. Have I reconnected with Christ through Hope CC? I have come back to Him on hands and knees with tears of joy in my eyes. There aren't words for it. Yeah, you could say that we've reconnected. Thanks for helping point the way home.



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- Nursery is always looking for more competent, compassionate volunteers to take a shift every six weeks or so. If people are looking for a one-time commitment we try to thoroughly clean the nurseries a couple times each year and often have trouble rounding up hands to help.



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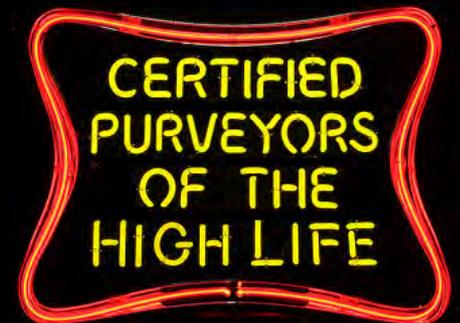
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- **Which brings me to the Spring Retreat...go to the spring retreat...volunteer to help!...lead a small group there...so much help is needed there.**



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Amount Monthly	# of people pledging
\$100	3
\$75	6
\$50	10
\$25	15



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I have had a renewed desire for God this summer. For the past 5 years, I was a creature of habit: for awhile God and are are super tight, then I get sick of Him, and repeat. It sounds awful to say, but God became too much work at times, and I'd say to Him, "Go away, God, I just need a break from you." That is what happens when you listen to the Devil. Earlier this summer I was in a long period of this horrible phase -- upwards of two months long, the longest it's ever been. I knew it was wrong, I knew what I should be doing, and the guilt of my sin ate away at my soul. It was difficult for me to attend church, let alone lead a Small Group, and otherwise participate in community with other believers. My relationships and my health suffered.

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Finally, on June 30th, I'd had enough. I don't know what exactly triggered the change, but that night I prayed that God would take me back. I immediately felt His embrace. Over the next week or so, God showed me some tough love as I was forced to recount my own brokenness to Him and others. Yet, through all of that, I felt deeply loved by my Creator and Sustainer. The hardest part was forgiving myself -- that took some time. What I learned from this experience is that one of the greatest lies Satan tells us is that God is "too much work." Being in relationship with God IS work, but it's far easier than being away from Him. Really, it is! I am thankful and saved by His grace.