## Life Steps

United in Worship | August 31 & September 1, 2024

Monday I Timothy 1:12-17

**Reflect:** God was not made for us. We were made for God. What are the adjectives that most describe who God is to you? How has God been generous to you? What was your most impactful experience from weekend worship?

Prayer: Today, eternal, invisible, and immortal God, may my life bring honor and glory to your name.

Tuesday Psalm 46:1-7

**Reflect:** For as long as there have been people on Earth, there has been war; human destruction is not new. However, neither is the reconstruction of God's grace. As you consider the global conflict today, how does this passage of scripture provide you with hope?

**Prayer:** God, you are my refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Today, I offer my fear to you in exchange for your sovereignty.

Wednesday Psalm 46:7-11

**Reflect:** This scripture reminds us that God breaks, shatters, and burns that which is meant to destroy. What resides within you that is a tool for destruction? Is it pride, jealousy, holding onto grudges, etc? Consider what you can offer to God today.

**Prayer:** God, you are God. I am not. And so, I am still in this moment with you. I offer you anything within that needs to be burned away in exchange for your grace.

Thursday Psalm 33:12

**Reflect:** Who is the highest authority in your life? Is it a person who holds earthly power over you, or does God hold your highest allegiance? What does it mean to be, first and foremost, a follower of Jesus when people seek your pledge of loyalty to them?

**Prayer:** Lord, you are the King of Kings and Lord of all Nations. Guide my thoughts and heart so that I might seek first your kingdom and your will so that your light of love, compassion, and forgiveness might shine through me.

Friday 2 Corinthians 3:17 | Galatians 5:22-23

**Reflect:** In the New Testament, the freedom that was most spoken of was freedom from the oppressive religious Law that, for some, had become the object of worship itself. What does freedom look like to you? "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." Do you exhibit the fruits of the spirit? What do you need to be freed from?

**Prayer:** Liberating God, free me today from that which keeps me from you and from living the life you desire for me. Increase my reflection of your spirit through increased love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. When people see me, may they see you in me.

Saturday John 15:9-11

**Reflect:** The joy God provides is one that cannot be shaken by circumstance. What areas of your life are you experiencing the least amount of joy? How can you practice surrendering these areas as you remain in His love?

**Prayer:** Overwhelm me with your presence today, God. Help me remain in your presence so that as others experience me, they encounter you in the process.

Sunday Ephesians 3:14-21

**Reflect:** What are areas of your inner being that God needs access to so you can grow? Impatience? Anger? Exhaustion? Bitterness? Trauma? Pride?

**Prayer:** God, I give you access to the places in me that are most resistant to change. Help me be rooted and established in your love in a way that transforms me.

