

“Staying the Course”

Is my life significant?

Ephesians 1: 4 NIV

⁴ For he chose us in him **before the creation of the world** to be holy and blameless in his sight...

Psalms 139: 16 NIV

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; **all the days ordained for me** were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How can I fulfil his purposes?

Ephesians 2: 10 NIV

¹⁰ For **we are God's handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which **God prepared in advance for us to do**.

Hebrews 13: 20-21 NIV

²⁰ Now may the God of peace... ²¹ **equip you with everything good** for doing his will, and **may he work in us** what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How can I stay the course?

Daily Devotional

Dedicated time set aside each day for personal, spiritual growth.

Luke 5: 16 NIV

¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Psalms 105: 4 NIV

⁴ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Luke 10: 39 NIV

³⁹ ...Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught.

How can I stay the course?

Saying 'Yes' to God

Luke 9:23 NIV

²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and take up their cross **daily** and follow me.

How can I stay the course?

Saying 'Yes' to God when it's difficult:

- Will, trust and perspective

Mark 14: 36 NIV

³⁶ “*Abba*, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Hebrews 12: 2 NIV

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. **For the joy that was set before him** he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What is my perspective?

2 Corinthians 4: 16 - 18 NIV

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Do you believe that God has a specific purpose for your life? Why or why not?**
- 2. How would you describe your current daily relationship with God? What helps or hinders it?**
- 3. What do you think it means to say "yes" to God in everyday life?**
- 4. Can you share a time when following God was difficult? What helped you keep going?**
- 5. What is one practical step you can take this week to help you stay the course with God?**

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