

Day 40: Celebration and Dedication

You did it. We did it. We have reached the final day of our 40-day journey. We have used these forty days to place our hearts and minds in a posture of dependence and discernment. And we trust that God will indeed lead us. He has done it before, and we know He will do it again. While this is an *end*, it is also a beginning. We hope the biblical truth read, time spent in prayer, and commitment to embrace daily spiritual practices have given you the tools to follow Jesus more confidently.

What are your biggest lessons learned or takeaways from this devotional journey?

Our focus scriptures for today are from Psalm 126:3 and 100:1, Isaiah 12:5, and Philippians 4:4

³ “The LORD had done great things for us; we were joyful.”

¹ “Let the whole earth shout triumphantly to the LORD! ² Serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”

⁵ “Sing to the LORD, for He has done glorious things. Let this be known throughout the earth.”

⁴ “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

In the midst of all the important decisions we face in this season as a church, we want to be people marked by gratitude, joy, gladness, praise, song, celebration, and testimony. We are loved by a good, powerful, loving, personal, and wonder-working God. We have so many compelling reasons to be grateful and remain loyal to Him and His ways. As we move into the future of God’s work in and through Stonegate Fellowship, we go confident in His power, nearness, and promise to go with us, never leaving or abandoning us!

Pause to consider all the great things God has done for you.

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say “yes, Lord,” take some time to celebrate, worship, and honor God. Put in some worship music and sing at the top of your lungs. Share with someone you trust all the reasons you are glad, hopeful, and confident in God. Find a way to honor God for all the great things He has done for you.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, let this declaration be the last word on this forty-day journey:

Psalm 115:1–3 ¹ “Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory because of your faithful love, because of your truth. ² Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” ³ Our God is in heaven and does whatever He pleases.”

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.