

## Sermon Notes

## Life Notes

### The Recipe of a Godly Life: Godliness John 15:1-8

#### Opener:

Who is someone whose faith has quietly influenced your life, and what did you notice about them?

#### Go Deeper: (Exploring the Bible)

1. Read John 15:1-8. What does the relationship between the vine and the branches teach us about where spiritual life and godliness come from?
2. In 1 Timothy 4:6-10, Paul tells Timothy to train himself for godliness. How is spiritual training different from trying to earn God's love or approval?
3. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What is the intended result when others see the good works of a Christian?
4. 1 Peter 2:9 describes Christians as God's chosen people, called out of darkness to declare His praises. What does this passage teach us about our identity and purpose?

#### Live It: (Applying to Our Lives)

1. How would you define "godliness"?
2. Share your thoughts on this definition of godliness from Martin Luther:  
"This means that in our whole outward life, in what we do or suffer, we should conduct ourselves in such a way that we serve God and do not seek our own glory and advantage. It means that God alone must be praised by what we do and that we must act in such a way that one can see that we do everything for God's sake."
3. Think about one area of your life where you often seek recognition or approval. What would it look like to approach that area with the prayer, "To God alone be the glory"?

#### Daily Bible Readings (June 28-July 4)

Sun:	John 15:1-8	Life in the Vine
Mon:	2 Peter 1:3-8	Growing in Godliness
Tues:	1 Timothy 4:6-10	Train for Godliness
Wed:	Matthew 5:13-16	Let Your Light Shine
Thurs:	Galatians 5:16-25	Fruit of the Spirit
Fri:	1 Peter 2:9-12	A Peculiar People
Sat:	1 Corinthians 10:23-33	Glory to God

## Upcoming Week

#### Sunday, June 28

8:30-11am Morning Fellowship, FH  
8am Worship & Communion, WC  
9:30am Worship, WC

#### Monday, June 29

9-11:30am Food Pantry  
12:30pm GriefShare, C4

#### Tuesday, June 30

7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

#### Wednesday, July 1

9-11:30am Food Pantry  
10am Men's Bible Study, LR  
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4

#### 4pm Prayer & Praise Worship, CH



#### Thursday, July 2

10am Prayer Group, B7  
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5

#### Friday, July 3

OFFICE CLOSED

#### Saturday, July 4

COMMUNION WEEKEND  
8am Men's Bible Study, FS  
4pm Worship, WC



CH = Chapel  
FH = Fellowship Hall  
C5 = Fireside Room  
NR = Nursery  
WC = Worship Center  
C4 = Community Room

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# THE Recipe OF A GODLY LIFE



June 27-28, 2026

## Godliness

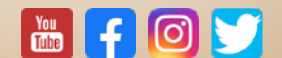
John 15:1-8



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**GOD TIME: Monthly Prayer & Praise — Dwell in Unity**  
**Wednesday, July 1 @ 4pm in the courtyard Chapel**

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion..." (Psalm 133:1-3, NIV)*

**Refresh Your Spirit**

In a world that often feels divided, the Scripture reminds us of the profound beauty and blessing found in true Christian community. This month, we invite you to step away from the mid-week hustle and immerse yourself in an hour dedicated entirely to scripture, worship, and prayer. Like the refreshing dew of the Lord, gathering together revives our souls and strengthens our bond within the family of God.

**A Blended Worship Experience**

Our musical worship for this service is intentionally blended to reflect the diverse riches of our faith. We will lift our voices together using a beautiful mix of praise songs and traditional hymns.

**What to Expect**

- Focused Prayer: Dedicated time to lift up our nation, community, our church, and one another.
- Joyful Praise: A rich musical environment celebrating God's goodness and grace.
- Peace and Unity: A welcoming space to experience the lifestyle of harmony encouraged by Christ.

Come as you are, bring a friend, and let's experience the Lord's presence together. We look forward to praising with you! — Chaplain Dirk Duhlstine



**GATHER TIME: Sonoran Brass Quintet**

We are excited to welcome the Sonoran Brass Quintet as part of our 250th anniversary celebration weekend.

For more than two decades, the Sonoran Brass Quintet has captivated audiences with dynamic performances that combine musical excellence, artistry, and entertainment. Known for their rich brass sound and versatile repertoire, the ensemble performs everything from classical masterworks and patriotic favorites to jazz and contemporary selections.

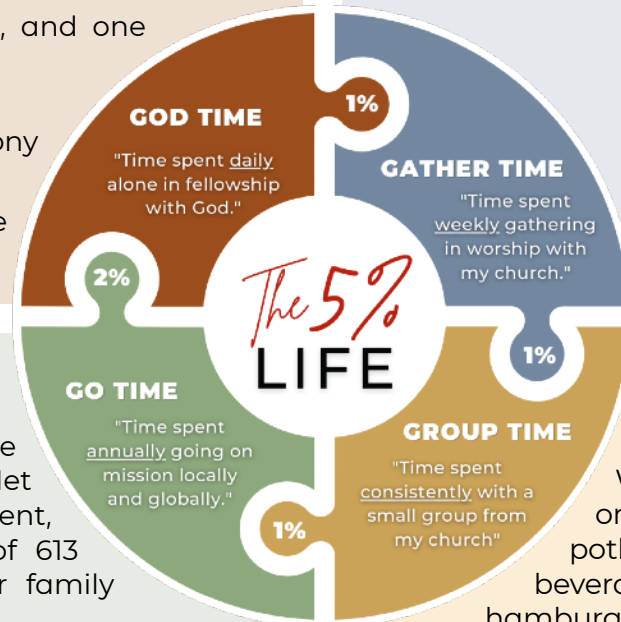
They will bring special music during both Sunday worship services on July 5th at 8:00am and 9:30am, and they will also provide live entertainment for our Patriotic Potluck at 11:00am.

Their music has delighted audiences of all ages across the Southwest, and we look forward to having them bring their inspiring sound to Victory.

More about them here:  
<https://sonoranbrassquintet.com/>



- Emery Harvison, trumpet
- Joshua Whitehouse, trumpet
- Nathan Mitchell, horn
- Richard Bass, trombone
- Chuck Kerrigan, tuba



**GO TIME: You Are Victory's Best Invitation**

One of the great blessings we saw in our recent church-wide survey is that people genuinely love Victory. In fact, 613 people responded, and Victory received a Net Promoter Score of 73. In organizational health, anything above 50 is considered excellent, and anything above 70 is considered elite. Even more encouraging, 479 out of 613 respondents said they would enthusiastically recommend Victory to a friend or family member.

That tells us something important: you are not just members of Victory. You are advocates.

When someone is looking for a church home, the most meaningful invitation often does not come from a postcard, website, or social media post. It comes from someone they know and trust. It comes from a friend, neighbor, coworker, family member, or fellow retiree simply saying, "Come with me. I think you would like it here."

The survey also reminded us why people love Victory: Scripture-centered preaching, meaningful worship, beautiful music, genuine warmth, and a congregation that many described as welcoming, friendly, and "like family." These are gifts worth celebrating, but they are also gifts worth sharing.

Inviting someone does not have to be complicated. You can invite them to worship with you, to a Bible study, to a concert, to a fellowship meal, or to one of the many ministries happening throughout the week. Sometimes the simplest invitation opens the door for someone to experience the hope, warmth, and grace of Christ through His church.

So here is our Go Time encouragement: think of one person you could invite. Pray for them. Reach out. Offer to sit with them.

God has blessed us with a church worth sharing. Let's share it.

**613 VOICES.**  
**ONE SHARED VISION.**  
**TOGETHER WE'RE SHAPING**  
**A FUTURE OF DEEPER FAITH,**  
**STRONGER COMMUNITY, AND**  
**GREATER BELONGING AT VICTORY.**

**GROUP TIME: Patriotic Potluck**  
**Sunday, July 5 @ 11:00am**

We are celebrating American Independence on the fifth of July (Sunday) with an indoor potluck. We will provide a selection of chilled beverages. Bring a favorite dish to share such as: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, and watermelon will undoubtedly be crowd-pleasers. Don't forget vegetarian and gluten-free dishes. Bring a dessert, if that's your thing.

**Pick up your invite cards in the lobby!**

