

Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Game Plan: Faith for the Field of Life
"Equipped For Victory"
Ephesians 6:10-20

Opener:
If you could play any position on a football team, which would you choose—and why?

Go Deeper: (Exploring the Bible)

1. Read Ephesians 6:10–13. What does Paul repeat, and what does that tell us about the purpose of God's armor?

2. Why is Paul's statement that "our struggle is not against flesh and blood" important when we face conflict with another person?

3. Read Ephesians 6:14–17. Which piece of armor speaks most directly to something you are facing now?

4. Compare Ephesians 6:17–20 with 2 Corinthians 10:3–5. How are God's weapons different from the weapons people commonly use?

Live It: (Applying to Our Lives)

1. When are you most tempted to treat another person as the enemy? What could you do differently this week?

2. What lie or fear do you need to answer with one clear promise from God's Word?

3. How might you help equip a child, grandchild, younger adult, or friend for a life of faith?

4. Whom will you pray for by name this week, and what will you ask God to do?

Daily Bible Readings (September 13-19)

Sun: Ephesians 6:10–20

Mon: 2 Corinthians 10:3–5

Tues: John 8:31–36

Wed: Romans 5:1–5

Thurs: Psalm 28:6–9

Fri: Hebrews 4:12–16

Sat: 1 John 4:1–6

Full Armor

Divine Weapons

Truth Sets Free

Peace with God

Saving Strength

Living Word

Greater Is He

Upcoming Week

CELEBRATING
Grandparents Day

Sunday, September 13
8:30-11am Coffee & Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC

Monday, September 14
9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, CH

Tuesday, September 15
8:30am-2:30pm Quilters, FH
3pm Council Meeting, B7
6:30pm "Seekers" Small Group, B7
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, September 16
8:30-11:30am Quilters, FH
9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am Men's Bible Study, C1
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4

Thursday, September 17
10am Prayer Group, B7
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5
11:30am-1:30pm Stephen Ministers, C4

Friday, September 18
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, September 19
8am Men's Bible Study, FS
4pm Worship, WC

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

GAME PLAN

FAITH FOR THE FIELD OF LIFE

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026

Equipped For Victory
Ephesians 6:10-20

THE PULSE

Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor
Dirk Duhlstine, Chaplain
Kristin Holton Prouty, Director of Worship & Music

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GOD TIME: A Blessing They May Never Forget
Pastor Todd Mathison

Grandparents have a wonderful opportunity to plant seeds of faith that may grow long after we are gone. Ever since our first grandchild was born, I have tried to create an intentional moment to pray a divine blessing over each of our grandchildren. I place my hand gently on their forehead and speak the Aaronic blessing God gave to His people:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24–26)

Nearly every time, I hear an audible sigh of relief. I can see them grow still as their spirits softly receive these words of grace. It is a tender, holy moment.

I don't know whether they will remember those blessings when they are older. I have a hunch they will. But I know I will never forget placing my hand upon them and asking God to hold them close.

Our grandchildren need more than gifts, advice, and happy memories. They need Jesus. And grandparents can have a powerful spiritual influence through simple, faithful acts: praying with them, reading them a Bible story, speaking about Jesus naturally, inviting them to worship, or reminding them that they are deeply loved by God.

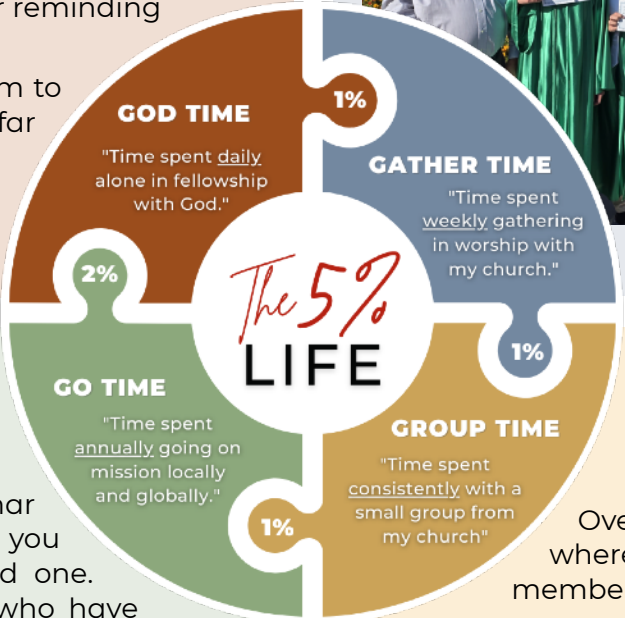
What intentional opportunity might God give you to bless your grandchildren? Ask Him to show you. Then trust Him to multiply even a small word of blessing into something far greater—in their lives, in their faith, and for eternity.

May we be a church filled with grandparents who lovingly point the next generation to Jesus.



GATHER TIME: National Grandparents Day 2026

Thank you to those who have shared precious photos capturing the beautiful moments shared between generations, reminding us of the enduring power of love and connection. Scan the QR code to watch the video slideshow.



GROUP TIME: "What's my next step at Victory?"

If you have ever asked that question, Discovering Victory is a wonderful place to begin.

Over two Sundays, you will have a meaningful opportunity to discover who we are—and where God may be leading you next. Whether you are new to Victory, considering membership, or have been part of our church family for years, Discovering Victory is for you.

Together, we will explore Victory's story, our Christian faith, our mission and vision, and the many ways you can grow, serve, and become more deeply connected.

This is more than a membership class—it is an invitation to better understand the heart of Victory and take your next step as we live out our mission: to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

You will learn more about what we believe, why it matters, and how our grace-centered faith shapes our worship, relationships, service, and everyday lives. You will also have the opportunity to meet others, learn about meaningful ways Victory can be part of your Christian walk, and ask Pastor Todd your questions directly.

Whether you are discovering Victory for the first time or rediscovering your place within it, you are warmly invited. Come and see what God is doing among us—and prayerfully consider how He may be calling you to be part of it.

Discovering VICTORY
Learning about life at Victory
September 20 & 27
10:45am (lunch included)
SIGN UP in the Welcome Center

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GriefShare

Grief recovery support group



Hope, Healing, and Support.
You don't have to grieve alone.

Meets Mondays
12:30-2:30pm
September 14-December 7

www.griefshare.org

GO TIME: GriefShare
Mondays, 12:30-2:30pm

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. Each session stands alone, so you may drop in anytime.

Through GriefShare, many grieving people find they are only just beginning the work of healing the death of a loved one when their family and friends return to their daily life routines. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, participating in GriefShare helps people learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability as they gain solid support each step of the way.

If you would like more information you can find more info about GriefShare on their website at griefshare.org or you may contact:

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