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"The Temple"

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SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY, + ACT.

2026 Focus: 12 Months of Prayer | October: Surrender

Each month, journey through a different biblical model of prayer.

Day 1 [2 Chronicles 7:1–10](#) | God's Dwelling Place

During the Spaces series, Beyond the Weekend will preview the coming weekend's message rather than looking back at the previous one—mirroring our group curriculum and helping prepare our hearts for the upcoming sermon. This week, that means looking ahead to The Temple.

When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD. 2 Chronicles 7:3a

Try as they might, the priests cannot enter the building. As soon as Solomon finishes praying, fire consumes the sacrifice, and the glory of the Lord fills the temple. The gathered nation of Israel watches in awe. God is dwelling in their midst! Years earlier, God promised this would happen. David's son, King Solomon, would build the dwelling place of God. If Solomon followed God's ways, God would live among his people ([1 Kings 6:11–13](#)). Now, as the people gather, they see God's great glory! In response, they bow down and worship. They proclaim his goodness and never-ending love.

This is still true for us today; God desires to dwell among us. He moves toward us through Jesus and reveals himself in his Word. By the Holy Spirit, he is present with us. It is his nearness that brings us to reverence. Worship is the natural response of God's people when he draws near. It is something we respond to with our entire lives. We worship when we gather on the weekends, raising our voices in gratitude to God. We bow down in reverence when we open his Word throughout the week. And we even worship as we serve others and intentionally live Spirit-led lives ([Romans 12:1–2](#)). Like Israel, we proclaim his goodness and never-ending love.

TODAY: All of life is an act of worship. Join the Ada Bible worship team as they sing, "[Love of God](#)."

Day 2 [1 Peter 1:13–2:5](#) | The Living Stones

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You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5

With deep care and sensitivity, Peter writes a letter to the scattered and persecuted church. He knows his words bring encouragement. These believers face deep persecution for their faith in Jesus, and hearing from one of Jesus's closest friends means so much. In this letter, Peter reveals how Jesus gives new meaning to the temple. Because of what Jesus has done through his death, resurrection, and ascension, he is building a new spiritual house for God to dwell in. Jesus is the cornerstone. They are stones placed in God's house. Together they form a spiritual community, and God now dwells with them. Through sacrificial lives, they can find hope in the nearness of God and his promises.

We, too, are being built into the spiritual house of God. As modern people, we can easily think of faith as an individual thing. However, we need each other. God's intention has always been that we would grow in our faith with others. It is in the soil of the gathered community that the roots of our faith grow deep and mature. As we live in Jesus together, we show the world what he is like. We spur one another on toward love and good deeds. We encourage and remind each other of the mission that God has invited us into.

TODAY: Identify one step you can take toward deeper involvement in your church. Want to learn more? [Explore Groups](#) begin on October 17. In this four-week class, you will unpack foundational beliefs of the Christian faith and get a taste of group life at Ada Bible.

Day 3 [1 Corinthians 6:12–20](#) | The Body as a Temple

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Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own. 1 Corinthians 6:19

Paul has his work cut out for him as he writes to the early church in Corinth. The Corinthian believers grow up in a thriving city that values materialism, status, and sexual freedom. Paul points to their culture's slogan, "I have the right to do anything" ([1 Corinthians 6:12](#)), to show the difference between Corinth's understanding of freedom and the freedom found in Christ. Freedom in Jesus is not a license to sin; it is a claim God has made on their lives. Paul uses temple language to explain the importance of God's Spirit living in them. Their bodies are sacred, and they should use them to honor God. Paul urges them not to dishonor God with their bodies. They need to flee from sexual immorality.

Understanding our bodies as God's dwelling place affects how we move throughout the world. It changes how we approach moral decisions, especially in areas of sexual morality. Many today believe we have the right to do anything as long as it doesn't hurt someone else. However, God calls us to a higher understanding. We have been bought at an incredible price, and that includes every piece of our personhood, including our bodies. Holiness begins when we recognize who lives in us. It grows as we put our trust in him and intentionally rid ourselves of sin.

TODAY: Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any sin he is inviting you to turn from. Take a step toward honoring Jesus through confession.

For more encouragement, listen to the *Beyond the Weekend Podcast* as the team discusses last weekend's sermon—find it wherever you listen to podcasts or [watch on YouTube](#).

Day 4 [1 Peter 1:15–16](#) | Growing in Holiness

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For it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:16

Be holy, as Jesus is holy. Is Peter serious? He includes this weighty command in his letter to a young and persecuted church. Peter knows what holiness is because he observed it firsthand. He was one of Jesus's closest disciples and friends, and he watched Jesus in public moments and private spaces. He knows that true holiness is only possible for Jesus. And yet, Peter tells them to imitate the Holy One who called them. He does this with confidence, reminding them of two things. First, growing in holiness begins with putting their hope in the right place. One day Jesus will return and make them holy ([1 Peter 1:13](#)). Second, they can pursue holiness now because they are God's children ([1 Peter 1:14](#)). As his children, they have God's Spirit inside them. A holy life is possible because of their identity in Christ.

We, too, can grow in holiness as beloved children. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus has paid the price for our sin, and his Holy Spirit now dwells in us. When God looks at us, he sees Jesus's holiness and the promise of grace fulfilled. This makes a holy life possible. We can grow in holiness in our habits, choices, and patterns. With every yes and no, we can look more and more like Jesus. Peter's invitation to a holy life is ours, too.

TODAY: We are called to grow in holiness. Journal the ways you've grown in Christlikeness over the last year. Consider asking a friend what they have observed.



Day 5 [Luke 22:39–44](#) | Not My Will

This year in Beyond the Weekend, journey through different biblical models of prayer—one each month. October's focus is Prayers of Surrender: yielding our will to God's will.

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” Luke 22:42

Jesus kneels in a garden, facing the most painful night of his life. Within hours, he will be beaten, spit upon, publicly mocked, and nailed to a Roman cross. The weight of what's coming presses on him until his sweat falls like drops of blood. Jesus prays, asking the Father for another way, yet he surrenders his will to the Father's. He experiences the full pain of his humanity, and in that deep pain submits to the Father's way, knowing it will cost him everything. His death will pay the penalty for people's sin and open the way to a restored relationship with God.

Just as Jesus surrendered his will in his darkest hour, we can bring our painful and unwanted situations to the Father. Because of Jesus's death and resurrection, we can lay our deepest needs, fears, pain, and anxiety at the Father's feet. Through his power, our prayer can echo his: “not my will, but yours be done,” even when we don't understand what God is doing or why. As we surrender, we can trust the Holy Spirit to give us strength and help for whatever we face. We do not walk through our trials alone.

TODAY: Think of one trial or fear you're carrying right now. Say it out loud or write it down, then pray Jesus's own words over it: "Father, not my will, but yours be done." Ask the Holy Spirit for the strength to release it into God's hands.