

The Purpose Driven Life

Today I am stepping across the line. I'm tired of waffling, and I'm finished with wavering. I've made my choice, the verdict is in, and my decision is irrevocable. I'm going God's way. There's no turning back now.

I will live the rest of my life serving God's purposes with God's people on God's planet for God's glory. I will use my life to celebrate His presence, cultivate His character, participate in His family, demonstrate His Love, and communicate His Word.

Since my past has been forgiven and I have a purpose for living and a home awaiting in Heaven, I refuse to waste any more time or energy on shallow living, petty thinking, trivial talking, thoughtless doing, useless regretting, hurtful resenting, or faithless worrying. Instead, I will magnify God, grow to maturity, serve in ministry, and fulfill my mission in the membership of His family.

Because this life is preparation for the next, I will value worship over wealth; *we* over *me*; character over comfort; service over status; and people over possessions, position, and pleasures. I know what matters most, and I'll give it all I've got. I'll do the best I can with what I have for Jesus Christ today.

I won't be captivated by culture, manipulated by critics, motivated by praise, frustrated by problems, debilitated by temptation, or intimidated by the devil. I'll keep running my race with my eyes on the goal—not the sidelines or those running by me. When times get tough and I get tired, I won't back up, back off, back down, back out, or backslide. I'll just keep moving forward by God's grace. I'm Spirit-led, purpose-driven, and mission-focused, so I cannot be bought. I will not be compromised, and I shall not quit until I finish the race.

I'm a trophy of God's amazing grace, so I will be gracious to everyone, grateful for every day, and generous with everything God entrusts to me.

To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I say, "However, whenever, wherever, and whatever you ask me to do, my answer in advance is *yes!* Wherever You lead and whatever the cost, I'm ready. Anytime. Anywhere. Any way. Whatever it takes, Lord. Whatever it takes! I want to be used by You in such a way that on that final day I'll hear You say, "Well done, thou good and faithful one. Come on in, and let the eternal party begin!"

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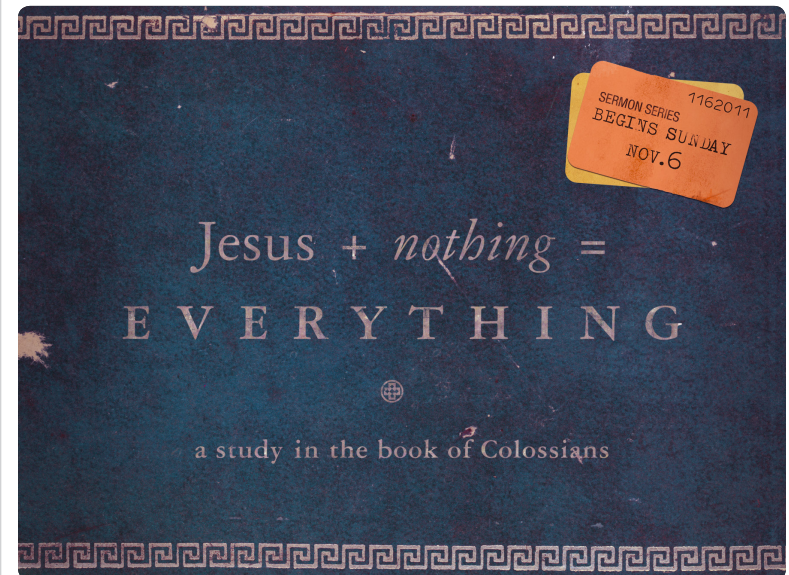
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FEBRUARY 5, 2012

SERMON SERIES: JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING

TODAY'S SERMON: NEW LIFE/NEW RELATIONSHIPS, PART 2

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 4:3-18 (NKJV)



WE WELCOME YOU TODAY! If you are visiting with us for the first or second time, please take a moment to complete the *sign-in & visitor registration form*. Drop it off at our welcome center, and pick up a special gift as our way of saying 'thanks for visiting.' We hope to see you again!

The 9th & Main Café is open from 7:45–8:00 a.m. and following the morning services. Coffee is complimentary.

REAL PEOPLE, REAL CONNECTIONS, AND A REAL JESUS!
Living Life Together in Quakertown!



Messages are available to download!
Go to mstarqtown.org and click on *media*.



Today's Schedule of Events

MORNING SERVICES

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

The 9th & Main Café: Open from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. and following the morning services. Coffee is complimentary.

BE KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Nursery: The birth to 3-year nursery is open during all services.

Older Children: Church for children ages 3 to Kindergarten and first to fifth grade is available during the 9:30 and 11:30 services (out in the modular).

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R.E.A.L. STUDENT MINISTRIES

Student Ministries: 6:00–8:30 p.m.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 7: Bible studies begin
Feb 10: Couples' Night
Feb 18: Pinewood Derby Car Clinic
Feb 25: Pinewood Derby
Mar 2: First Friday (women's event)
Apr 8: Good Friday services (6 & 7:30 p.m.)
Apr 8: Easter service at Strayer (10 a.m.)

COUPLES' NIGHT

Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m.

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage seminar with Mark Gungor! All married and engaged couples are invited to join us for a time of fellowship, appetizers, and comedy. \$10 a couple. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center. Childcare is provided.

PINEWOOD DERBY

February 25 (registration begins at 10 a.m.)

Join us for our second family Pinewood Derby. Kids ages 4–12 may participate. The cost is \$7 for the first car and \$5 for each car after that. Payment is due at sign-up. **New** this year is the adult bracket for ages 13 and up! Register in the modular with Amanda Detweiler.

PINEWOOD DERBY CAR CLINIC

February 18 from 10 a.m. to noon

Unsure how to turn a block of wood into a car? We will have a car clinic for you on Saturday, February 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Let the races begin!

YOUTH CONVENTION 2012

April 5 through 7

It's back! This year's theme for youth convention is "The One." REAL Youth will be going to Hershey to join thousands of teenagers seeking, desiring, and being challenged to make the right choices in life. This year features speaker Reggie Dabbs and worship band Worth Dying For. This 3-day event begins Thursday, April 5. The cost is \$150 which includes the ticket, hotel room for two nights, and a Hershey Park ticket. The first deposit of \$75 is due Sunday, February 26. A discounted price is available for families with more than one child attending. Speak to Pastor James about any questions.

REAL YOUTH HOAGIE SALE

Invest in the lives of a student! REAL Youth are raising funds for Convention by selling hoagies. Fill out the insert in your bulletin and stop by the table in the café today to submit your order. Pick-up date is Sunday, February 26.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can keep connected with Morning Star online in several ways. Become a fan of our Facebook page to keep up-to-date on events and meet other fans of Morning Star. Miss a Sunday service? You can download our audio podcast to catch up or watch Pastor John's sermons online.

Facebook: facebook.com/mstarquakertown

Audio podcasts: mstarqtown.org/media

Sermon videos: vimeo.com/mstarqtown

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Whatever your hurt, habit, or hang-up might be, please come join us on Wednesday nights and feel God's healing power through the Celebrate Recovery ministry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have some general experience with computers and would like to serve in the office, we could use the extra hands. Please contact Tony at tony@mstarqtown.org if you're interested in helping out once in a while!

CARING MINISTRY

The Caring Ministry is an ongoing ministry which provides meals to those in need or crisis with the hope and compassion of Jesus Christ. CM meets needs in our body and our community. Help us fill the freezer!



CONNECT GROUPS

It is important as we grow as a church for you to find your place in a Connect Group. For more information about Connect Groups, look us up online at mstarqtown.org/connect_groups. Below is a list of various groups that meet through the week at Morning Star.

MONDAY

6:30 pm: Prayer Ministry

7:00 pm: Men's Bible study

TUESDAY

10:00 am & 7 pm: Coed Bible study

10:00 am & 7 pm: Women's Bible study

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

10:00 am: Morning Star Moms

10:00 am: Men's Bible study

7:00 pm: Pre-Marital Counseling

SATURDAY

7:30 am: Men's Bible study

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→ BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, e-mail it to Tony Serge at tony@mstarqtown.org by Wednesday at 4:30. We cannot guarantee the item will be inserted past this time.