

DAY EIGHT

FUEL YOUR PURPOSE

The Verse // Psalm 92:13

Those who are planted in **The House** of the Lord; will flourish in the courts of our God.

The Illustration // There is an ancient story about a father and his son who were walking along a road one day with their donkey. Soon they passed a man who told them how foolish they were to walk when they had a donkey that could be ridden. So the father and son hopped on the donkey's back.

They hadn't gone very far when they passed another man who criticized them both for riding on the donkey. "You both are too heavy for the donkey" he said, thinking they were being inhumane. So the boy got off. It wasn't long before a third traveler passed and accused the father of being inconsiderate because he made his son walk as he rode. In an attempt to please, the father and the boy traded places.

Soon they met a fourth man who charged the boy with not being thoughtful of his father who was much older than he. When they were last seen, the father and son were trudging down the road carrying the donkey.

The Application // The temptation to please other people in order for them to like us is a battle we all fight. We must learn that the only acceptance and approval we need in this life is God's. If we belong to Him then we already have been accepted by God because of what Jesus did on the cross for us. The world will always tell us that we don't have enough.

For instance,

- a neighbor gets a new car, now your car isn't good enough.
 - a colleague gets a promotion, and now you feel like your hard work is
- When was a time you felt like you needed to change to please people?

When we know that we are loved and accepted by God, we are able to trust Him more because he changes us to please him. The more we trust Him to meet our needs, the less the acceptance and approval of others will matter. This is the way we fuel our purpose.

We know that God is the giver of every good gift in our life (James 1:17) and because of that, we do not have to come under what the world thinks. God has a way to do things that the Bible says "confounds the wise" (1 Cor 1:26-28) This is because when God does it, only He can get the glory!

The Quote // *"We must believe God's ways are true and will produce the right type of results. I believe God's way works but it may not work overnight. I have to apply that and live it out even in the hardest of times."*

Pastor Katie Sexton

Called : Equipped to Win

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Prayer Emphasis // Take a moment to pray over the increase of The House. That as we grow in space, more people will see The House as a place they can build life. That this church is a catalyst in NorthWest Arkansas for people to feel loved and hear truth.

The Prayer // "Father, give us the desire to trust and obey you, regardless of what others think, and give us the grace to allow You to be the most influential thing in our lives. God, you are the giver of life and have called us to have life more abundant. We commit to live out your purpose in our lives everyday."