

Message

Title: The Cost Of Closer

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“Your devotion is seen not just in what you give up, but in the evidence of a life set apart for God.”

Introduction

This week, choose one good thing to set aside so you can make more room for Jesus in your daily life.

What does real, visible devotion to God look like in your everyday choices?

This week, Lilly Brightwell led us through 'The Cost Of Closer' by exploring the often-overlooked Nazirite vow from Numbers 6. Through practical stories, honest self-reflection, and fresh insight, we learnt how this ancient act of devotion teaches us about being intentionally set apart for God in ways that go beyond surface habits.

Lilly challenged us to examine what we value most, reminding us that devotion involves both setting healthy boundaries and prioritising visible action. Whether it's in the way we spend our time, the desires we govern, or even navigating family pressures, we were encouraged that true devotion isn't about perfection—it's about genuine commitment and always remembering: there is grace and a way back, no matter where we are on the journey.

Scripture



Numbers 6:1-20 — Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

Exodus 20:12 — “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which Yahweh your God gives you.

Luke 9:23 — He said to all,
“If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross,
and follow me.

Acts 2:17 — ‘It will be in the last days, says God,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions.
Your old men will dream dreams.

Don't Miss This

- Devotion Is a Voluntary Act: The Nazirite vow teaches us that anyone can choose a deeper commitment to God—the invitation is for all, not just a spiritual elite.
- Visible Evidence Matters: Devotion should be seen in real, ongoing change, not just momentary decisions—our actions and character reveal our loyalty.
- There Is Always a Way Back: Even when we fail or drift, God's grace invites us to renewed dedication; failure is never the end of the story.

Let's Chat

1. Where is your devotion to God most visible in your current life rhythms?
2. What desires or habits might be dulling your attentiveness to God right now?
3. Have you ever experienced family or social pressure because of your commitment to Jesus? How did you respond?
4. What does 'setting boundaries' for the sake of your relationship with God look like practically?
5. How can you help others around you rediscover their way back to deeper devotion if they've drifted?



