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Finishing Well

Scripture passage for August 21

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name

John 20:30–31

Acts 20:22–28, Isaiah 58:6–12

It is common for Christians to have a “life verse.” That is, a bit of scripture that means a lot to them and that they have memorized and use to remind themselves of their commitment to Christ. For Keith Vandegrift in today's sermon it was Isaiah 58.

Do you have a life verse (or verses?)

What is it?

Why do you like that particular scripture or group of scriptures?

The sermon today talked some about making sure that our inner devotion matches our outward behavior. In other words, take care to not just “fake it” in the faith, but to have our true convictions in our heart and mind match how we live. As it says in the New Testament, don't be “whitewashed walls” that look good on the outside but are hiding rot on the inside.

How do you feel about the congruency between “inside and outside” in your life right now? What might you do to narrow that gap if there is one?

The last part of the sermon claims that “Christians NEVER say good-bye.” Do you believe that? Why? How does the hope of heaven inform your walk of faith today?

