

Sunday Morning Devotional

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I. Introduction.

A. Many are asking what one should believe to finish well.

B. To live right, one must believe rightly.

C. Levels of faith.

1. Opinions.

2. Convictions.

3. Doctrine.

II. Four big ideas to believe—that is, four convictions.

A. The sovereignty of God.

1. Everything that comes to our lives has been filtered through the love of God.

2. God knows what is best for us. (Genesis 45; 50:20)

3. The alternative to this is bitterness.

B. The adequacy and indispensability of the Bible.

1. Life comes from feeding on God's Word.

2. The alternative is confusion and malnutrition.

C. The individual is valuable. (I Corinthians 12)

1. It pleased God to put each person exactly in the body of Christ wherever he or she is.

2. The alternative is despair.

D. The lifestyle of the believer is to be a servant.

1. We are here to give, serve and be involved. (Luke 5:15)

2. The alternative is inner conflict.

3. Servants do not have conflict with other people.

Application questions:

1. How does an understanding of God's control help one in the face of suffering?

2. What role does the Bible play in your life? How can you encourage this discipline further?

3. How can you serve your community in a greater way? Explain.
