The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him. *In other words, those who are fully committed to God, He will be committed to them. He will be committed to strengthening them.*

2 Chronicles 16:9

As we closed Vacation Bible Study this past Friday, we left with a charge to commit ourselves to being a more loving and better member. This happens when we commit to the Lord. I want to suggest that this decision is profound in its intent. It is saying to God that I surrender my entire life to God. It is more than an ambiguous notion of faith. It is more than casual church attendance. Committing to God is a life-altering decision. This is a decision to seek the guidance and will of God in all that we attempt to do.

This Commitment is Ongoing

This is not a one-time event; it is an ongoing process of decision-making on a daily basis. It is choosing God on a daily basis. It is loving the will of God for your life on a daily basis. It is seeking the wisdom of God and to live according to God's will. It is a journey with God, full of challenges but filled with profound spiritual growth and transformation.

Committing to God does not mean we must abandon our individuality or personal aspirations. What it does mean is aligning our aspirations with God's will. It means pursuing our aspirations for God's glory and not our own. It means allowing the Holy Spirit to empower and guide us in our daily walk.

Commitment Involves Honoring and Loving God

One begins honoring God by acknowledging God's dominion in all the world. It is expressing our gratitude for His blessings in our life. Honoring God is not about the appearance of honor. It is about the state of hearts and the authenticity of our faith. When we honor God, we recognize His power, His wisdom, and unfailing love. We honor God when we express our reverence and devotion not out of fear or obligation but out of love and gratitude.

Honoring and loving the Lord is closely connected to the way we honor and love ourselves. This kind of love comes from the Holy Spirit, which empowers us with the ability to love God in a new way. This kind and level of God that is God-given and God-sustained influences the way we interact with others. It is a commitment borne out of love and honor toward God that motivates us to serve others in a way that shows a genuine love for their well-being. When our love for ourselves is bound in the love we have for God, we are able to give others our very best because it comes directly from the strength that God gives us to love and serve others. When we are able to serve others with respect and the love that comes from God, the kind of love that does not permit me to look down upon someone just because they have less, then I become a promoter of peace. I become a promoter of justice. It is then that I truly promote God's kingdom on earth.

Spiritual Strength Comes Through Our Commitment to God

Commitment to God is a source of strength because we know that when we are committed to God, God is committed to us. This commitment provides a solid foundation for our faith can stand on. It is this faith that enables us to withstand the trials and challenges without losing our grip on life. Commitment to God gives us the will to

live with a sense of purpose and conviction for God. It is important that we know when we commit to God that we are not alone in our spiritual journey. God's Spirit dwells within us to guide and comfort us, to strengthen us with the spiritual ability to overcome obstacles. Commitment to God deepens our understanding of who God is. When we commit to God, we grow spiritually because we grow closer to God. When we are committed to God, a sense of peace becomes a part of who God grows us into because we know who is in charge, and we trust the sovereignty of God completely. When we are able to rest in the assurances of God's unfailing love and care, we are able to trust in God's guidance and God's ability to provide for our needs. We can face uncertainty with courage and faith. Again, knowing God is in control, and His plans are for our good. We can face each day with a new confidence that is undergirded by our faith and commitment to God.

Blessings,
Pastor Gool