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Sermon Title: - Pilgrimage – DEVOTED

Bible Reading: Psalm 131

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- 1) **Stalled Pilgrimage**
- 2) **Needs a fresh perspective**
- 3) **we discover the God of Today**
- 4) **Distracted or devoted**
- 5) **Our crowns – OUR RESPONSE**

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Life Group Study: Reviving Our Pilgrimage

This study is designed to help believers examine their spiritual journeys, gain a fresh perspective of God's majesty, and transition from being merely present to being fully devoted followers of Christ.

Recognizing a Stalled Pilgrimage

Scripture: Revelation 2-3

This chapters are a health check for the state of the church.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever felt stalled in your faith journey? Can you describe what that felt like?
2. What do you think causes believers to get stuck in their spiritual walk?
3. According to Revelation 2-3, what were some of the issues the churches faced that led to them being stuck?
4. What is the difference between being a believer and a follower? Why does this distinction matter?

Reflect on your current spiritual state. Are you experiencing traction or just going through the motions?

Pray for God to reveal any areas where you may be stalled and for the strength to move forward.

Gaining a Fresh Perspective

Scripture: Revelation 4:1-6

Discussion Questions:

5. How does John's vision of the throne room in Revelation 4:1-6 change your perspective of who God is?
6. What stands out to you about the imagery of the throne room (lightning, thunder, the sea of glass)?
7. How can focusing on God's majesty and sovereignty help us in our daily lives?
8. Why is it important to have a fresh perspective rather than just a change in circumstances?

Application:

Spend time in worship, focusing on the attributes of God described in Revelation 4.
Ask God to help you see your current circumstances from His perspective.

Discovering the God of Today

Scripture: Revelation 4:6-8

Discussion Questions:

9. What does the imagery of the four living creatures with eyes all around symbolize about God's awareness and presence?
10. How does understanding God as "who was, and is, and is to come" impact your view of His role in your life?
11. In what ways can we become more aware of what God is doing in our lives right now?

Application:

Identify and share ways God has been working in your life recently.
Commit to daily seeking a fresh revelation of God's presence and activity in your life.

From Distraction to Devotion

Scripture: Revelation 4:9-11

Discussion Questions:

12. What are some common distractions that can prevent us from being fully devoted to God?
13. How can trying harder in our own strength lead to frustration rather than progress?
14. What does it mean to engage your spirit rather than just revving your engine harder?
15. What are you currently devoted to, and how can you shift that devotion more fully towards God?

Application:

Examine your life for areas of distraction and take steps to minimize them.
Engage in an intentional act of worship this week, dedicating time to lay down your "crowns" before God.

As believers, we hope to move from being stalled in our faith journeys to being fully engaged and devoted followers of Christ. Remember, our primary job in heaven and on earth is to worship God, and through worship, we can gain a fresh revelation of who He is and what He is doing in our lives.

Prayer:

"Lord, help us to see you in your majesty and to worship you with our whole hearts. Lead us from being stuck in our faith to walking confidently and devotedly in your presence. Amen."