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DEVOTED

In 2017 there were a few different books we read, but two that were greatly impactful, *Growing Your Faith*, by Jerry Bridges and *Devoted to God*, by Sinclair Ferguson.

With each of our girls we have worked to capitalize on their twelfth year. We don't make as much of a deal out of thirteen, although we do celebrate that milestone, but the teenage years are seen and taught as years leading to adulthood not an aimless pit where selfishness is expected and so tolerated. We like to give a bit more purpose and intentionality to this important year twelve.

Since Jadyn turned twelve in 2017, Tom spent some additional time with her reading *Growing Your Faith*. This was a bittersweet time knowing that Jadyn is the last daughter. We really enjoy Jerry Bridges' books and this one didn't disappoint. Bridges walks the reader through how to mature in Christ. This was a good book for Jadyn and Tom to read together. We have seen fruit in Jadyn's life and hope to encourage her maturity in Christ. Bridges writes clear and practical, even for a young believer, to gather helpful biblical insight that can be applied simply.

Devoted to God was a book that Tom read over the summer. This was his first Ferguson book and it had a great impact. Ferguson examines ten key biblical passages that provide a blueprint for sanctification. Each believer is in the midst of the process of progressive sanctification and *Devoted* delivers a really helpful look at what sanctification, holiness, repentance, and belief are for the believer.

Tom has begun to read this book with different men as a discipleship resource to help realign where these men find their devotion. "To be holy, to be sanctified, therefore, to be a 'saint', is in simple terms to be *devoted to God*." When we are devoted to anything more than we are devoted to God, it becomes a lure that leads us away to death (James 1:14-15).

Check these books out. We believe the Lord can use them to strengthen your maturity in the Lord.

Family Update

2018 has begun at a fast pace and has brought some challenges along with it. On January 18 Tom's Aunt Rita passed away. Aunt Rita was a special lady who was very influential in Tom's life and the Scott family as a whole. Tom's mother passed away when Tom was eighteen months old and Aunt Rita (who was his mother's sister) stepped in to help. Many of Tom's childhood memories are with Aunt Rita and Uncle Fred. We are thankful for the time we had with her just a few weeks earlier celebrating Christmas and her 95th birthday.



The Spring semester on campus began the same week as Aunt Rita's funeral. Like other semesters our calendar has quickly been filled with meetings with individuals and couples who need help navigating and balancing life as it comes at them.

Brooklyn has begun her full time college load this semester. She is still living at home until the fall but she is on campus three days a week for classes. She is also working 20 hours a week at Chick-fil-a. Brooklyn is preparing to go on a missions trip to Mexico this summer with a group from our church.

Kylie is finishing up her high school credits this semester and making plans for her future. She is taking classes at CEC (Christian Education Consortium) and at Boyce college. She is on the prom committee at CEC and looking forward to celebrating that time with her friends. Kylie is also working 15-20 hours a week at Chick-fil-a. She is looking forward to swimming for the Tom Sawyer swim team again this summer.

Jadyn is in 7th grade and taking classes at CEC and at home. She babysits for a semi-nary family on Thursdays while we are on campus. She enjoys playing volleyball a couple times a week. Jadyn is also looking forward to swimming for the Tom Sawyer swim team this summer.

Prayer and Praise:

Pray for us as we seek the changes we feel the Lord is leading us in.

Pray for Brooklyn as she seeks the Lord regarding the mission field.

Pray for more students to make the most of the opportunity they have through our student care ministry.

Pray for our family as we continue to serve here together.

Pray for Tom as he leads us in the balance of family, church, student care and other ministry opportunities.

Praise the Lord for his generosity through so many of you who give regularly to our ministry.

Praise the Lord for lives He is touching through this ministry.

Praise the Lord for the life of Aunt Rita.

Praise the Lord for students who are responding to the Holy Spirit and seeking help to live a godly life.

Praise the Lord we have His Word to guide us.