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# Flourishing Together

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## 2025 – 2030

## 2025: Flourishing Together: *Rooted in Christ*

**1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (Gospel Guide: Matthew)**

## AUGUST 2025: ~~*Gold's*~~ – *God's Gym*

**August 3 – September 6, 2025**

***Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.***
**Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30)**

## *Life is Harder than You Expected!*

**Job 5:7**

**Theme for 2025: Flourishing Together:** ***Rooted in Christ***

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**<u>AUGUST 2025</u>**
**God Cares!**
**You Can't Control Everything, But You Can Control Some Things!**
**Keep Living!**

**SERMON:** ***Life is Harder than You Expected!***
**Text:** **Job 5:7**

**Life begins with hope and potential!**

**What can happen?** ***LIFE can happen!***

**Job lost his flocks, his servants, and his children in one fateful day. Then his body was ravaged by disease from his head to his toe.**

**Job's friend, Eliphaz, offered this summary of Job's condition:**

> **"Yet man is born to trouble as surely as the sparks fly upward."**
> **-Job 5:7**

**The Bible is clear --- life will not always be easy!**

> **"In this world, you will have trouble."**
> **-Jesus**

**Life is harder than you expected!**
**-Traumatic Event**
**-Strained Relationship**
**-Serious Health Problem**
**-Crushing Disappointment**
**-Unchangeable Circumstance**
**-Painful Loss**

**How are we to respond to the challenges, the suffering, the difficulties that life may bring our way?**

**DESPONDENCY, DESPAIR, DEPRESSION**

**Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD, " he said. "Take**

**my life, I am no better than my ancestors. Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.**

**-1 Kings 19:3-5**

**God has provided the resources we need to face our suffering, our circumstances, our challenges --- with hope and resilience!**

**"I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."**

**-Jesus (John 16:33)**

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."**

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**As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them (Elijah and Elisha), and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.**

**-2 Kings 2:11**