

From This Day Forward

MOVING AHEAD WITH FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE

13 ...I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. ~ **Philippians 3:13b-14 (NLT)**

OCTOBER 19:

When Faith Starts Changing Your Life



A SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY:

1 Thessalonians 1:3

3 As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NLT)



A MAINLINE FOR TODAY:

God changes us from the inside until faith, love, and hope start showing up on the outside.

FAITH
IN ACTION

LOVE
IN SERVICE

HOPE
IN CHRIST

LOOK FOR
HIS WORK
IN YOU

MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

KEEP
MOVING
FORWARD



A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

How can you tell if your relationship with Jesus is actually changing you? Paul gives us a amazingly practical answer. He doesn't point first to how much the Thessalonians knew. He points to what their lives were becoming: "faithful work," "loving deeds," and "enduring hope." Their faith was becoming action. Their love was becoming service. Their hope was becoming perseverance.

That's what happens as God works in us. He begins shaping what we do, how we treat people, and how we respond when life gets challenging. The change may show up when you keep your word even when it is inconvenient, when you serve someone without expecting anything back, when you become quicker to forgive, or when you keep trusting God through a challenge that you never would have chosen.

This kind of change doesn't happen because we are trying to impress God. It grows out of our relationship with Jesus. His grace begins working its way into ordinary life until the person we are becoming starts looking more like the One we follow.

That is a good vision for Kingswood Church, too. A church growing closer to Jesus becomes easier to recognize in this world. Faith becomes ministry. Love becomes service. Hope keeps the church moving forward when the future isn't yet clear.

From this day forward, welcome the work God wants to do in you, and let that inner change become visible in the way you live.

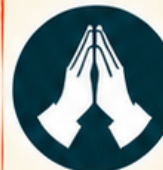
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AN ACTION FOR TODAY:

See What God Is Growing

At the end of today, look back over your conversations, reactions, and choices. Ask, "Where did faith, love, or hope become visible in me today, and where is God inviting me to grow?" Thank Him for the progress and welcome His continued work.



A PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Lord Jesus, keep shaping my life so that what I believe becomes visible in the way I work, love, and endure. Grow in me a faith that acts, a love that serves, and a hope that perseveres. Continue to build Kingswood Church into a congregation whose life makes Your grace easy for others to see. In Jesus' name, Amen.