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Set Apart

You have been set apart to come to me. I called you by name. I sought you out. I rescued you from a life without me. I pulled your life out of the muck and the mire. I forgave all your sins. I cleansed all your unrighteousness. I have made you holy in my sight by the blood that was shed for you on the cross. I made you my own. I adopted you into my family. I made you to be my child. I have loved you with an everlasting love. I lifted you up and set you on a firm foundation so you could begin to follow and serve me. I broke the power of sin over your life. I have made it so you can live your life with and for me. For all this, I am grateful and thankful. All praise and honor and glory belong to you. I now love you because you first loved me. It is my desire to know and do your will. I want to go and do what is pleasing to you. My life is in your hands and at your disposal. Use me for your purposes. Accomplish your plans in and through my life. Guide me to where you want me to go. Give you what you want me to do. **That, I will do.**

My work in you is not finished. I have made you holy in my sight. I have set your life apart and made you my own. I will bring to completion the good work that I have begun in you. Day by day I will be working in and through your life. I will use my word to change your heart. I will use my word to transform your mind. I will make you able to think my thoughts. I will make you able to know and do my will. I will use my word to guide your life. You will know where I am guiding you. You will know the work that I am giving you to do for me. What do you think I want you to keep doing? You want me to keep drawing near to you as you draw near to me. You want me to keep meeting with you in your word. You want me to keep receiving your teaching and listening to your instruction. You want me to continue abiding in your presence. **Why is that?** You want me to know you. You want me to live and walk in an intimate relationship with you. **Yes, I do.** You want my life to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Yes, I do.** I know that apart from you I can do nothing. **That's right.** So, I will remain vitally connected to you, so you can continue to do your work in and through my life. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I know you have set me apart to love, follow and serve you. You have forgiven all my sins and cleansed all my unrighteousness. Use your word to change my heart, transform my mind and guide my life. Keep on purifying me as I live my life with and for you. Amen

God's Will*Be Sanctified*

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;

NIV

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

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ESV

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God's Will*Be Holy*

God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor— not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways.

NLT

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

God's Will*Your Sanctification*

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

NKJV

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

God's Will*Your Sanctification*

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from fornication; that each one of you know how to control your own body in holiness and honor, not with lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

NRSV

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

God's Will*Live A Pure Life*

God wants you to live a pure life. Keep yourselves from sexual promiscuity. Learn to appreciate and give dignity to your body, not abusing it, as is so common among those who know nothing of God.

MSG

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

God's Will*Be Consecrated*

For this is the will of God, that you should be consecrated (separated and set apart for pure and holy living): that you should abstain *and* shrink from all sexual vice, That each one of you should know how to possess (control, manage) his own body in consecration (purity, separated from things profane) and honor, Not [to be used] in the passion of lust like the heathen, who are ignorant of the true God *and* have no knowledge of His will,

AMP

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

God's Will*Be Holy*

For God wants you to be holy and pure and to keep clear of all sexual sin so that each of you will marry in holiness and honor— not in lustful passion as the heathen do, in their ignorance of God and his ways.

TLB

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

God's Will*Your Sanctification*

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

NASB

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

God's Will*Be Holy*

God wants you to be holy and to stay away from sexual sins. He wants each of you to learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable. Don't use your body for sexual sin like the people who do not know God.

NCV

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

Your Sanctification

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

God's Will – 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

In Context: *Read 1 Thessalonians 4*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has God separated you from your old sinful life so you can live the life He is calling you to live?

What has God removed from your old sinful life before you came to know Him?

How has God forgiven your sin and cleansed you of all your unrighteousness to make you holy in His sight?

How is God continuing to change and purify your life every day as you keep on following Him?

How has God used His word to change your heart, transform your mind and guide your life?

How has God used His word to break you free from sins that once so easily entangled your life?

Why will God's purifying work in your life never stop until the day that you see Him face to face?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Allow God to continue His purifying work to continue in your life as you love, follow and serve Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that you have been set apart and made holy in God's sight by Christ's blood shed for you on the cross.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how God is continuing to change and purify your life as follow Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the Lord to continue to change and purify your life as you love, follow and serve Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, keep on change and purifying my life as I love, follow and serve you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to change and purify my life today?
