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## This is Giving Me Life!

“Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways”  
[Psalm 119:37](#) ESV

I stumbled upon Psalm 119:37 earlier this year and haven't quite recovered since. In it the author pleads with the Lord: “Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways” (ESV). The first half of the verse is convicting enough, as there is no shortage of worthless things for us to feast our eyes upon everywhere we look. But the second half of the verse is what has lingered in my mind: “give me life in your ways.”

I think this verse stood out to me because I've been on a big “this is giving me life” and “this is literally killing me” kick lately. I have a tendency to adopt some of the worst trending phraseology and let it seep into my everyday conversations. As in, “This Onyx Delight is giving me life” or “The traffic on Wedington at 5:00 is literally killing me.” Don't get me wrong, the sentiment is genuine in both instances; but as my husband gently pointed out, saying that they are literally giving or taking my life is ever-so-slightly hyperbolic.

And while I recognize that these things do not literally give or take my life, I function as if they do. I can testify to the healing work of an afternoon pick-me-up from Onyx. And you had better believe I take the back roads to avoid the headache of Wedington every single time. In both instances, myself, my life, and my happiness are the main drivers of the ship. And that's the thing about God's ways, they're not about us and our comfort; they're about His making Himself known to His creation.

Let's remind ourselves of some of His ways...

Love one another, just as I have loved you... ([John 13:34](#)).

Act justly, love mercy, walking humbly with God ([Mic. 6:8](#)).

Give to the one who begs, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you ([Matt. 5:42](#)).

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another just as God in Christ forgave you ([Eph. 4:32](#)).

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked ([Ps. 82:3-4](#)).

His ways call us to action, not to passivity. They beckon us to give our time, our emotions,

our money instead of hoarding them. They invite us to cultivate eyes that see, ears that listen, and hearts that feel deeply for the things that He is about, for people and purposes far beyond ourselves. Jesus tells us that in losing our lives—surrendering our agendas, our comforts, our expectations to Him and for His sake—we will actually find life ([Matt. 10:39](#)). Yet another counter-intuitive call to action from our counter-cultural King.

So as we enter into the holiday season, let's pray with the psalmist that He might turn our eyes from looking at worthless things, and give us life according to His ways, that we would be so filled with Him that we might pour Him forth to our loved ones and those in our community.

### ***Reflect & Respond***

- What are some things you want to turn your eyes from?
- How can you encourage yourself and others to be filled with Him?
- Stop and praise our precious Savior!

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## **Women's Spring Studies**

Online Registration opens November 18 | Studies begin January 22

### **Priscilla Shirer's Armor of God**

Choose from Tuesday mornings 9:00am-11:00am or Tuesday evenings 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Childcare is available for both sessions.

To register for women's studies visit [fwmregister.fellowshipfayetteville.org](http://fwmregister.fellowshipfayetteville.org) beginning November 18.



## **Other Opportunities**

### **Women's Discipleship Training**

Sundays - January 13 / 20 / 27 - 10:30 am

### **Good News for Our City**

"How to Share Your Faith" Training  
Sunday, January 13, 12PM, Lunch provided

Text #goodnews to 479.308.0410 to register



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## Christmas Eve at Fellowship Fayetteville



Join us for one of the Family Services at Fellowship Fayetteville. Choose from the following times on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24:

2:00 | 3:30 | 5:00 | 6:30

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## Turquoise Table

One of the great uses for the Turquoise Table was this fun activity with the children. Stephanie Hicks and her neighbors gathered at the Turquoise Table to fellowship and assemble boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project.



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## Resources



### Discipleship for Women | [Learn more & enroll](#)

Interested in being discipled or pouring into another woman as a discipler? Complete an online assessment profile to be contacted by our Regional Discipleship Leader for placement.



### Fellowship NWA | [Women's Devotional Blog](#)

Subscribe to *Women's Ministry Devotional Blog* from our sisters at Fellowship NWA Women's Ministry.

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## Service Opportunities

### Weekday Front Office Help

If you have administrative skills and enjoy being around people, we would love to put your talents to use as a member of our front office team at Fellowship Fayetteville. We are currently seeking two more office volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays to serve in four

hour shifts. Contact: [Ray Wagoner](mailto:Ray.Wagoner@fellowshipfayetteville.org), 479-878-2999.

## Serve One

At Fellowship we encourage our members to Worship One/Serve One, meaning attend a corporate celebration service and then volunteer to serve during another service so others may worship. Many team positions are currently available on Sunday mornings including hospitality, media, worship choir, FayetteKids, One2One, and prayer. Visit [serve.fellowshipfayetteville.org](http://serve.fellowshipfayetteville.org) to find your fit.

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