



SERMON NOTES

# DEVOTION

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The heart of a healthy church  
is devotion to Christ.

ACTS 2:42 · PASTOR KEVIN TAYLOR · SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



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**The heart of a healthy church is not built on spectators, consumers, or casual attenders. It is built by Spirit filled believers whose devotion to Christ shows up on a Tuesday, not only on a Sunday.**

*“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”*

**Acts 2:42**

THE MESSAGE IN ONE SENTENCE PER TRUTH

- 01** Devotion is demonstrated, not declared
- 02** Devotion is daily, not occasional
- 03** Devotion built the first church, and it still builds the church

## TRUTH 01

# Devotion is demonstrated, not declared

- The turn of the whole message was four words long: talk is cheap. Just saying we are devoted will not get it done, and Pastor Kevin included himself in that before he pointed it at anyone.
- James gives the standard: faith without action is useless. The six marks of a healthy member from the series become the evidence, the place where devotion either shows up or quietly does not.
- His application got specific: get into the work, get into the weeds. Mission focus, sharing the story, real relationships with people who are not your friends yet.

**“Talk is cheap. We’ve got to demonstrate it.”**

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## Devotion is daily, not occasional

- Acts 2:42 says they were continually devoting themselves. Not once, not for one weekend, not for tomorrow's event. Continually. The word carries the weight of the whole sermon.
- Jesus set the rhythm in Luke 9:23: deny yourself, take up your cross daily, follow me. The disciples never carried literal crosses, and Jesus never corrected them for it. The dying is internal, and the schedule is daily.
- Kevin's granddaughter Kendra prepared for basic training physically, mentally and emotionally before she ever shipped out. Devotion practices before it performs.

**“That’s devotion. Die to ourselves. Take up our cross daily.”**

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### TRUTH 03

## Devotion built the first church, and it still builds the church

- Three thousand people were added in a day, in the shadow of a crucifixion less than two months old. Their response was not a feeling. It was teaching, fellowship, broken bread, and prayer.
- They took meals together, met with one mind, and the one mind was purpose: grow spiritually, learn Christ's teaching, apply it to every part of life. Different cultures, very different beliefs, one devotion.
- And God grew the church daily through their unity. That is our heritage, Pastor Kevin said. That is our history, and that is our calling.

**“That’s our heritage, church. That’s our history, and that’s our calling.”**

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### SCRIPTURE TRAIL

Acts 1 · Acts 2:1-41 · Acts 2:42-47 · Luke 9:23 · Galatians 2:20 · Colossians 3:1-3  
· James 2:17

## Questions for the table.

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1. Pastor Kevin asked, "Do we demonstrate devotion?" What would a stranger conclude from watching your calendar and your spending this week?
2. Where has church become something you attend instead of a body you belong to? What is one involved step you could take this month?
3. Devotion costs something daily. What is the smallest costly yes you could say tomorrow morning, and who could say it with you?

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