

# The Way of Holiness



# The Pathway

Do Life Together

Worship Together Regularly

Enjoy God's Presence

Live Differently

Give Generously

Share Your Story

Serve Others



If I proclaim to be 'set apart' but  
do not set apart  
I'm not living up to the  
standards of holiness.

Holiness is not

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religious behavior

**Matthew 6: 5** “And when you pray, **do not be like the hypocrites**, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

Holiness is not

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being 'holier than thou'



Holiness is not

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sinlessness

Holiness is living with the  
perspective of a promise  
resulting in joy.

**Hebrews 11: 39** These were all commended for their faith, yet **none of them received what had been promised,** 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

**Hebrews 12: 2** For the **joy set before** him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



God is most pleased in our  
behavior when we take on the  
characteristics of salt and light.

Salt and light interact with the  
'other' yet maintain their  
distinctiveness.





**Hebrews 12:** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

**Hebrews 12:** For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**4** In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.



# Why pursue such costly holiness?

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So that you will not grow weary  
and lose heart (12:3).

We all are going to struggle.

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Do you want to struggle on the  
world's terms or God's?



Fix your eyes on Jesus! (12:2)

Live with perspective.





Go slow

when the world goes fast.

Kingdom pace

is slower than the world's pace.

Don't worry  
about other's fast starts.

Listen to  
your “coaches”  
(12:1-2a).

**Train for holiness.**

**Accept pain as gain.**

**(12:7-10)**

**Hebrews 12:** 5 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,  
“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

**Hebrews 12:** 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

**Hebrews 12: 9** Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits **and live!**





Go fast

when the world goes slow.

Struggle against sin!

The struggle against sin  
produces the distinctiveness of  
holiness.

**Satan's tactic:**  
slow down for the obvious.



**Hebrews 12: 10** They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, **in order that we may share in his holiness.**





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