

Good Shepherd Growth Retreat Closing Prayer Service

Opening prayer: Lord as we come together to conclude this retreat, we come before you with praise and gratitude for having the chance to do something most human beings never get to do- to be able to stop, get away from their lives, reflect and grow.

Scripture

“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” 1 Corinthians 14:20

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, with thanksgiving.” Colossians 3:9-10

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.” Philippians 1:6

“Being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ.” 1 John 2:1-11

Song MILEY CYRUS - THE CLIMB

I can almost see it
That dream I'm dreaming but
There's a voice inside my head sayin,
You'll never reach it,
Every step I'm taking,
Every move I make feels
Lost with no direction
My faith is shaking but I
Got to keep tryin Got to keep my head held high

There's always going to be another mountain
I'm always going to want to make it move
Always going to be an uphill battle,
Sometimes I'm going to have to lose,
Ain't about how fast I get there,
Ain't about what's waiting on the other side It's the climb

The struggles I'm facing,
The chances I'm taking
Sometimes they might knock me down but
No I'm not breaking
I may not know it
But these are the moments that
I'm going to remember most yeah
Just got to keep going
And I, I got to be strong
Just keep pushing on, cause

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Sometimes I'm going to have to lose,
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Ain't about what's waiting on the other side
It's the climb
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Always going to be an uphill battle,
Sometimes you're going to have to lose,
Ain't about how fast I get there,
Ain't about what's waiting on the other side- It's the climb
Keep on moving Keep climbing Keep the faith baby
It's all about It's all about The climb
Keep the faith Keep your faith

Video- a tomato story

Sharing:

- who have been the people who have misguided you***
- who has guided your growth that you want to remember***
- what is a lesson you are glad to have learned***

presenting our needs:

Some Things to Remember about growth

- * Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.
- * If you worry, you didn't pray. If you prayed, don't worry.
- * Be flexible and you will not be bent out of shape.
- * When we get tangled up in our problems, be still so God can untangle the knot.
- * Count your blessings.
- * Laugh every day, & most of all be willing to laugh at yourself.
- * There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
- * A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
- * He who dies with the most toys is still dead.
- * We don't remember days but moments. Life moves fast, enjoy your precious moments.
- * Experience is often the best, but not the only teacher
- * The growth, goals and dreams you're seeking require courage and risk-taking.
- * Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are, your reputation is just what others think you are.

No matter the storm, when you are with God, you are not alone, and there's always a rainbow waiting. Leave gentle fingerprints on the soul of another for the angels to read. Growth; living as a follower of Jesus is not just about avoiding what is wrong. It is about saying yes to the adventures he places before you in every moment of life. You don't want to get to the end of your life and find that you lived just the length of it. You want to have lived the width of it as well.