**Influence Is Essential**

1. We want the good life on our terms.
2. The people we surround ourselves with will influence our lives.

*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers…* **Psalm 1:1**

1. What we fill our minds with will guide our thoughts and shape our actions.

*But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night…* **Psalm 1:2-3**

1. God will not give you a perfect life-but he will perfect you through life.

*For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.* **Psalm 1:6**

September 20, 2015

Psalm 1

Action

**Begin each morning with this prayer:**

*Lord,*

*I want to live well*

*So I will seek your influence*

*And I will live for you.*

*Amen.*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

What is the definition of your best life?

How can you see the influence of others in your life-both positive and negative?

How do you see God making you perfect in life?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Matthew 5:13-16**
* **Tuesday Proverbs 27:17**
* **Wednesday 1 Corinthians 15:33**
* **Thursday Proverbs 13:20**
* **Friday Galatians 5:7-9**
* **Saturday 1 Peter 3:16**

*The word of God is living and active sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

**Hebrews 4:12**

1 Samuel 24:1-17

**When Life Is Unfair**

1. Following God does not mean everything will be perfect.

*Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men…* **1 Samuel 24:2**

1. We will have the opportunity to do life our way or God’s way.

*Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave…* **1 Samuel 24:3**

1. Humility and mercy are significant virtues.

*May the Lord judge between you and me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.* **1 Samuel 24:12**

1. When we follow God it can be the catalyst for change in other people.

*“You are more righteous than I,” he said. “you have treated me well, but I have treated you badly…”* **1 Samuel 24:17**

September 27, 2015

Action

**Begin each morning with this prayer:**

*Lord,*

*I want to live well*

*So I will seek your influence*

*And I will live for you.*

*Amen.*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

What is one circumstance you wish God would change?

Where have you done life your way-instead of seeking God’s way?

How could your life-change impact those around you?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Romans 12:1-2**
* **Tuesday Proverbs 27:17**
* **Wednesday 2 Corinthians 4:16-18**
* **Thursday James 1:17**
* **Friday Psalm 91:1-16**
* **Saturday Psalm 2**

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**Hebrews 4:12**