Devoted - Week 1

1/7 - 1/13/24

S.O.A.P.:

My child, never forget the things I have taught you.

Store my commands in your heart.

2 If you do this, you will live many years,
and your life will be satisfying.

3 Never let loyalty and kindness leave you!

Tie them around your neck as a reminder.

Write them deep within your heart.

4 Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

7 Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. 8 Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

Proverbs 3:1-8

- 1. "Whatever I starve dies. Whatever I feed thrives." Share personal experiences or reflections on how intentional moments of solitude, silence, and fasting contribute to being with God.
- 2. As we enter a new year, the sermon emphasizes the opportunity for a new start, evaluation, reprioritizing, and change. In light of this, how can the concept of being devoted to God align with the common New Year resolutions listed (Exercise, Lose Weight, Get Organized, New Skill/Hobby, Live Life To The Fullest)?
- 3. Discuss the verses from Proverbs regarding committing actions to the Lord, trusting in Him, seeking His will, and not relying on our own understanding. How can these principles guide our decisions in the new year, and what challenges might arise in being devoted to following God's plan?
- 4. Encourage your group to share insights gleaned from their Prayer & Fasting Journal. How is God moving in your heart, mind and soul? What will be different because of His movement?