

*From the message on October 22*

When Jesus matters most, resilient faith follows.

**Text** Matthew 7:24-27

### From the Message

We cultivate resilient faith. Christ-centered practices like singing, praying, reading Scripture, gathering, serving, and weekly rest aid our trust in Christ's sufficient salvation. They are the starting point for developing Christ-centered identity, spiritual gifts, and fruitfulness. Christ generously helps us grow into resilient faith, so we begin with these and at the same time we do not limit other types of experiences and practices, so long as they are consistent with Scripture and the Jesus Matters Most culture of Calvary.

### Opening Interaction.

Have you ever kept a garden? What does it take to succeed?

### Read the passage and Discuss

Do you have a habit of "spiritual disciplines" or "devotions"? If so, what have you found helpful?

What would you say to a friend, if they confided in you that they do not have a habit of prayer or reading Scripture? Reflect on your own answer - is it humble and gracious, like Jesus?

How does the grace of God lead us to embrace Christ-centered practices? How does grace correct us? How does grace grow us?

In cooperating with God, what might growth in resilient faith look like for you this Fall?

### Encourage Each Other Through Prayer

1. Pray for Operation Christmas Child, which began this weekend. Each box goes to a child who has not heard of or experienced the good news about Jesus. Pray for those children!
2. Pray for the Pastor Search Team, the Student Ministry Director Search Team, and the Community Ministry Director Search Team. Each team longs to experience God's grace in their process, to practice discernment, and to welcome the right fit to Calvary.
3. Pray for peace in our world. Conflicts in Israel and Ukraine remind us that only Jesus can (and will) bring complete peace. Pray for the conclusion to these wars, for safety for civilians in each region, and for future rebuilding. Pray for the grace to lovingly support neighbors, friends, family or coworkers who are deeply affected because they have ties to either region. Pray for those you consider enemies.

### Information, if you need it:

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