Thy Kingdom Come

Lordship: Family

Lordship | complete power or rule

MATTHEW 12:46-50 ESV

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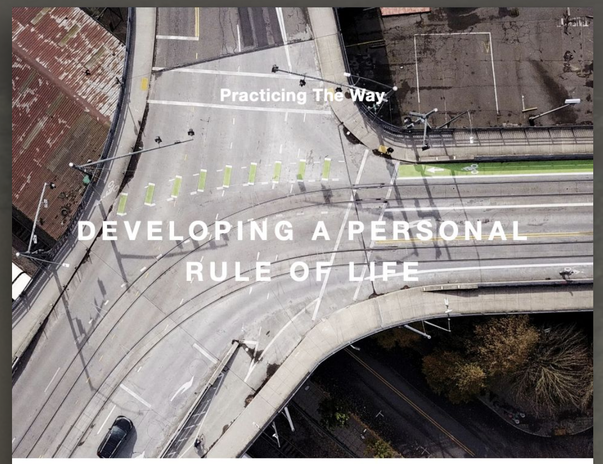

DEVELOPING A PERSONAL RULE OF LIFE

What is a rule of life?

A rule of life is a schedule and set of practices and relational rhythms that help us create space in our busy world for us to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did—to live "to the full" (John 10v10) in his kingdom, and in alignment with our deepest passions and priorities.

While the word "rule" may strike you as a strict or binding constraint, the Latin word we translate "rule" was originally the word for a trellis in a vineyard. In the same way a vine needs a trellis to lift it off the ground so it can bear the maximum amount of fruit, and keep free of predators and diseases, we need a rule as a kind of support structure to organize our life around "abiding in the vine," (John 15v1–8) as Jesus imagined.

It's been said that we achieve inner peace when our schedule is aligned with our values. A rule of life is simply a tool to that end. Rather than a rigid, legalistic to-do list, it's a life-giving structure for freedom, growth, and joy.

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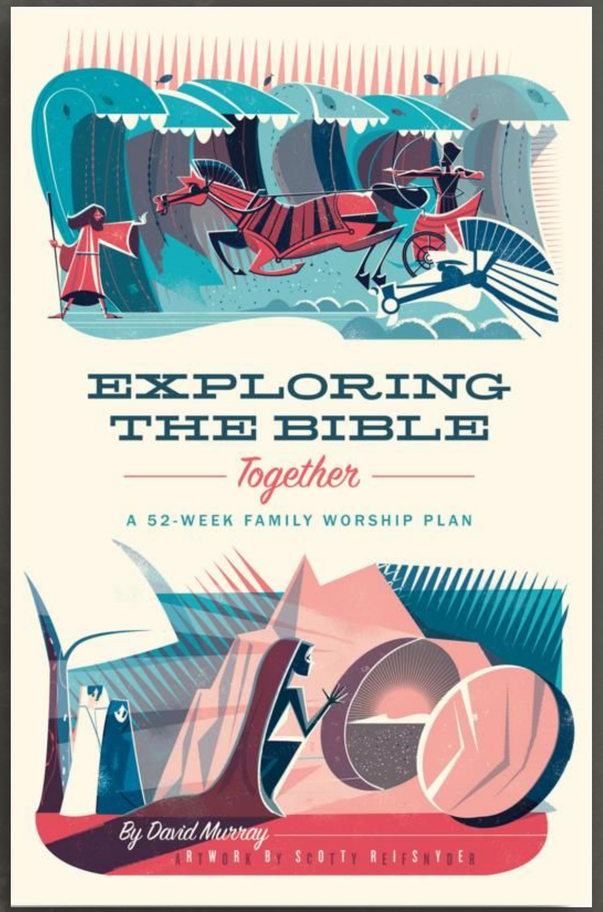

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*How am I **challenged** by Jesus' Lordship today?*

*How am I **comforted** by Jesus' Lordship today?*