**Minister Garry Parker September 16, 2018**

**Living Your Best Life!**

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

**Key Truth:** The only way to **live** your best life is to **live** in Christ!

1. **Worldview** of living well:

 A. If it feels **good,** then do it!

 B. Gain a great job that pays **rewards** other than

 **money.**

 C. Have a name that is **respected.**

2. **Life** is Christ Romans 6:3-7

 A. **Desire** to live righteously.

 B. **Die** to sin and self.

 C. A **resurrection** to a new life.

3. Share the **Abundance** of Life.

 A. Starts with **Submission.** Proverbs 3:5-6

 B. Recognize **God’s** blessings in your life and begin

 to **live** in them.

 C. **Praise God** in all you do. Philippians 4:4-7

**Taking it Beyond the Walls**: Living your best life is a life that puts Christ First!!! It is a life that submits to being in the will of God. Know your purpose. Know God’s will for you and live your best life in Christ.

**Connection Group Homework**

For the week of September 16, 2019

In your own words, explain Paul’s statement in 2 Corinthians 5:14 that “one died for all, therefore all died.”

How would you explain Jesus’ death on the cross to a non-Christian?

How does it make you feel to know you are the “righteousness of God”? What did you have to do to get this title?

Why do people often refuse to believe salvation is God’s free gift? What makes you feel like you have to work for it?

Why might we tend to take God’s grace for granted? Imagine what life would be like if God were not patient, impartial, and forgiving. What are appropriate responses to His goodness and grace to us?

Read Galatians 2:20-21: Why is it important to lean on grace as we live for Christ? Is grace and human responsibility at odds with each other? Why or why not?