



*Don't forget to stay
**connected during
the week!***

The youth group is on pause until August. Thank you for your understanding, see you soon!

Would you like to serve and see what God can do IN you and THROUGH you? We would like to talk to you. Let us know through your connection card or in person with one of our leaders..

A big part of our church's DNA is going out to serve to those in need, so we want to invite you to link arms with us as we serve our community. Stay tune for our next community service events.

Groups at Playas Church are about to begin — fill out your connection card and join this season of growing in community.



Hello!

Glad to see you!



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Here are some practical steps:

1. Practice **GRATITUDE**.

- Daily thankfulness shifts your heart from what's missing to what God has already given.

2. Learn **CONTENTMENT** in Christ.

- True contentment comes from trusting God to meet your deepest needs and being satisfied with what He provides.

3. Fight Envy with **GENEROSITY**.

- Giving breaks the grip of coveting. When we give—even when it costs us—it shows our heart that joy isn't found in possessions, but in relationship and purpose.

4. Redirect Your Desires Through **WORSHIP**.

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Philippians 4:11–13 (NIV)

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:1-4 (NIV)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can you think of a time when you felt restless or dissatisfied because you wanted what someone else had? How did that affect your thoughts, attitudes, or actions?
2. Paul teaches that changing behavior isn't enough—we need our desires reshaped by Christ. How have you experienced God changing what you long for? Where do you still need His help to align your heart with His will?
3. This week, which of the four practical steps—gratitude, contentment, generosity, or worship—could you intentionally focus on to guard your heart against coveting? How will you do it?

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