



MAY 18, 2025
THE POTENTIAL OF A PATTERN
Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

Patterns are developed in the course of time. Your active participation is necessary to facilitate growth, otherwise, the patterns can lead to neglect. Using Hosea 13:6 as a guide, Pastor Daniel described four stages for developing a pattern. The first stage is provision where we may exercise a strong sense of thanksgiving that God chose us. The second stage is contentment where there may be acknowledgement that if God doesn't do anything else, He has done enough. The third stage is self-reliance where there may be an attitude of "I deserve." The final stage is apathy where we may feel we have done our time and step aside waiting for someone else to step up. No matter which stage you are in, you can add logs to the fire of your relationship with God to reignite your passion to create better patterns by rehearsing God's goodness, by embracing spiritual family, and by fueling your soul.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Hosea 13:6; 10:13
- Psalm 16:6
- Philippians 4:12-13
- Hosea 10:13
- Ezekiel 33:31-32
- Psalm 77:11-12 (ESV)
- John 1:12 (ESV)
- Romans 12:11

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What are some practical ways you can add logs to the fire in your relationship with God?
- How do you think neglect shows up in your spiritual walk?
- Are you in a season of relying on God's provision or a season of self-reliance? Explain your response.
- How has God given you victory in some areas of your life due to your reliance on Him?
- Psalm 77:11-12 encourages us to "remember the deeds of the Lord." What are some past moments where you clearly saw God move in your life? How can rehearsing those moments strengthen your faith today?
- How does being part of a spiritual family (like a small group or church community) help you grow? What role does accountability play in keeping your spiritual fire burning?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Rehearse God's goodness by giving Him thanks and praise. Remember the deeds of the Lord. Don't rehearse what the enemy has done. Meditate on the goodness of God.
- Engage with spiritual family. Join a small group. Stay connected. Get out of your comfort zone. Iron sharpens iron. Never lack zeal. Be intentional about keeping your passion for the Lord. Pray, read, worship every day.
- Create your own worship environment. When you meet the needs of others the fire burns brighter in you.

GO DEEPER

- Identify some patterns that you've developed that led to growth and others that led to disruption or distraction. Use Hosea 13:6 as a guide.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Spend quality time with God in prayer and thanksgiving this week, reigniting your prayer life. Journal how God speaks to and through you in these moments of intimacy with God.

LEADER TIPS

- Add variety to your group prayer time. Consider dividing into small groups, doing a prayer walk, or focusing on thanksgiving for answered prayers.