

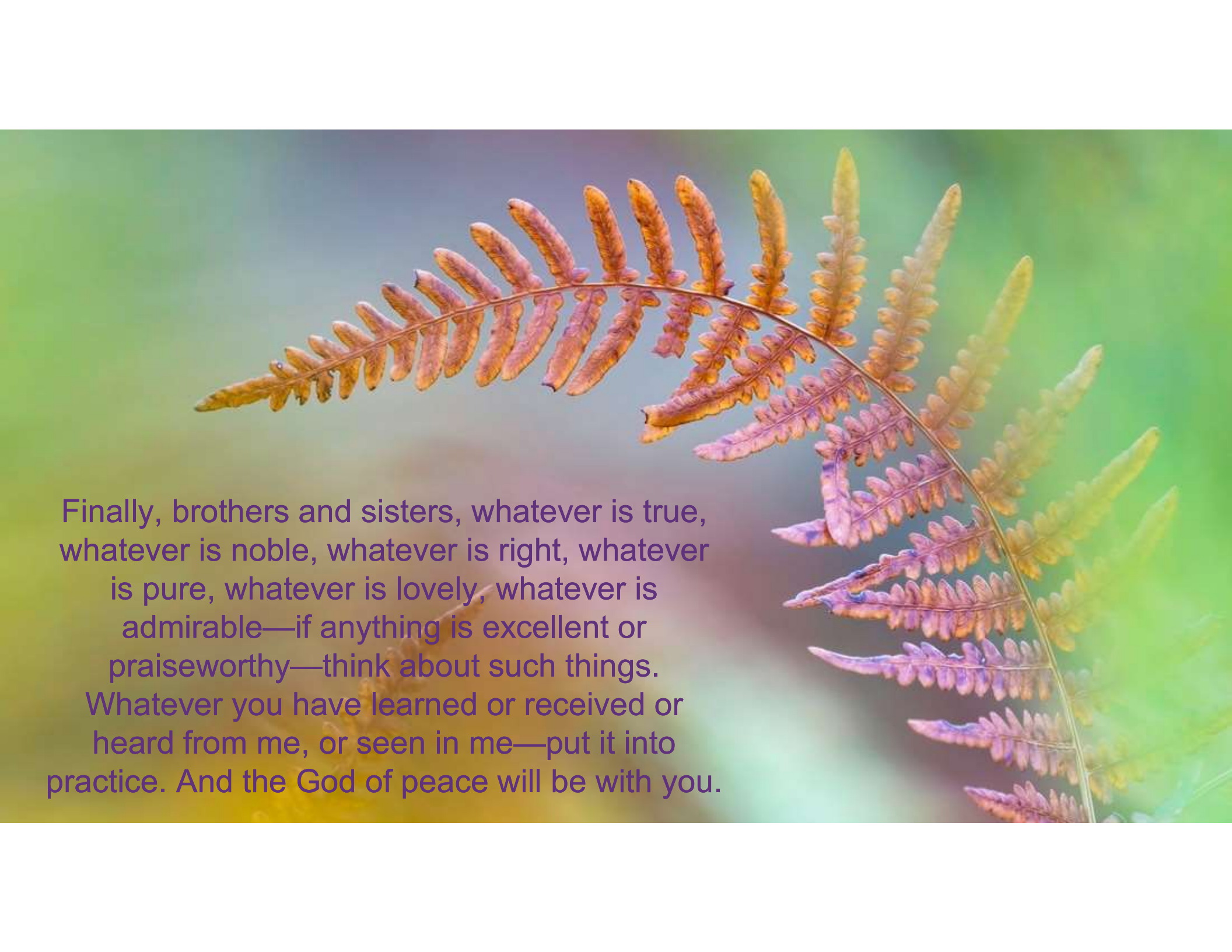
EVERGREEN  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
OF  
LOS  
ANGELES

# CHARACTER/WITNESS

LIVING IN THE NATURE OF GOD

2020  
WINTER  
SERMON  
SERIES





Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,  
whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever  
is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is  
admirable—if anything is excellent or  
praiseworthy—think about such things.  
Whatever you have learned or received or  
heard from me, or seen in me—put it into  
practice. And the God of peace will be with you.



# Taco Love Languages

Words of Affirmation: Your tacos are delicious


Acts of Service: I made you tacos

Receiving Gifts: Here's a taco

Quality Time: Let's go out for tacos together

Physical Touch: Let me hold you like a taco





God created humanity in God's  
own image; in the divine image  
God created them, male and  
female God created them. God  
blessed them and said to them,  
"Be fertile and multiply. Fill the  
earth and master it."



The LORD said to Abram, “Leave your land, your family, and your father’s household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, those who curse you I will curse; all the families of the earth will be blessed because of you.”



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Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God make his face shine on us, so that your way becomes known on earth, so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations. Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you! Let the people celebrate and shout with joy because you judge the nations fairly and guide all nations on the earth. Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you! The earth has yielded its harvest. God blesses us—our God blesses us! Let God continue to bless us; let the far ends of the earth honor him.





You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of. Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

**"I felt this connection with everyone who was suffering because I was suffering . . . . I was honored to give an emotional voice to a city's pain."**







**“It was a way to remember, to mourn, to cope with what we were experiencing. The music was a beautiful way to process very difficult, very painful, very sad feelings.”**





“But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don’t withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don’t demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.”





“Here in the West, we live in such segregated communities, and disgust, when it emerges, won’t change unless there is meaningful interaction and contact. I’m not talking about interacting once or twice a year at Thanksgiving or Christmas. I’m talking about continual, intentional engagement – the kind that doesn’t naturally occur. And I’m wondering if a community goes through that process, if that disgust will somehow be turned on its head.”



“Moral courage is standing up to the people with whom you agree on behalf of those with whom you disagree. Can you do it? Are you up for it?”

- Arthur Brooks

