



### 21-DAY FAST Devotional #9– UNNOTICABLE

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We have a beautiful campus at PFWC with several crab apple trees planted around the property. In the spring when they bloom they are breathtaking, especially when it coincides with the magnolia tree blooming. However, what most people have not noticed is that little by little a fungus has been slowly taking over the tree. The trees from a distance still seem healthy, especially when they are blooming, but in actuality they near death. If you get closer to the trees you will see the fungus. Why haven't we done anything with these beautiful trees? A few years ago we did. We took the time and sprayed them with fungicide several times which actually extended the life of the trees. That's commendable, but in order to have completely killed off the fungus it would have required ongoing attention.

This is the point... in order to win within, to have integrity, "doing what's right even when no one else is looking," it takes ongoing attention. We can't give in to distractions, make excuses, or give in to sin; because once we do, we begin to drift from the vine. **2 Corinthians 7:1 (NLT)** says, "**Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.**" My mother always said "Don't put off till tomorrow what you can/should do today." Life is short and eternity is forever, we have no guarantee for tomorrow! Let's work on eradicating the fungus from our lives.

**Question for today:** What sin in your life are you excusing that actually is endangering you spiritually?

**Verses to look up:** John 15:5, 2 Corinthians 7:1, Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 6:12-13

**Prayer for this week:** Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving me, thank you for giving your life, thank you for rising again, and thank you for giving me your Holy Spirit. Help me this day to not drift from the vine and into vice. I know that there is a power that comes from staying connected to You and enables me to bear fruit. Help me to walk in Your power! May others see the fruit that is being produced in my life, through my relationship with You, and desire to do the same. I pray for my church that we will see breakthrough! Help people to come to you through my witness and through my congregation. I pray for breakthrough in marriages, health, finances, emotions, habits, and all areas. May I be the person You want me to be and may our church be the church You want us to be. Let change begin in my heart and flow over to my home, my church, and my community! Amen

(P.S. We intend to spray the trees soon, if you would like to assist see P.M. It's not too late to save most of them.)