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Course Description

Close to 1500 people leave ministry every month due to burnout, conflict, or moral failure. That number skyrockets for ministry contexts involving consistent sacrifice, emotional strain, and trauma. So how can we, as missionaries and leaders, pursue a whole life of sustained sacrifice? The lifelong, continuous emergence of the Kingdom in the life of a person comes through the mysterious intersection of God's grace and steady human effort. Transformation is never solely the work of human will and discipline, but the grace of God will not overthrow our lack of attention to our own lives. Life under the reign of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, is fundamentally decisive and disciplined, and history shows both the constant exploration and blessing of a governing rule of life. Come spend the summer with us learning about and creating your own rule of life.

June 6	Why a Rule of Life?
June 13	Decisions
June 20	Existential Ownership
June 27	Seeking God
July 11	Community & Mission
July 18	The Sacred Ordinary
July 25	Manifesto & Rule
August 1	A Way Forward

Essential Texts

Debra K. Farrington's, *Living Faith Day by Day*, The Berkley Publishing Group, 2000