

MONDAY 08.24.26 - Matthew 20:26-28

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The late John F. Kennedy is noted for saying “Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather what you can do for your country”. The idea behind this quote should be the heart’s desire of all who call Christ Savior and Lord. Almost without exception, the number one reason for people leaving the church and ultimately for church splits is the result of someone not getting their way or having been offended and not being willing to forgive. Sadly, Shiloh is not exempt from this phenomenon. What a difference it would make if we chose to put the Lord first in all we do and the needs of others before our own. Seems that I recall Jesus saying something like that when He answered the question, “What is the greatest commandment?” by saying “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind and love you neighbor as yourself”. In closing let me say “ask not what God can do for you, but rather what can you do for God”.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 08.25.26 - Galatians 5:13

Throughout the early church, new believers thought obeying the laws of Moses reconciled them with God. Paul explained that Jesus did all the work on the cross, so all believers can be free. Our salvation cannot be earned.

But...if believers are no longer under the law, can you do whatever you want? *Absolutely not!* Christian liberty should never be viewed as a “license to sin” or an excuse for self-indulgence, but a chance to serve others in love. We should be motivated from within by the Holy Spirit rather than driven by external rules.

Warren Wiersbe says, “When believers stop serving each other in love, they end up “biting and devouring” one another,

proving that a lack of love brings people right back into a state of bondage.”

John 15:12 supports this: “...Love each other as I have loved you.”

Who can you serve in love today?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 08.26.26 - Psalm 103

Have you ever struggled to worship? I don’t mean that you no longer love God or are giving up on Him. Sometimes life, exhaustion, distraction, or other circumstances simply make it difficult to get started in worship. (It’s OK to admit that.) When you feel that way, consider Psalm 103 your “jumper cables.” David takes God’s forgiveness, compassion, steadfast love, faithfulness, and power and rehearses them again and again. He doesn’t wait until he feels like worshipping; he speaks truth to his own soul: “Bless the Lord, O my soul!” The next time you find it difficult to worship, let Psalm 103 remind you of who God is and what He has done. Pray through the Psalm. Remind your soul of God’s goodness. Sometimes worship begins not with how we feel, but with remembering who is worthy of our worship.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 08.27.26 - 1 Chronicles 16:11-12

The verses of 1 Chronicles 16:11-12 are found in the middle of a psalm of thanksgiving. In this song, David is calling Israel, and us to thank God and remember who He is and what he has done.

When facing a struggle, do you remind yourself of the attributes of God? Do you recall all the challenges of life that He has safely guided you through? When we are fearful and doubt God’s path for us, we can go to God’s word and read the wonders He has done and we can list all the miracles recorded in our Bible. We can also recall all the times He has been faithful in our lives. When we reflect as David calls us to, seeking God through His word, we are reminded not only of what He has done for us, but also who we are as His beloved children.

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FRIDAY 08.28.26 - Psalm 77:11-12

Writing this devotional this week has been so personal. I appreciate these verses, claiming the Lord’s work of old as testament to His unfailing character. As I understood it, the Psalmist and, therefore, I, should remember Old Testament heroics that God did for His people, whether they be faithful to Him or not. Did he lead them out of Egypt and through the Red Sea and provide the Law and Sinai? Yes He did.

But a careful reading from verse 1 through today’s verses, shows that the Psalmist asks whether God has fallen short of His faithfulness ever in his own life’s experience. The implied answer is NO. The same can be said for me and for you. Therefore, the Psalmist will remember that God always came through and always was there and always forgave and strengthened and provided. Praise Him, He is the same for us.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

- KIDS

CHILDREN’S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- YOUTH

E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- ADULTS

SUMMER QUARTER - Sunday Mornings
EXPLORE THE BIBLE: Joshua; Judges; Ruth
LOCATION: B8-10 - June 7th - August 30th

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Youth

ON SUMMER BREAK
- Adults

Worship Center

COMING SUNDAYS MORNINGS AT SHILOH
9:45AM DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning September 13th. Rooms to be determined.

Explore the Bible: Romans:
Led by Gene Steinruck

Bible Studies for Life
Connecting with Others Like Jesus Did - Led by Lane Kemler
Essentials for Christian Living - Led by Dave Delcamp

Women’s Study - Job
Led by Elizabeth Williams

Men’s Study - Play the Man
Led by Dave Hummel & Mike Williams

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Angels by Melissa Spoelstra - Led by Chris Knepley
Begins September 17th at 9am in Room 2

UNITY SUNDAY
August 30that 10:00am in the Welcome Center
Luncheon to follow. No sign-up is needed.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

1 Peter 4:10-11
Nobody Rides The Pine

God wants everyone in the game. He desires that every believer use their spiritual gift in service for Him.

1. You Have Received A Spiritual Gift

A spiritual gift is a God-given ability for service. It is not the same as a natural talent or skill that you developed before salvation. The moment you trust in Jesus for eternal life, God gives you a spiritual gift.
2. You Have Received A Spiritual Gift In Order To Serve Others

God did not give you a spiritual gift for your own benefit. The purpose of this gift is for the edification of other believers.
3. You Have Received A Spiritual Gift In Order To Serve Others For God’s Glory

Teaching is to be done to bring men face to face with God. Service is to be done to turn men’s thoughts to God.

Guidelines from 1 Timothy chapter 4:

- Be _____ (v 12)
- Be _____ (v 13)
- Be _____ (v 15)
- Be _____ (v 16)

God wants everyone to serve in building up the Body of Christ for His glory. Nobody rides the pine!

E2 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



August 24 – August 28

INTRODUCTION:
Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:
Sunday, August 23rd, we will hear a message from 1 Peter 4:10-11, “Nobody Rides The Pine”. Sunday, August 30th, our message will be from Psalm 103, “Remembering God”.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:
“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will, but prophets of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”
2 Peter 1:20-21