

## MONDAY 04.06.26 - Psalm 16:8-11

He is risen! What comfort that should bring to all who truly believe that, in resurrection, Jesus defeated death not only for Himself but for all who believe. He has experienced the trials of life and is with us as we go through the trials of life. He is alive and seated at the right hand of the Father interceding for us. He has gone to prepare a place for us and one day we will be there with Him. He has assured us that we will see again those who believed in Him and have gone on before us. He has promised that we will receive a resurrected body like His and that we will spend eternity with Him. My prayer for you is that you know Christ as your savior and that you find much comfort in knowing what is in store for you. If Christ is for us who can be against us?!

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## TUESDAY 04.07.26 - Matthew 28:1-10

There are no words adequate to describe the emotions of this great event! The women were the first to witness the resurrection. Mark also notes that the guards saw it happen: an angel of the Lord appeared, and everyone who witnessed it was terrified. Finally, Jesus himself, subject to death and yet present and speaking, caused them to be terrified. We know this, because He told them to "not be afraid." Of course they would be terrified, the event just could not be. It was superhuman. It is only of God.

He promised to meet his brothers and the others of the new creation, His church, in Galilee. He had promised his death and resurrection and, also, their eternal life. We are their progeny. Jesus was the first fruit of resurrection, and his brothers will follow him and we will follow them. What a blessed legacy they have left. Pray that we leave it well for our descendants.

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## WEDNESDAY 04.08.26 - Ephesians 6:1-3

Paul begins the last chapter of Ephesians by addressing children who are responsible for obeying their parents "in the Lord." On the surface, it may appear that Paul is limiting the scope of children's obedience to either parents who are Christians or parents who are behaving in a godly manner. The parallel passage in Colossians 3:20, however, helps us better understand Paul instructions: "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."

Jesus Himself, the very Son of God, continued in subjection to His earthly parents, Joseph and Mary (Luke 2:51). Therefore, nobody can say that submission and obedience imply inequality or inferiority. Rather, voluntarily accepting the role of subjection leads to harmony and blessing in the home. In God's ordering the family, He has placed parents in authority over children because the young need the wisdom, guidance, and protection only loving fathers and mothers can provide.

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## THURSDAY 04.09.26- Exodus 20:12

Why are we to honor our father and mother? The most important answer to this question is that it is one of God's original commands. That should be reason enough. We are to love God, first and foremost. He is our creator, our heavenly Father. On earth, we were born to our parents who were to love us and raise us to love God. We would honor and obey them and carry on God's design. This parent child role is modeled

throughout Scriptures, even by Jesus Himself. He prayed to the Father and ultimately willingly submitted to the Father's plan of redemption for us. But what if our parents weren't/ aren't good parents? Must we still honor them? Yes. The sin that entered this world and corrupted mankind doesn't change the plan for order that God established. Honoring our parents is honoring and obeying God.

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## FRIDAY 04.10.26 - Psalm 139:13-16

Psalm 139 reminds us God is everywhere, knows everything, and has all power. David made that truth personal, declaring that God formed you. He knit you together with care and intention. Before anyone else saw you, *you were seen and known by Him*.

It's been said God's concern for you stretches, "from womb to tomb." David says your days were written in God's book before one of them came to be. Your life isn't random or out of His control. You're not an accident nor overlooked. The same God who made you and knows you... loves you. He knows you so well and loves you so much that He sent His own son to die for you. Think about how genuine and intense His love for you must be for Him to care about all your days on earth and provide the only way to be with you in eternity.

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## **E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES**

WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY - 6:30pm. Begins April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **“God of the Ordinary”, A Study in the Book of Ruth Led by Barry Wills, Rm B8-10**

This is a 6 session study by Alistair Begg. God still protects His people and accomplishes His purposes. Through all of life’s circumstances, we discover His loving hand at work.

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY- 9:00am

### **“In View of God’s Mercies”, by: Courtney Doctor Led by Brenda Ross; Rm 2**

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- 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** **SPRING QUARTER** - Sunday Mornings
- LOCATION: B8-10 - Dave Heineman- began Mar. 1  
**EXPLORE THE BIBLE:  
Matthew 14-28**  
Gaining a better understanding of what it means to live out our faith each day.
- LOCATION: B11 - Dave Delcamp - began Mar. 1  
**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE:  
Understanding the Character of God**  
Through the revelation of Scripture—and His ultimate revelation through Jesus Christ—we can see exactly who God is.

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center

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

## **2 Corinthians 4:13-18 Changed!**

Paul believed and proclaimed the New Covenant message—the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:13 cf. Psalm 116:10). Jesus spoke of a New Covenant when He celebrated the Passover with His disciples in the Upper Room. During the Passover Meal, Jesus told His followers: “This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:28). The New Covenant was ratified through the death of Jesus. He died on a cross to pay for our sins. He promises to forgive our sins and to give us eternal life if we will only trust in Him for it (John 6:47).

Because of the promises of the New Covenant, Paul looked forward to two experiences. Likewise, we can look forward to the same two experiences.

1. Physical \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 14-15)


- John 14:19
- 2 Corinthians 5:8

2. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 16-18)

- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 2 Corinthians 6:4-5
- Romans 8:17-18

Have you placed your faith alone in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life? The Bible says that you are a sinner and that you are bound for a place of torment called hell when you die. Your good works will not prevent you from going to hell. That is why Jesus came to earth, died on a cross, and rose again. When Jesus was on the cross, He died for you—in your place. He became your substitute and paid the penalty for your sins, and He offers you forgiveness and a home in heaven with Him when you die. However, you must trust in Him as your Savior. Just as you trust in a chair to hold you through no effort of your own, so you must trust Jesus Christ to get you to heaven through no effort of your own.

If you have not already done so, take a moment right now to place your complete confidence in Christ alone for eternal life.

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



April 6 – April 10

### 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:

Monday and Tuesday’s readings will be a follow up on Sunday’s message from, April 5th, “*Changed!*”. Wednesday through Friday’s devotions will help prepare us for the message on April 12th, “*A Command for Kids*”.

### KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children.  
Ephesians 5:1