

MONDAY 6.2.25 - Luke 24:46-47

Why am I here? What is my purpose in life? Most people have asked themselves these questions at some point in their lives. Ultimately, God desires that believers be faithful witnesses of His Son, Jesus Christ. In Luke 24:47, Jesus told His disciples that repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations.

The world is in spiritual darkness. Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers. However, the gospel of Jesus has the power to give light and sight to the spiritually blind so they might embrace Jesus, trusting in Him for the forgiveness of sin and eternal life. Ask God to open the door of opportunity (Col. 4:3), to open the hearts of unbelievers (Acts 16:14), and to open your mouth to share the good news of Christ with others (Eph. 6:19).

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TUESDAY 6.3.25 - 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

<sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin<sup>[a]</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Are you a good ambassador for Christ?

I have had the opportunity to be in numerous embassies and talk with numerous ambassadors. All ambassadors have one thing in common; they are representatives of the country to which they belong and from which they have been sent. That is the mission they have been given, and all they do is done with that mission in mind. As ambassadors of Christ our mission is the same as other ambassadors.

This world is not our home. We are sent out into this world to be an ambassador for Christ. It is our mission to represent Christ, and all that we do should be done with that mission in mind. We should all strive to represent the gospel of Christ and the love of Christ to a lost and dying world. If Christ is your savior, you have been appointed to be Christ’s ambassador, how seriously you choose to take that roll is up to you.

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WEDNESDAY 6.4.25 - John 21:15-17

In the early days of Christianity, when non-Christians observed a group of believers, they often made the statement, “How they love one another!” Love. That’s what Christ wants to see in Christians—maturing disciples who express love. Christ announces, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” But what is love? Often people confuse love with lust and reduce it to nothing more than emotion. However, a biblical definition of love requires putting the other person first, even if it means sacrificing yourself. Christ set the standard when He verbalizes “as I have loved you.” He takes our sins upon Himself and suffers the punishment on our behalf. This new commandment of Christ for His followers surpasses anything previously known to them. Love springs from an act of the will as we choose to obey Christ.

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THURSDAY 6.5.25 - Proverbs 10:12

At first blush it would seem that everyone should naturally love one another. But that is neither our history, understanding or personal experience.

It is quite apparent that each person we meet is interested primarily in themselves and their own well-being. For that reason, during interpersonal relations and business and world events, people step on each other’s rights and cause frustration and anger. These lead to exaggerated reactions from arguments to wars.

The Scripture teaches that LOVE covers all sins. The simple apology or turning of the other cheek, or the overlooking of a simple offense, reduces the emotions of the situation and permits cooler heads to prevail. Peace prospers where love reigns. This is true in politics and in our homes. Let righteousness reign and love cover wrongs.

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FRIDAY 6.6.25 - Psalm 103:3

Love is foremost among God’s multitudes of attributes. God designed us as a special creation who would love Him, seek His company, and obey His commandments because we chose to. When we failed Him, He provided a way for us to be restored to His fellowship. Why? “For God so loved the world . . .” (John 3:16; Romans 5:8). He tried to instill in us the importance of love by designating it as the essential component in the two greatest commandments - loving God and loving our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39). Further, the Lord has provided the means of forgiveness when we slip - confessing our sins to Him (1 John 1:9). Why? Because He loves us. 1 Corinthians 1:9 reminds us “God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” God truly desires our love and fellowship (1 John 1:3-4). We have so many reasons to love Him because He first loved us.

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SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

## SPRING SMALL GROUPS

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

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June 2 - June 6

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 June 1<sup>st</sup> with our Quarterly Missions Speaker, Dr. Dale Marshfield from Grace Global Ministries. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on June 8<sup>th</sup>, "Characteristics of a Committed Christian" (part 2), with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.  
John 15:12