

**MONDAY 5.23.22 – MARK 12:24**

Do you know the power of God?

In Mark 12, Jesus poses the question of the power of God to certain religious leaders who claimed there was no resurrection. How wonderfully ironic, right before them stood the "Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25).

Again, do we know the power of God? Do we *really* know the power of God? Do we live with a constant awareness that our God is alive? Do we walk in the confident assurance of resurrection power active in us? Do we live our lives for the purpose of the power of God working through us?

May we never lose sight of the Resurrected Christ, of the power of God and the promise of resurrection. May we never forget that the same power that rose Jesus from the dead lives in us and because He lives, we may live also.

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**TUESDAY 5.24.22 – EPHESIANS 6:10-12**

Our need to live steadfast in the power of God is real, because the struggle is real. For many Christians, such talk of struggling with satanic powers sounds extreme, even crazy. But we need to understand spiritual warfare from a biblical perspective.

Here are four key principles:

- 1. Satan is a real and vicious enemy. (Rev. 12:9,12; John 8:44)
- 2. Satan tempts us to doubt God's word. (Gen. 3:1-5)
- 3. The NT records how Christ came to defeat the devil. (Mark 3:27)
- 4. Ephesians displays Christ's conquest of Satan in His church.

Consider the following:

- 1.How "mighty" is God's "power" (see 1 v 19-21; 3 v 20)?
- 2.What will this power strengthen us to do (6 v 11)?
- 3.Who is the church's struggle with--and not with (v 12)?
- 4.What kinds of mistakes might we make if we forget the true nature of the "struggle" we face?

The struggle is real, but so is the victory! Read Eph. 1:19-23; 2 v 6-7. How do we know that we can "stand" against such powerful spiritual forces? Because the Tomb is Empty and Jesus reigns. And the resurrection power is alive and at work in us!

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**WEDNESDAY 5.25.22 – ACTS 8:26-40**

The immediate result of the death of Stephen is the scattering of the church. The immediate result of the scattering of the church is the spread and advancement of the Gospel.

Philip's response is to continue sharing the Good news of Jesus and the power of God no matter the circumstances, no matter where God leads him/places him, no matter who or what he encounters. No matter what, Philip is steadfast in proclaiming the Gospel!

Two times, Paul instructs the church to make "the most of every opportunity" (Ephesians 5:16, Colossians 4:5). Throughout Acts 8, Philip demonstrates a commitment to do just that, to make the most of every opportunity to be steadfast in proclaiming the Gospel.

What about us? Will we make the most of every opportunity, regardless of where we find ourselves? Will we be steadfast?

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**THURSDAY 5.26.22 – ISAIAH 52:7**

Do you have beautiful feet?

The Prophet Isaiah foretold the 70-year Babylonian Captivity of the Kingdom of Judah. He also proclaimed that the Jews would one day return to the Promised Land. Historically, messengers would run from the scene of a battle to bring news of the outcome to a waiting king and people. In verse 7, the good news refers to the return of the Jews from exile to their home in Judah. In Romans 10:15, Paul quotes Isaiah 52:7, applying it to the spread of the good news of Jesus. As followers of Christ, we are given the privilege of sharing the gospel. We have the awesome responsibility of telling others how they may have forgiveness of sin and eternal life by placing their faith in Jesus (Romans 10:14). Ask God to open a door of opportunity for you to share the gospel with someone this week.

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**FRIDAY 5.27.22 – PSALM 73:26-28**

Proclamation, the public or official announcement of an important matter. If you are anything like me, you enjoy going to church to worship. It is great to be with fellow brothers and sisters singing of God's greatness and His wonderful acts, but what about the part of the verse that says, "make known among the nations what He has done"? When it comes to proclaiming the name of the Lord, Sunday is easy, but Monday through Saturday is tough. We look for every opportunity to brag about the accomplishments of our children and grandchildren. How much more are the accomplishments of what God has done for us. Let us all commit to looking for opportunities to brag about Christ and not be ashamed to do so.

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## GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS – 9:40AM\*

**Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level  
*\*available during 9:40 AND 11:00 services*

NURSERY (through Age 3)  
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level  
*available during the 9:40 service*

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

**Adults** EXPLORE THE BIBLE – Room B8-10 (Lower Level)  
*1 and 2 Thessalonians with Jim Kline*  
MASTERWORK – Room B11 (Lower Level)  
*"Absolute Surrender" with Jack Devlin (4.17–5.29)*  
PERSON OF INTEREST – Room B1-2 (Lower Level)  
*with Steven Miller*

### SUNDAY EVENINGS – 6:00PM

**Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level  
CURRENT SERIES: Answers for Kids

**Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)  
*5th–8th Grade meet downstairs*  
*9th–12th Grade meet upstairs*

**Adults** DIVE DEEP WITH DOUG  
LOCATION: Worship Center  
CURRENT SERIES: **Exodus**  
  
BIG IDEA – SMALL GROUP(S)  
LOCATION: Room B8-10 (Lower Level)  
*Group discussion following the scriptures and themes of Sunday morning's message. Jump in any time as we go through the Book of ACTS together.*

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS – 6:30PM

**THE POWER OF KNOWING GOD (beginning May 4th)**  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

### WOMEN'S STUDY – THURSDAYS at 9:00aM

**JESUS & WOMEN (April 21 – June 2)**  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY GROUPS OR CLASSES,  
PLEASE USE THE CONNECT CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

## SERMON NOTES

### ACTS 8:1-25

One of the best ways for you to get into circulation for the Lord is to...

SHARE \_\_\_\_\_ ...

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

~ Acts 1:8

WITH \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THEIR \_\_\_\_\_...

*Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there.*

~ Acts 8:5

- Pick up a Shiloh card at our Welcome Center or Foyer Table and give it to someone. The QR code will direct them to a video where they will hear the good news of Jesus.
- Invite a friend to come to a Sunday service at Shiloh where they will hear the gospel.
- Invite a neighborhood child to attend our upcoming Vacation Bible School to hear the good news of Jesus.

AND WITH \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THEIR \_\_\_\_\_

*Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord.*

~ Acts 8:22


When a person trusts in Jesus for eternal life, he's not automatically catapulted to spiritual maturity. Growth in Christ takes time. When a new believer falls, he needs to get up and start walking again. He does that through repentance and confession.

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day  
TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



## May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

#### INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip () 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's and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on today's message from Acts 8:1-25. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us to continue in the book of Acts next Sunday as we look at Philip's ministry and his *Steadfastness in Proclamation* in Acts 8.

#### KEY/MEMORYVERSE:

*"Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

–ACTS 4:11-12