MONDAY 5.30.22 – LUKE 4:18-19

We do not often feel as though we are entrusted with the wellness of the poor, the imprisoned, the blind, and the oppressed. We feel overwhelmed just simply trying to keep our own train on the tracks. How are we to help others stay on the path of the righteous when we struggle to remain on the path ourselves?!?

Eight simple words can empower us on our journey. The first eight words of today's scripture. Say it with me brothers and sisters... "The Spirit of the Lord is on me." When you feel powerless... "The Spirit of the Lord is on me." When you feel unqualified... "The Spirit of the Lord is on me." When you simply do not know what to do for others or even yourself... "The Spirit of the Lord is on me." Eight words to remind you that you cannot do it alone. You were never meant to.

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TUESDAY 5.31.22 - 1 PETER 2:9-12

Christ must be proclaimed and the Gospel must be shared! Peter reminds us that this is our purpose, our calling, our very identity. We are a people set apart for this very thing... to shout the praises of the God who has saved us. Our worship is not just an offering to God, but it also a testimony to the world! We sing "To God be the glory, great things He has done, so loved He the world that He gave us His Son" or "O hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave, You free every captive and break every chain: O God, You have done great things", not just to remind ourselves and each other, but also to declare and boldly proclaim to all with ears to hear.

Our God has does deserve glory, Jesus really does save, and the Holy Spirit is still doing great things. Our lives need to be lived to tell others about it!

WEDNESDAY 6.1.22 - ACTS 9:1-31

The beginning of Acts 9 marks the beginning of a shift in the book of Acts and over the next several weeks we'll be looking at the shifts or changes that God is inviting us into.

As we saw this past week, God used shifts/changes in Philip's circumstances to further the spread of the Gospel. And we see here in Acts 9 that Jesus is beginning to make shifts/ changes in Paul's life as well, changes that will pave the way for the Church to be built and the Kingdom to advance in unimaginable ways.

Let's begin to consider together, how a fresh encounter with the Resurrected Christ, a true encounter with the Holy Spirit might create shifts/changes in our lives. Consider how the God "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us" (Eph. 3:20) might built His Church and expand His Kingdom through the changes He wants to make in your life and my life.

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THURSDAY 6.2.22 - EZEKIEL 36:26-27

Have you ever known someone who was seemed beyond help? Someone you were certain couldn't change, no matter how much they needed to or wanted to? Someone who just couldn't help themselves?

I have... I've been that person.

I'm sure if you're honest, you have too.

The Gospel doesn't just promise eternal life in heaven when we die, it promises communion and fellowship with God (through His Holy Spirit) here and now! And the Gospel also calls us to a brand-new kind of life. It invites us to make changes.

The really good news is this, we don't have to make the changes on our own, in fact the Gospel makes it pretty clear that we can't make the changes on our own. But God can and God will. And I believe, that right now, in you and in me, God is making the change.

Invite and make room for the Holy Spirit to work on the changes you need in your heart and spirit today.

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FRIDAY 6.3.22 - PSALM 139:23-24

Psalm 139 is written by King David. It's a prayer for God to search the heart and to see its true devotion. The psalm is comprised of four poetic paragraphs of six verses each. David reveals several of the attributes or characteristics of God. Our Lord is omniscient (vv 1-6), omnipresent (vv 7-12), omnipotent (vv 13-18), and omnirighteous (vv 19-22). An understanding of who God is should result in an examination of who we are. So, we ask God to search us; to test us; and to reveal what is not pleasing to Him. As a result, we confess sin, forsake sin, and walk in holiness before our all-knowing, all-present, all-powerful, and all-just God.

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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

SERIES: STEADFASTNESS (ACTS 4–8)
SERMON: Steadfastness in Proclamation

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-40

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Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



May 30th – June 3rd

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (\mathcal{L}) 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 8:26-40. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us to continue in the book of Acts next Sunday and begin a new Sub-Series on CHANGE.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

-ACTS 10:43