

## MONDAY 9.19.22 — John 16:33

Courage, when it comes to sharing the Gospel, can be summed up in three steps each starting with the letter C.

1. *Commitment to Christ, a willingness to put Christ and His commands above all else in your life.*
2. *Concern for a lost world, realizing that the people you interact with need-to-know Jesus as their Savior.*
3. *Conversation, a willingness to engage these people in conversation with the hopes of sharing Christ with them.*

Most of us go through our days, never truly committing each day to Christ to be used for His glory and the furtherance of His kingdom, showing very little concern for a lost world, and never thinking about sharing Christ with those around us.

As you pray today:

1. *Tell God that you give everything to Him so that He may use you as He will.*
2. *Ask Him to break your heart for the people around you.*
3. *Ask Him to give you the courage to tell them about Him.*

If you truly pray these things, you will be amazed at the opportunities that present themselves and the courage you will have to share the gospel with those you encounter.

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## TUESDAY 9.20.22 — Hebrews 13:5-6

God provides for our needs, but He goes even further and provides us with His very presence. The author of Hebrews quotes from the Old Testament here with God's statement that "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (3:5).

This is truly an amazing promise! And it SHOULD give us courage! When God gave this promise to Joshua and the children of Israel, they

believed Him and conquered the city of Jericho. All except Achan, who forgot that God would never leave or forsake him... and so he stole some gold from the city... even though God had told them not to... but he failed to walk in the courage of the promise that God was with Him... so he didn't obey. It begs the question, "do I ever forget that God will never leave or forsake me?"

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## WEDNESDAY 9.21.22 — John 3:16

John 3:16 is often referred to as the gospel in a nutshell. For many Christians, it is the first verse of Scripture that they memorized as a child. It contains the good news of God's love, Christ's sacrifice, and Man's response for spiritual salvation. God does not require a person to accomplish good works, perform religious rituals, or give sums of money to charitable organizations in order to win His favor and to merit eternal life. Man is simply required to believe. The Greek word *believe* means to trust. The moment people place their trust alone in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of sin, God gives them eternal life. They become a child of God, and they are guaranteed a home in heaven when they die. This good news is the message of salvation that God has entrusted to you. Share it with someone this week!

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## THURSDAY 9.22.22 — Isaiah 45:22

There is an increasing urgency to spread abroad the gospel of salvation to ALL who are dead in their sins so that they may turn to the Lord and

be saved - for the Lord has spoken: "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is no other."

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thank You that Your invitation to turn to You for salvation remains open today, and that all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Thank You for the many that are turning from idol worship to the true and living God even today, but I pray that many more would turn to You and be saved by grace through faith in Christ. I ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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## FRIDAY 9.23.22 — Psalm 105:1

TELL OF HIS WONDERFUL ACTS. This psalm describes God's mighty acts of redemption in history. But before he begins that account, the psalmist calls people to worship and praise him for all his wonderful acts (verse 2) and miracles. Believers rightly hear this as a summons to tell others around us what he has done in our own lives. Too often we stay silent about his saving actions in our own histories. We might think that keeping quiet about such things is modesty, but its effect is the opposite. It allows others to believe that we have overcome our problems and lived our lives on our own strength.

PRAYER: Lord, I praise you that you have broken into my life and brought me up short and opened my eyes and ignited love in my heart for your name. Ah, but you did it in such wise, brilliant, and beautiful ways. Give me the humility and courage I need to begin to testify to others about your goodness toward me. Amen.

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**E2** 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 only at this time*

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** Through September, our Sunday Morning E2 Classes  
will be a lead-in to our special preaching series in  
October — REVIVAL: Rekindling The Fire.

*All our adult classes will be using the same videos each week. From David Jeremiah we will be using two videos, The Apathy of America, and The Remedy of Revival from Max Lucado’s series on the Holy Spirit. We will also use the video Unforced Influence-Alive in Us covering the Holy Spirit’s role in revival.*

*Please join us for these special sessions as we learn about our need for revival and the role of prayer and the Holy Spirit in bringing revival to the church. We will also spend some time praying for God to move in a fresh way at Shiloh.*

**These classes will be held September 4, 11, 18:**

- 9:40am in room B1-B2, Joel Day, facilitator
- 9:40am in room B8-B10, Lane Kemler, facilitator
- 9:40am **AND** 11:00am in room B11, Barry Wills, facilitator *No sign-up is necessary for these classes, so plan to attend at 9:40am or 11:00am this Sunday!*

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: Journeys of Paul

**SERMON NOTES**

SERIES: POWER: A Continued Study in Acts 12-18  
SERMON: “Knowing The Unknown God” (Power in Courage)  
SCRIPTURE: Acts 17:16-3

What should be your response to a society that no longer shares your Christian values and beliefs?

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Follow the pattern of Paul:

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v 22)
  - Introduce the topic in a polite manner
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v 23)
  - Use familiar terms to transition to the unfamiliar
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 24-27)
  - Clearly communicate the biblical view
4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v 28)
  - Use present-day examples and illustrations
5. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 29-31)
  - Encourage a positive response

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

~ 1 Peter 3:15

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE  
WORD **E2** Edifying and Equipping  
Every Day



September 19<sup>th</sup> — September 23<sup>rd</sup>

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’s and Tuesday’s readings will be a follow up on today’s message from Acts 17 and the Power of Courage. Wednesdays through Friday’s devotions will help prepare us to continue in this series as we turn to Acts 18.