

MONDAY 9.5.22 – Matthew 11:28-30

*Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.*
-O Come To The Altar

I really love saying that Jesus came for the broken, the messy, the sinner, the perpetually dependent and needy... the weary. I really love singing about that truth, too. But I really, really, REALLY have a hard time being one of those people. I know intellectually that I need Jesus, but the experience of that is rarely in a heart-warming, soul-cleansing, emotionally-gratifying way. Instead, it usually fleshes itself out in rebuke and/or conviction, a grieved heart, confession, repentance, and a lower view of myself and a higher view of Christ.

We see over and over in Scripture that God responds to us in our weakness and weariness. Psalm 147, Isaiah 55, Matthew 11 quickly come to mind, but if we devoted five minutes to mining the treasure of the Word for more, we'd soon be wading through a steady, growing river of evidence of this truth. That's why it's so important for us to preach the gospel to our own hearts and others as often as we can. We NEED to hear again and again, the invitation that Jesus offers each of us and all of us to come to Himself.

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TUESDAY 9.6.22 – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

For today's devotional, let us pray these words together... Gracious and loving God, thank You that Your grace, Your power, and Your love are sufficient for all our needs. Help us to rest in this truth, Lord. Your grace, power, and love are sufficient! When we are weak, Your strength shines through! Lord, if we were strong on our own others would not be able to see You more clearly. So, we thank You for what makes us weak, and we ask for the strength and grace to endure. Help us to recognize and rejoice in the knowledge that Your power

is made perfect in our weakness. Help us to boast even more gladly in our weaknesses, insults, catastrophes, persecutions, and pressures, so that Your great power and ability may be more present in our lives - this we pray in the name of Him who is our strength, Your son and our Savior, Christ Jesus, AMEN.

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WEDNESDAY 9.7.22 – ACTS 17:1-15

Paul's preaching made a tremendous impact in Berea. The Jewish people in the city eagerly and openly listened to Paul as he shared the gospel in the synagogue. However, they were cautious. They did not indiscriminately embrace Paul's teaching. Rather, they *"examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."* They carefully and systematically sifted the evidence and concluded that the gospel that Paul proclaimed was the truth that fulfilled the Old Testament promise of the coming Messiah. Today, it is important for us as believers to follow the example of the Bereans. How dangerous it is for Christians to blindly accept what people teach without studying the Word of God for themselves! When listening to a Bible teacher in person, on the radio, on television, on a podcast or whatever the venue, compare what they say to what the Word of God teaches. Be a Berean!

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THURSDAY 9.8.22 – JEREMIAH 29:11

Jeremiah 29:11 is an important reminder that while we are sure to suffer here in our earthly lives, God has a plan for us. A plan filled with hope, not disaster. Do not give up! We will experience illness, war, financial instability, relational strife, and emotional distress (among other things). Jeremiah 29:11

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reminds us that these things are temporary, and that God has bigger and better things planned for us. Just like the Jews in Babylon, we will be challenged by false prophets like Hananiah. This verse reminds us not to believe in things that are too good to be true. Instead, trust in God and His process. It is in His process alone that we can be assured of hope for our future. Finally, we are reminded that if we seek God in our hearts, we will never grow tired, even as we experience suffering in our earthly lives. Take heart! Our Father has big, awesome plans for us

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FRIDAY 9.9.22 – Psalm 37:1-6

DON'T FRET. "Fretting" is a common activity of our age. It is composed of worry, resentment, jealousy, and self-pity. It is dominant online. It chews us up inside while accomplishing nothing. David gives three practical remedies. Look forward (verse 2)—those whose main happiness is found in this world are living on borrowed time. Look upward (verses 3-5)—neither repress nor vent your frustrations but redirect them to God. Leave your burdens in his hand ("commit") and learn to find your heart's deepest desires in who he is and what he has done ("delight"). Finally, get busy with the things that must be done—"do good" (verse 3). Self-pity can lead you to cut corners ethically. Don't add a bad conscience to a heavy heart.

Prayer: Father, your son, Jesus, did not begrudge me a far better life than I deserve in your grace or his blood shed to secure it. Make me generous to others and content in your great love. 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 **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 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: "European Campaign" (Power in Weakness)

SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:11-40

"Blessed are you O God, King of the Universe, who has not made me a Gentile, a slave, or a woman."

~ Jewish prayer

"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."

~ 1 Corinthians 1:27

1. Foreign _____ (vv 11-15)

- Titus 3:5
- Ephesians 2:8-9

Lydia placed her trust in Jesus for eternal life. After Lydia did that, she got baptized. Baptism doesn't take away your sins or add to your salvation. Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision to put your faith in Jesus Christ.

2. Demon Possessed _____ (vv16-19)

The girl was free of the demon that possessed her, but her masters were upset because they lost their source of income.

3. _____ Jailer (vv 20-40)

Despite being beaten, thrown in jail, and put in stocks, Paul and Silas pray and sing.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." (v 31)

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



September 5th – September 9th

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 on Power in Weakness from Acts 16. Wednesday's through Friday's devotionals will help prepare us for next week as we move into Acts 17.

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