

MONDAY 11.21.22 — MATTHEW 23:12

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Truly humble people are people who give much without anyone knowing about it. They are quick to give money when they see a need without concern for their own needs. They are perceptive enough to recognize when someone is hurting and are quick to come alongside with encouragement and support even though it may cut into their own agenda. They are quick to pray not only for, but also with the person, no matter where they are or who might be watching.

I know that many fall into this category, and I do not know it. That is as it should be. On the other hand, some of you may be wondering if you are truly as humble, generous, loving and caring as God wants you to be. Personally, I like to think about God sitting on His throne with a smile on His face, saying, "I know that no one else saw that, but I did."

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 11.22.22 — James 4:6

6 But he gives us more grace. That is what Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Have you ever been wrongly accused by someone? That kind of hurt goes deep and we want to retaliate. We want to hurt them in return. We want to tell the world that they were wrong. We find ourselves thinking wrong thoughts and looking for opportunities to get even, and in doing so we grieve the Spirit of God who genuinely desires for us to live a life filled by the Spirit. Further, we rob ourselves of being looked favorably upon by God. In saying this I am not saying that we stuff or ignore our feelings, for that is never a good thing, but rather that we give our feeling to God and allow Him to replace them with His peace. Have you been hurt? Are you fighting the desire to latch out? Take your wrong desires and leave them at the feet of Christ and He will replace them with His peace.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 11.23.22 — ACTS 19:8-20

Spiritual darkness permeated ancient Ephesus. When Paul arrived there on his third missionary journey, he encountered demon possession, occult practices, and idol worship. However, through the power of the gospel, Paul was able to triumph over the spiritual darkness of the city. We should not be ashamed of the good news of Jesus because "it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16).

O God, may we not be intimidated by the darkness all around us. May we not believe the enemy's lies about how invisible he is, but may we rather trust in you, the all-powerful God. Help us to walk in your strength, not in our weakness. Make us bold with truth, aggressive in our walk, generous with your light. May darkness retreat around us as we proclaim and live the gospel of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 11.24.22 — Isaiah 61:1

Do you feel free? Free to make the choices you want? Free to do as you please? Do you choose to go to work... choose to attend church... choose to exercise? Do you choose what you eat... what you wear... what you say? We live in a land of freedom. We have more freedom than many others. What do we choose to do with this freedom? God has anointed you to bring good news to others. He has commanded you to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul

and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself". God has commanded you to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything He has commanded you". You are free to choose. Do you choose to trust and obey or use your freedom to choose otherwise?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 11.25.22 — Psalm 119:45

THE WORD AND FREEDOM. The more the psalmist seeks to obey God, the more he "walk[s] about in freedom" (verse 45). If God is not ruling us, something else is: sin and habit (verse 133), need for love and approval (verse 42), anxiety, or desire for money and success (verse 36). But when God is in charge, these things lose their inordinate power over us. Not even kings are feared (verse 46). Also, with God comes the freedom of "the mind-stretching encounter with a greater wisdom and vision than one's own. Verse 45 literally means 'at large.' . . . Moffatt's paraphrase of the verse is . . . 'thou dost open up my life.'" Being near creative people frees you to think new thoughts. How much more an encounter with the living God and his Word?

PRAYER: Lord, you do indeed "open up my life." I used to think climbing the ladder of this world was all there was, but now I realize there are untold spiritual realities and eternity and glory to look forward to. I praise you for the astonishing vision of life you give me through your Word. Amen.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

SUNDAY MORNINGS — 9:40AM

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service
- 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** Our November Sunday Morning E2 Classes will again, all be focused on the same series.
THE ANSWER IS PRAYER will be offered at
9:40am in room B8-B10 with Barry Wills
9:40am in room B11 with Jack Devlin & Joel Day
11 am in room B11 with Mike Williams & Bob Simpson

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 DEEPER WITH DOUG
LOCATION: Worship Center
See your bulletin for special Sunday evening events during November.
November 20 - Congregational Meal & Meeting

ADVENT STUDIES "MISSING PEACE"

Begins the Week of November 27th

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30PM YAC Barry Wills

THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30PM Home of John & Heather Vance

WOMEN'S ADVENT STUDY 9:40AM Sunday Mornings

SEE BULLETIN INSERTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

WINTER E2 CLASSES - Beginning Dec. 4th at 9:40AM

THURSDAY MORNINGS 9am-11am - Women's Study - YAC

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

Acts 18:18-19:7
The Magnificence of Insignificance

Humility is essential in the Christian life. We discover three outstanding examples of humility in Acts 18 and 19. Humility is displayed by a ...

1. _____ (18:18-23)

- Numbers 6:1-21

Application—You should be ministering in some capacity either here at Shiloh or in the community. However, you need to keep in mind that first and foremost you're a servant of Jesus Christ (Col. 3:24).

2. _____ (18:24-28)

Apollos is ...

- P _____ in S _____ (v 24)
- P _____ in S _____ (v 24)
- P _____ in S _____ (v 25)
- P _____ in S _____ (v 25)

Application—When someone tries to teach or to correct you, how do you respond? Do you become belligerent, resentful, angry, defensive? Or do you listen and learn?

3. _____ (19:1-7)


The disciples of John were like Old Testament saints. They looked forward to the coming Messiah who would take away their sins.

Application—When you hear the commands of Scripture, how do you respond? How about the command to be baptized? If you've never been baptized since trusting in Christ for eternal life, then you ought to be baptized. It's a sign to others that you've put your faith in Jesus and that you're following Him.



November 21st - November 25th

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 Sunday's message from Senior Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message, "Breaking Free" with Senior Pastor Doug Lyon on Nov. 27th.

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