

**MONDAY 5.22.23 - Psalm 96:1-4**

The psalms have been described as the “Hymnbook of Israel.” Although 150 separate units, the psalms collectively offer us reasons to magnify the Lord. Often the psalms encourage believers—both individually and corporately—to sing praise to God for His mighty acts.

Psalm 96 is a call to the nations to recognize and to exalt Yahweh as the only God. He and He alone is worthy of adoration and thanksgiving. He is the ruler of the world and everything in it – including mankind. Take a moment today to bow your head and to acknowledge that the Lord is God and that He is Master of the Universe. Thank and offer Him praise for who He is and what He has done in your life. *Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.*

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**TUESDAY 5.23.23 - Revelation 5:9-10**

The old hymn “Sweet Hour of Prayer” ‘bids me at my Father’s throne to make all my wants and wishes known.’ Yet of all the wants and wishes daily prayed to our Father, the chief is that we might be one with Him and present, to see His Son in all His glory. That glory, which is held by Him alone, as He alone is worthy to open the seals of heaven’s book. Whatever that quote means, it surely depicts an epic event that would be undone were not Our God and Savior Jesus Christ both the lion and the lamb! Our Savior has conquered all that we cannot. He has achieved all we hoped and wished for and could never do. He will finally bring us to that place we only dream of and hope for, home. And we shall be there both in body and in spirit. Then we will truly sing.

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**WEDNESDAY - 5.24.23 - John 3:16**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Scripture for today’s devotional is the most well-known verse in all of Scripture by both Christians and Non-Christians alike. It is a single phrase that tells the whole story of the gospel succinctly, concisely, and clearly. It is packed with doctrine, but most of us have become so familiar with it that we hardly give it any real thought. It speaks of the greatest gift ever given and it is available to the entire world. As you consider John 3:16 today, I want you to consider another verse. Romans 10:14-15 says, “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” If you have received the gift of John 3:16 consider yourself sent. I hope you will share the gift of John 3:16 with someone else today.

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**THURSDAY 5.25.23 - Isaiah 6:8**

I often read today’s scripture and come up with the same follow-up question... where? Send me where, Lord!?! We want to be willing to go when the Lord calls upon us. We should be willing. But if the Lord called upon you today and said, ‘leave all that you have and all that you love behind and go to your least favorite place in the world,’ would that be easy for you to do? I think not. But should that stop us from listening for the Lord and ‘going’ places while we wait? Where, you ask? Well, there are missions for us to do everywhere! Across the world, sure. But also in our own country, state, community, and even within our church!

Sponsor a child with Compassion International, visit a homebound community member, donate a meal to someone in need, volunteer with a youth group or board. The possibilities are endless! Even if the voice of the Lord isn’t telling us to go to a specific place, that doesn’t mean we should sit by and do nothing. GO!!!

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**FRIDAY - 5.26.23 - Psalm 105:1**

I had never thought of the “Great Commission” (Matt. 28:18-20) as an Old Testament imperative, yet Psalm 105:1 is clearly that. In two short lines, we are given three big commands to praise the Lord, proclaim His name, and to make known among the nations what He has done. The Psalm itself is a reminder to Israel to praise the Lord for His provision. It alludes to covenants with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It recounts the story of Joseph in Egypt - his imprisonment and his later honor. It tells of Egypt’s abandonment of the God of Joseph and the enslavement of the Israelites but concludes with the punishments rained upon Egypt for forsaking the one true God, reminding Israel to praise God for delivering them and proclaim His name to the nations. We too need to remember all that God as done for us and proclaim His name to the world.

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SUNDAY MORNINGS – 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
 LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
*available during the 9:40 service*  
 NURSERY (through Age 3)  
 LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
*available during the 9:40 service*
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
 LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** SUMMER QUARTER BEGINS *JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>*  
 LOCATION: B8-10 with Scott Naus  
**Explore the Bible** - *Jeremiah and Lamentations*  
 LOCATION: B11 with Barry Wills  
**Masterwork** - Beginning 6/4, a seven-week study, *The Good Life by Dr. Derwin L. Gray. Jesus came to earth on a mission of reconciliation. The invitation card is known as "The Beatitudes."*  
 LOCATION: B1-2 with Joel Day  
**Everything You Need** - *Author David Jerimiah uses 2 Peter 1:3-11 to show you the path to spiritual and personal transformation.*

SUNDAY EVENINGS – 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)  
 Studying: "The Life of Jesus"  
 LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- 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

EVENING E2 STUDIES - Concludes May 31<sup>st</sup>

- Wednesdays** LOCATION: Rm B8-10 - 6:30pm  
**God Owns it All, by Ron Blue**

WOMEN'S STUDIES

- Mondays** LOCATION: B8-10 - 6:30pm - Concludes May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Decluttering by Faith, by D. Madsen & D. Kokku**

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

**Luke 10:30-37**  
**Which View Is You?**

*"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho ..."*

To the thieves, he was a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Their philosophy: "What's yours is mine—and I'll take it!" (v 30)

God gave us things to use and people to love. If we start loving things, we'll start using people. This is exploitation.

To the priest and Levite, he was a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Their philosophy: "What's mine is mine—and I'll keep it!" (vv 31-32)

Perhaps that ministry that you know ought to be done isn't somebody else's job. Maybe it's what God desires for *you* to do.

To the Samaritan, he was a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

His philosophy: "What's mine is yours—and I'll give it!" (vv 33-35)

The Jews do not associate with the Samaritans (John 4:9). However, the Samaritan man had a different perspective.

When the Samaritan encountered the injured man, he showed:

- C \_\_\_\_\_ (v 33)
- C \_\_\_\_\_ (v 34a)
- C \_\_\_\_\_ (v 34b)
- C \_\_\_\_\_ (v 35)

*"Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise" (v 37).*

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



**May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 26<sup>th</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 Sunday's message, *"The Good Samaritan"* with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on 5.28.23, Quarterly Missions Speaker, with Bob Lehman.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE: "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Galatians 1:3-4