

## MONDAY 10.7.24 - Matthew 27:45-50

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land<sup>[a]</sup> until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

The cross represents both the pain of sin and the payment for sin. All of us are sinners and our sin separates us from God. Even Christ, although sinless, when He bore our sins experienced separation from God. Christ not only experienced the pain of our sins, but he paid the price of our sins. Christ bore your sins, paid for your sins, and provided His righteousness in the place of your sins. Christ is offering his righteousness to you today as a gift, however, like any gift it is only yours if you are willing to reach out and take it. If you have in faith taken the gift of Christ, you are now a child of God and are heaven bound. If you never reached out in faith and taken the gift of Christ perhaps today is the day. If God is speaking to you today about asking Christ into your life call the church office, we would love to talk with you.

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## TUESDAY 10:8.24 - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

When we think of the cross, we envision the sufferings of Jesus as He died to pay the price for our redemption (1 Peter 2:24). We picture a gnarled, shaggy-barked piece of timber erected for the torture of select prisoners of Rome. But it is so much more; the cross is the source of many gifts to us. It is our gateway to Heaven -- the bridge between God and man. It is also a beacon that shines light on the Scriptures. It is the torn veil of unbelief that kept us from understanding God's Word. It is the key that decodes the mysteries of the prophets and the Gospel.

The cross is our reconciliation with God and the source of power to reach others. It is our hope for eternity. What looks brutal, ugly and senseless to the unredeemed eye is the source of beauty, truth, inspiration, and life to those who believe.

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## WEDNESDAY 10:9.24 - John 13:1-7

In John 13, Jesus and His disciples were preparing to celebrate the annual Feast of Passover. But before the meal, Jesus got up, wrapped a towel around His waist, and began to wash and dry His disciples' feet (vv 4-5). Usually, this activity was performed by a servant or someone of lower social status when a guest entered the home of his host. Imagine the disciples' surprise at having Jesus, their esteemed Teacher, kneel before them to wash their feet! Jesus demonstrated to His disciples what humble and loving service looked like. By taking on this role of a servant and extending loving care to each one of them, He encouraged them to set aside their differences and serve one another. Jesus taught by example, serving them to the very end. He calls on us to do likewise.

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## THURSDAY 10:10.24 - Proverbs 29:23

Members of the human race desire to place themselves first. We all learn to toot our own horn quite early. But a truth of life is that 'pride goeth before the fall' and that is found in Proverbs also, though not specifically in today's verse. Nonetheless, today's

Scripture teaches that when we seek to commit Satan's sin and place honor on ourselves, we have something to lose. Lose it we will, and then comes downfall, disgrace and dishonor. But if we approach life as a learner, a disciple, especially a servant like our Lord Christ, then we receive blessing and honor. What a blessing indeed!

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## FRIDAY 10:12.24 - Psalm 18:27

So, what are "haughty eyes" and why don't I want them? As you read through the Bible you realize "haughty eyes" make the list of the seven things the Lord finds detestable. "Haughty eyes" represent pride, arrogance, or conceit. It means, "I consider myself above you, or even better than you."

Well this verse certainly doesn't describe me!

Unless of course you mean - I'm one of those Christians that has settled into a comfortable life. I feel pretty good about my Christian Walk, because I tend to measure myself against others who are definitely "worse than me" in their behaviors, rather than constantly striving to do better, to please God, and to meet HIS standard.

As you read through Psalm 18, you realize David's intent is to humble himself before God. If the man the Bible describes as "a man after God's own heart" sets this example, we should follow.

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## E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
NURSERY (through Age 3) \*9:40AM ONLY  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** **FALL QUARTER** – began September 1<sup>st</sup>  
  
LOCATION: B8-10 - Lane Kemler - began Sept.1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Explore the Bible** – Acts 13-28. As we study the missionary movement of the early church, we're reminded of our own call to share the gospel – our own responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission.  
  
LOCATION: B11 - David Hamilton - began Sept.1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Bible Studies for Life** – Thrive: Living on a Purpose. See how life takes on a meaning and richness the world cannot offer when we discover our purpose in Christ.  
  
LOCATION: B1-2 – Randy & Treva Hutchison – This 6-week class begins Oct.13<sup>th</sup>.  
**Parenting: Getting it Right.** This study helps parents of children from newborn through high school identify and embrace their *IT*; their win as parents. Offered at 9:40am & 11:00am. Childcare is provided for Nursery to Grade 4.

### SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)  
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** LOCATION: Worship Center

### E2 FALL SMALL GROUPS

- Evening Study** – Began Wed. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Rm. B8-10.  
**Philippians** – Rejoice in the Lord, with Barry Wills.
- Morning E2 Ladies Study** – Began Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am in Rm. B8-10.  
**Luke in the Land**, Walking with Jesus, with Brenda Ross.
- Evening Study** – Begins Tues. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the YAC.  
**The Titus Ten**, Foundations for Godly Manhood, with Vince DiLoretto & Mike Williams.

## **John 12:27-50** **Turn On The Light**

*Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name! Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.'* (vv 27-28)

The Father had glorified His name through Jesus' miracles in the past and would continue to do so by means of Jesus' substitutionary suffering and death.

There is an old saying: "Ignorance is bliss." However, ignorance can get you into a lot of trouble, especially ignorance about spiritual things. So, how do you move from ignorance to insight? How do you move from darkness to light?

First, you need to understand ...

The W\_\_\_\_\_ of the Cross (vv 31-36)  
✓ D\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ | (v 31)

✓ D\_\_\_\_\_ all to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 32-34)


✓ D\_\_\_\_\_ believers from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 35-36)

Then, you need to follow ...

The W\_\_\_\_\_ of the Cross (37-50)  
➤ \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (vv 37-41)

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (vv 42-50)

"If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what it means to be human, look at Jesus. If you want to know what love is, look at Jesus. And go on looking until you're not just a spectator, but part of the drama that has him as the central character." ~ N.T. Wright

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



## October 7 – October 11

### 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 from October 6<sup>th</sup>, "Turning On The Light" with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on October 13<sup>th</sup>, "People of the Towel" with Pastor Doug Lyon.

### KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.  
John 10:10