

## MONDAY 10.28.24 - Matthew 22:21

These verses are of the Lord's lips directly. If we are faithful 'even in a little' then He will set over much. It is not clear what that actually means. Some believe that we will play harps for eternity and others claim we will simply gaze at Jesus' face and perfect form forever. Still others claim we will be working somehow doing something of importance for the kingdom.

But the way into this faithful reward is by being faithful with the talents, the gifts, the services, the missions and ministries He offers us in this life. It may be that each special opportunity to serve the master in this world is in fact, a test of faithfulness for the future. That provides a different perspective for analyzing the difficulties we may face today. Be able to say, "I have made five talents more" and He will respond "Enter into the joy of your Lord."

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## TUESDAY 10.29.24 - James 1:25

The book of James was written to teach us how authentic faith displays itself in the face of trials. It is not surprising, then, to find James mentioning obedience again and again throughout his book. Today's verse continues the exhortation we see in verse 22 to be "doers and not hearers only lest we deceive ourselves". The Old Testament law is perfectly fulfilled in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and James exhorts us to look *intently* into it. As we read our Bibles and determine to follow our Redeemer, He promises blessings! Will everything be 'smooth sailing' with trials disappearing before our eyes? Of course not! But our faithful Father does promise that, if we follow His commands and give our concerns to Him *with thanksgiving* we will have a peace that the world knows nothing of. A peace that passes understanding.

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## WEDNESDAY 10:30.24 - Romans 1:16-17

Justification (or righteousness) is a legal term. It means to pronounce a favorable verdict. To justify means to declare that a person is in a right standing with God. It doesn't mean to make a person righteous. So, how does God declare that a person is right in His sight? It's by faith. A person must trust in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of their sins. In verse 17, Paul quotes the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk (2:4). In doing so, Paul shows that becoming right with God has always been by faith—not by works.

Are you right with God? If not, you can be. Simply place your faith in Jesus—plus nothing else—for the forgiveness of your sins, and God will give you eternal life. This is good news! That's why Paul wasn't ashamed to proclaim it—and neither should we.

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## THURSDAY 10.31.24 - Isaiah 52:7

Isaiah 52:7, How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

This year at the Game of Good News at the Bloomsburg Fair we saw the Holy Spirit at work in a mighty way as 20 + people made professions of faith. What a privilege to be used of God to "bring good news", "proclaim peace", "bring good tidings, "proclaim salvation", and say with confidence "our God reigns"! We are living in a time where people are becoming more open to the gospel.

People are worried, anxious, fearful, lonely and depressed. They are confused and looking for answers, and they are starting to wonder if God is the answer they are looking for. The experience of leading someone to the Lord is one of the most joyful experiences you, as a Christian, will have. Take a chance, ask God to use you, then open your mouth and let the Holy Spirit speak through you to someone you encounter this week. I guarantee you will not be sorry you did.

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## FRIDAY 11.1.24 - Psalm 143:10

I was reminded recently of a conversation I had with our son during a particularly difficult season of his middle school years. He said "I love people in theory. It's loving someone in reality that's hard". The writer of Psalm 96 urges us to praise God and declare His glory to all people of all nations, including the "hard" ones. During our upcoming Bible and Missions Conference we will be hearing from missionaries who bravely declare God's glory and take the gospel of Jesus Christ to people, even the "hard ones", in the far corners of our world. God calls us to pray for these missionaries and to support them in their work for Him. He also calls us to be declaring His glory right here in our small corner of the world, and to be sharing the love of Christ in our own "mission field": family members, coworkers, neighbors, and even those that are "hard" ones to love. As you approach this exciting and interesting week at Shiloh, is there someone you could invite to join you?

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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 - Dave Delcamp - began Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
**Bible Studies for Life** – Navigating Family Conflict. Discover how we ought to relate to others by studying family relationships in Genesis.

LOCATION: B1-2 – Randy & Treva Hutchison - This 6-week class began 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

**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** - Began Tues. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the YAC.

**The Titus Ten** - Foundations for Godly Manhood, with Vince DiLoretto & Mike Williams.

**Evening Study** - Began Tues. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Rm 2.

**Come Home** - This is a study for teen girls. It points us to our truest home, which is found in Him, with Elizabeth Williams.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,  
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

## **John 13:18-30** **Faith Expectations**

On the heels of Jesus' love, we find Judas' treachery.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Traitor (18-21)

In John 13:18, Jesus quotes Psalm 41:9. There King David laments the fact that a close, trusted friend betrayed him. David does not name the traitor, but it might be Ahithophel who betrayed David in 2 Samuel 15. Likewise, that is what is happening to Jesus. His close, trusted disciple turned against Him. Judas became a traitor.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ toward the Traitor (22-26)

The Passover meal was celebrated around a triclinium—a three-sided table. Guests would lay on mats around the tables. They would prop themselves up on their left arm, and they would eat from the table with their right hand.

- Do you think Jesus washed Judas' feet?
- Do you think Jesus reclined next to Judas?
- Do you think Jesus gave bread to Judas?


3. \_\_\_\_\_ by the Traitor (27-30)

Judas was not an innocent bystander. Judas planned the betrayal, and he allowed Satan to empower him to carry it out. Two days earlier, Judas went to the chief priests, and he made a deal with them to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

### Application

- \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to God
- Don't seek \_\_\_\_\_
- Express \_\_\_\_\_

*"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."*

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



## October 28 – November 1

### 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 27<sup>th</sup>, "Faith Expectations" with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, With Bible & Mission Conference speaker, Rev. Grant Hawley, Director, Bold Grace Ministries.

### 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