

**MONDAY 11.4.24 - Matthew 9:37-38**

Some people have remarked that they are not much for sharing the gospel verbally but rather do it by example. Certainly we should not minimize the impact of our lively example. But sharing aloud in word form what the Gospel of God has meant to us cannot be matched. Nevertheless, all who endeavor to share the Gospel clearly in whatever form is right for the circumstances, are laborers for God in His field. The entire chapter 9 is filled with Jesus going about doing miracles of the physical. He almost always accompanies His acts of kindness with a spiritual admonition about joining the Kingdom through faith. Then as the chapter closes, Jesus looks at the entire world and claims that the harvest is ready and abundant, people are ready to hear and believe. But there are few who share the Gospel. Pray that the Lord would send laborers, pray that the Lord would send me.

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**TUESDAY 11.5.24 - James 1:25**

A quick reading of Acts 13:47 reminds us instantly of the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. Paul and Barnabus quote the Lord’s direct command to them to bring salvation to the ends of the earth, to the Gentiles. What we also can learn from this passage is that the Lord made or created them to be a light to the Gentiles, and they were on a mission to do just that. Since Jesus is the Light of the World, by obeying this command, they would reflect the light of His glory just as the moon reflects the light of the sun. Today, we apply to ourselves that imperative to bring light to the darkness of this world, to bring others to the Light of Jesus. I’m so thankful the Lord included the whole world in His plan, that we too can be His people, chosen and set apart to serve Him.

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**WEDNESDAY 11.6.24 - John 13:31:38**

In the early days of Christianity, when non-Christians observed a group of believers, they often made the statement, “How they love one another!” Love. That’s what Christ wants to see in Christians—maturing disciples who express love. Christ announces, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” But what is love? Often people confuse love with lust and reduce it to nothing more than emotion. However, a biblical definition of love requires putting the other person first, even if it means sacrificing yourself. Christ set the standard when He verbalizes “as I have loved you.” He takes our sins upon Himself and suffers the punishment on our behalf. This new commandment of Christ for His followers surpasses anything previously known to them. Love springs from an act of the will as we choose to obey Christ.

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**THURSDAY 11.7.24 - Proverbs 10:12**

In the New Testament language there are numerous words for love, but the deepest form of love is agape love. Agape love is sacrificial love which puts the needs of others before our own. It loves without any expectation of getting something in return. In John 13:34-35: Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment. Love each other just as much as I have loved you". Jesus was willing to give up everything for a world that hated Him. He did this not thinking of Himself but thinking of us.

He did it so that a broken relationship could be restored. You are called to love like Christ.

Ask God to give you the power to love like Christ? The power to give up your rights, your hurts, and your need for revenge, and love the people in your life for their sake and for the sake of the cross. Love them like Christ loved you, remembering that “Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.”

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**FRIDAY 11.8.24 - Psalm 103:8**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

One commentary suggested that if you were challenged to describe God to a friend in ten to fifteen words, we would be hard-pressed to come up with a more fitting verse than the fourteen words found in psalm 103:8.

David, the psalmist had encountered hardship and troubles throughout his life, but had experienced the words of this verse first-hand. The Lord had showered him with compassion and grace, he was patient with David and as David confessed his sins, the Lord was faithful to exhibit his love through forgiveness.

If you truly know God and have experienced him in this way, these words should be the most beautiful words in all of the old testament.

As we meditate on these attributes, we realize they form a standard by which we can measure our own progress in our Christian walk.

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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** - Acts13-28. 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. (**Resumes Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**)
- 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. (**Resumes Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**)

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

## **Bible & Missions Conference 2024** **Pastor Grant Hawley** **Handling Conflict in the Church**

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 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



## November 4 – November 8

### 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 November 3<sup>rd</sup>, With Bible & Mission Conference speaker, Pastor Grant Hawley, Director, Bold Grace Ministries. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on November 10<sup>th</sup>, "All You Need Is Love", 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