

MONDAY 3.3.25 - Matthew 28:18

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

This statement occurs after Jesus resurrection and before his ascension into heaven. He has conquered death and has been given “all authority,” meaning sovereignty over all creation in all realms – spiritual, physical and cosmic. The verse mirrors what Paul wrote in Philippians, that God exalted Jesus to the highest place and gave Him the name above every name. In Ephesians he also describes Christ, seated at the right hand of God, far above all rule and authority.

Those in authority can grant authority to others and that is what is about to occur as Christ empowers his disciples marking the transition from His earthly ministry to what will become the mission of the church, in the Great Commission.

Knowing God is in control and as His followers, we act under His authority to share the gospel and live out our faith with confidence and purpose. Are you doing that today?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 3.4.25 - Philippians 2:9-11

Today’s passage illustrates God’s ultimate justice. God rewarded Jesus for His absolute obedience to the Father by going to the cross to pay the penalty for the sins of man. For His faithfulness to God’s eternal plan, Jesus was “exalted” to the “highest place” and given “the name that is above every name.” All knees would bow at His name “in heaven and on earth and under the earth,” acknowledging “Jesus is Lord.”

These rewards perfectly contrast with Satan’s punishment for defying God: first cast from heaven to earth, away from God’s presence forever (Ezek. 28:16); then bound and sealed in an abyss for 1000 years, away from man’s presence (Rev.20:3); finally thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone forever, away from everyone but his evil companions (Rev. 20:10).

Thus, we see the sovereignty of Jesus magnified by the complete destruction and degradation of Satan. We serve a holy, righteous, omnipotent God and majestic Lord and Savior, whose justice prevails eternally.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 3.5.25 - John 18:15-18; 25-27

Robert Robinson was saved through George Whitfield’s ministry in England. At the age of 23, he wrote the hymn “Come, Thou Fount” (Shiloh hymnal #318). Afterward, however, Robinson wandered far from the Lord. One day, he was traveling by stagecoach, sitting next to a woman who asked him what he thought of a hymn she was reading: “Prone to wander–Lord, I feel it–prone to leave the God I love.” Robinson burst into tears and exclaimed, “Madam, I am the poor, unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then.”

What happened to Robinson could happen to us. It is possible for a believer to wander from the Lord. We do not forfeit our salvation, but we lose the joy of fellowship with Christ. Walk faithfully with the Lord moment-by-moment; day-by-day.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 3.6.25 - Joel 2:25-27

“I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten - the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm - my great army that I sent among you. ²⁶You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. ²⁷Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

There will come a day when the Lord comes and takes those who believe in Him home to be with Him. No more worry, fear, anxiety, pain or sorry. Life in the very presence of our Lord and in the absence of sin will be wonderful. However great as this will be the question remains, “what about today?” How do I manage when life comes crashing down on me from all sides and I see no way out? The answer is simple yet profound. Read and reflect on the following verses: Hebrews 13:5, Philippians 4:6-7, Romans 8:31, John 16:33, Matthew 11:28-30. Time and Time again God tells us that He will be with us as we go through the problems of life. Jesus wants to walk through life’s problems with you. If you seek Him, He will come to you. He is the answer to your problems.

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FRIDAY 3.7.25 - Psalm 51:10-13

Theologians describe this passage as coming immediately following or when David was finally gripped by grief over his shameful actions with Bathsheba. He repented in his heart of hearts and turned again to his God. The writings describe a man who, by his own actions, created a deep well or chasm between himself and the fellowship of God. Not understanding only, the grieving of the Spirit, he asks for God to not cast him away or remove His spirit from him. We can relate to the feeling of emptiness and drought. But praise God, He has never moved, but we have. When we desire His fellowship again, we admit our wrongs and ask for a heart cleansing. Then request a Spirit filling and get to work sharing what He does in our lives with others. Our primary duty is to share, after all how will they come if they never hear?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

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	SPRING QUARTER - begins March 2 nd . LOCATION: B8-10 - Lane Kemler- begins March 2 nd . EXPLORE THE BIBLE – 1,2 Peter & Jude - These books were written primarily to address suffering caused by persecution and to combat false teachings. LOCATION: B11 - Dave Delcamp - begins March 2 nd . BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE - part 1 All Signs Point to Jesus - The Gospel of John points to many signs that highlight who Jesus is, and as we look at these signs you will be drawn to a renewed awe and worship of Jesus Christ. LOCATION: B1&2 - Chris Domenico - Begins March 2 nd . EVERYDAY EVANGELISM Pursuing Hearts, Not Arguments - This six-week study will equip you with practical, effective ways to share the gospel. The way to do that is by engaging others with love, respect, and truth.

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)
Adults	LOCATION: Worship Center

WINTER E2 SMALL GROUPS

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: Join us for 11 weeks of food, fellowship, and Bible Study! Titled End Times & Spiritual Warfare. Began January 15th; meal at 6:00pm and Study begins at 7:00pm.

REVELATION - WOMENS STUDY: Join us for a 10-week Women’s Bible Study following Jen Wilkin’s book, *“Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom”*. In this study you will become confident, assured, and inspired by the teachings in Revelation. Thursday Mornings at 9:00am in room B8-10 Starting February 20th.

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

John 18:1-11
The Night They Arrested God

When the soldiers come to arrest Jesus, He displays two characteristics. These are not the typical characteristics displayed by a man about to be arrested. The first characteristic is ...

1. C_____ (vv 1-8a)

Verse 3 states that “a detachment of soldiers” were sent to Gethsemane to apprehend Jesus. The Greek word for “detachment” is *speira*. A legion is 6,000 soldiers, and a detachment is one-tenth of a legion. So, 600 soldiers were dispatched to arrest Christ.

Who is in charge of the events in the Garden of Gethsemane? Certainly not the 600 soldiers. Certainly not the Jewish officials. Certainly not Judas. No! Jesus is in charge of the situation. Jesus is Lord.

2. C_____ (vv 8b-11)

- Physical
 - For His _____
 - For His _____
- Spiritual

Jesus paid the penalty for our sin, and He offers us—as a free gift—forgiveness of sin and eternal life. To receive this gift, we need to trust Him for it. So, the moment you place your faith alone in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of your sin, He gives you eternal life. If you have never received God’s free gift, do it now! If you have received it, thank the Lord for it!

E2 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



March 3 – March 7

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, March 2nd, “The Night They Arrested God”, with Pastor Doug Lyon . Wednesday’s through Friday’s devotions will help prepare us for the message on March 9th, “From Regret to Restoration”, with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:
My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12