

Bibleway Bulletin

February 2021



WHEN HE SAYS COME...IT'S NOT OPTIONAL

(By Pastor Mitch Nickols)

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." (Jeremiah 3:15)

In the Bible in St. Matthew 11:28-29, we find these words, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

He was not asking you to come. He was telling you to come. Note that when the Lord, or the Scriptures tell you something, it is for the good of all who both have an ear to hear what He's saying to do and the reason why He's saying to do it.

No one can adequately debate that we know what's best for us. The Lord always has our best interests at heart. Consider the number of things today that weary you, that fatigue you. Those might include the things that wear you down and wear you out. Think about the burdens that we have to carry---family, finances, dealing with illnesses, unpleasant issues; and the feeling that you cannot abandon the situation that you are in. Sometimes life can be a bit much.

Rest is what you need. View Jesus as your one-stop rest shop. He tells us to come to Him. But the rest does not happen in the way it should if we don't come. Imagine going to the gasoline station and getting only a dollar of gas every time that you go. Some of us can remember when a dollar's worth of gas took you a nice distance. But times have changed. You can't get far today on that little bit of gas.

Today, with so many things being thrust on us and our families, we need to get fueled by God. Coming to Him on a regular basis helps to keep us spiritually fueled.

Do You Love Him Enough?

(By Pastor Q)

In February, more flowers, candy, jewelry, chocolate and cards are sold more than any other time of the year. These gift jesters are intended to indicate how much people love each other. In St. Luke 7, Jesus tells a story of a sinful woman who brought an alabaster box of ointment to anoint His feet; as she wept, she dried His feet with her hair. When Simon, a *religious* leader, saw what she did, he said (in his heart) "If Jesus is a prophet, why is He letting this sinner touch Him?" And Jesus answered Simon's unspoken question. "Simon, there were two debtors; one owed his master 50 pennies and the other 500 pennies. Their master, knowing that neither could repay him, canceled their debt and forgave them. Which debtor do you think was more grateful and loved their master more?" Simon replied, "He who was forgiven the biggest debt loved more." Jesus said, "He who has been forgiven much, loves much." In my opinion, Simon didn't realize that this woman's acts of humility, love, and worship for Jesus was because she WAS a sinner and she knew who HE was. And because of her acts of love, Jesus forgave her sins. I also don't think Simon realized that Jesus was saying that this sinful woman loved Him more than Simon did.

I praise God that when we repent and ask Jesus into our hearts, we receive sin-debt cancellation and our love-credit with God is restored. Is your love, honor and worship for God equivalent to the debt-cancellation that Jesus paid for you? In February, or any other month, Jesus doesn't require flowers, chocolate, jewelry or a card. But He does desire your unconditional love, devotion, time, your praise and your worship. In Matthew 22:37, Jesus said "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." So, no matter how big or small a sinner you used to be, only you can answer this question. Do you love Him enough?

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Devotional Thoughts

(REFLECTIONS BY MOM JOAN CAICCO)

"People Are Redeemable"

How can Christians love people who display no "core" to their character, who lie, cheat, or appear to have no conscience, or they do wrong to hurt others? How can we hate what they do or have done and not reject their humanity? We must bring Jesus into the picture. Jesus said He did not come to call the righteous... He came to call the sick in mind, soul, and spirit to repentance (Luke 5:31-32 / Mark 2:19). We are called to pray for them. God, for whom nothing is impossible, can change the vilest heart.

"On Our Prayers"

Have you ever wondered if our prayers even make it to heaven, especially those prayers prayed with a heart full of pain and suffering? Read Revelations 8:1-5 and be blessed! God reveals in this passage just how precious our prayers are to Him. [To borrow the description from a Christian writer, "the setting is in heaven (v1), the throne room of God...the control center of the universe. Angels stand in God's presence (v2) and one angel, like the priests of old, offers Him golden bowls filled with incense...mixed with the prayers of God's people" (v3)]. What an eye opener that is! What an encourager! Here God is telling us how precious our prayers are to Him. None are lost. Our prayers are ever before Him. Lord help us to rest in your love and your promises...and pray on, knowing that Your eyes are on the righteous and Your ears open to our prayers (Psalm 34:15).



Ministry Memoranda

"What's Going on Around the Church



Extra, Extra, read all about it. Would you like to submit an article for an upcoming church bulletin....a praise report, a quaint story, a Scripture or a quote that you like? You can give it to Pastor Q at church or send it to q.nickols@yahoo.com, at least one week before the end of the month.

Church Services

We are back in the church building for Sunday morning (10:45a) worship service and broadcasting on Zoom, at the same time. If you can't join the live in-door service, call the church or pastors for the Zoom link to join the service on your electronic device. Did you know that most of our Sunday services and Bible studies are recorded. If you miss a service and would like a recorded copy, call the church (724-335-3344) or one of the pastors to have it sent to you electronically or mailed to you on CD.

How to Give to the Lord...Tithe and Offering

You can **Email your gift** using Zelle or PayPal to: mitch.nickols@gmail.com or **Mail** to P.O. Box 390, Tarentum PA 15084.

Need A Church Home?

Our pastor will watch and care for your soul. Visit us once and you'll feel the welcoming presence and love of God. You'll enjoy the uplifting praise and worship services, and you'll always hear the anointed Word of God. Our church is comprised of all races, with various denominational backgrounds, and all walks of life. You'll fit right in!

Bibleway Balm

(Taken from the "Who Am I" series)

Read one scripture per day:

In Christ, I am secure...

Romans 8:1-2 — I am free from condemnation.

Romans 8:28 — I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.

Romans 8:31-39 — I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 — I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.

Colossians 3:1-4 — I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6 — I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.

Philippians 3:20 — I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Timothy 1:7 — I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.

1 John 5:18 — I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

Isaiah 40:29-31 says "God gives power to the faint and increases strength to them who have no might. The youth shall faint and be weary and fall. But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

We pray that you continue to walk on, run on, and fly high in Him, as you wait on Him to renew your strength, daily.



1. Question: (True or False) David wrote the entire book of Psalms?
2. Question: What is the shortest book in the Bible?
3. Question: How many books are in the Bible?
4. Question: How many books in the Old Testament?
5. Question: How many books in the New Testament?
6. Question: Which New Testament book has Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?
7. Question: Who was David's son that became king?
8. Question: In what language was most of the Old Testament given?
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10. Question: Which human author wrote the most books in the Bible?

(*See answers on the bottom of Calendar, page 4)

Bibleway Christian Fellowship Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Office 724-335-3344 Location: 504 8 th Street, New Kensington PA 15068 Mailing Address: POBox 390 Tarentum PA 15084						
To Give: Tithe/Offering: 1) Bring Sunday or 2) Place in mail slot or 3) Bank on-line bill pay or 4) Mail to above address	1 Black History Month	2 6:30a, 5-Min. Word of Encouragement 7p Choir Conf. Call	3 6:30p Bible Study Zoom	4	5 12p 5-Min. Word of Encouragement Conf. Dial-In Call 3p Elders Zoom Mtg	6 9am Prayer Conference Call # All Welcome to call in 1-917-900-1022 Code 52538083#
The Lord's Supper* 10:45a In-the-Bldg and Zoom (live) Worship Service	7 8 President's Day	9 6:30a, 5-Min. Word 7p Choir Conf. Call	10 6:30p Bible Study Zoom	11	12 12p 5-Min. Word of Encouragement Conf. Dial-In Call	13 9am Prayer Conference Call # All Welcome to call in
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BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. False 2. 3John 3. 66 4. 39 5. 27 6. Matthew 7. Solomon 8. Hebrews
9. Greek 10. Paul wrote 13 books

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