

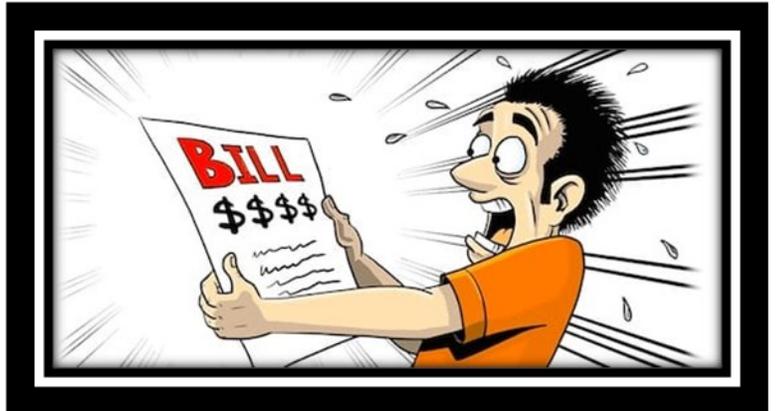


Just Can't Get Ahead?

How often have you felt that it didn't matter how hard you worked, you just could not get ahead? Or every time you begin to make progress, it seems like one step forward means two steps back? There are times in our lives when no matter how hard we try, it feels like we are running in place. More and more bills come in, our relationships strain, and our spirit darkens. Isn't it easy to feel defeated? You look for a light at the end of the tunnel but do not see one. So, you sit alone in total darkness with a downcast heart. You even question: *"Has God forsaken me?"*

Have you ever thought that your situation could be your time in the wilderness? Israel was destined to wander forty years in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. It wasn't just punishment for failing to trust in God; but it was a time of growth. Israel had to learn to trust God for all their needs. Manna from heaven, water from rocks—God continually met their needs—but only one day at a time. Can we learn to take life one day at a time? We can become depressed and think everything is going down the drain, but who knows what tomorrow will bring? Can we stop worrying and learn to trust in God?

Your time in darkness could also be a time of growth. When seeds are planted in the ground, they sit in total darkness, buried beneath the earth, seemingly all alone. But what is really occurring? Transformation is taking place. The seed is preparing to sprout to produce a beautiful plant. Our hours, days, and months of darkness may feel like we are buried with burdens too heavy to bear; but are we really being transformed to serve God more faithfully in the future? Is God preparing us for something better?



When will we learn that we cannot regulate everything going on around us? When will we learn to put our faith and trust in God? When will we learn that God is in control and will take care of us regardless of what we face? Jesus said our focus in life should be to ***"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you"*** (Matthew 6.33). ***"All these things"*** mean everything necessary to sustain your life God will provide. Let us stop being overly concerned about the things in our life that are out of our control, but rest assured that God will take care of us. Will you let God take care of you?

Gary

The Anger Of The Lord

Lamentations 2.1

- 1) Paul told the Christians at Rome, *“Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God’s kindness to you, provided you continue in His kindness. Otherwise, you too will be cut off.”*
- 2) Do we fear the anger of the Lord?

I) God’s _____ Revealed (Lamentations 2.1-10).

- A) God is repeatedly identified as the _____ of the hardships that occurred.
 - 1) God’s anger led to a _____ hanging over Jerusalem.
 - 2) God forsook His _____.
- B) The people trusted in the _____ (2.6, 7; Jeremiah 7.3-4, 8-10).
 - 1) The people refused to change their ways (Jeremiah 18.11, 12; Romans 2.5; 2 Peter 3.7; 2 Corinthians 5.10).
 - 2) We must never think that God will not _____.
- C) Do we put our trust in _____ and _____?

II) Jeremiah’s _____ Flowed (2.11-17).

- A) The prophet’s own pain surfaced.
 - 1) Jeremiah was exhausted from weeping.
 - 2) What did Jeremiah see?
- B) Will we shed _____ as a sign of _____?

III) The City _____ (2.18, 19).

- A) Notice the depth of emotion required to reach out to God.
 - 1) Their tears were to run _____ and _____.
 - 2) Jerusalem was told to cry out in _____.
- B) The mood is reminiscent of _____ crying out to God in the _____ (Luke 22.44).

IV) God Boldly _____ (2.20-22).

- A) God is confronted with what is occurring...
 - 1) With the _____.
 - 2) With the _____.
 - 3) With the _____ of all the people.
- B) Should we cry out in confrontation of God?
 - 1) Do we?
 - 2) Jerusalem did not acknowledge her sin.
 - 3) There were no pleas for _____ or _____.
 - 4) Rather, she _____ with reproach.
- C) Do we plea for _____ when we _____?

Conclusion: Will you cry out to God today?

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Good morning WH Family!

I can't tell you how many times that I have attended a funeral in the past few years and have heard a group of people discussing the life of the deceased. The conversations went something like this ...

"Didja know that . . ." "No, I didn't, I had no idea!"

or something to that effect. I attended two funerals in the last two weeks, and the specific conversations went like this . . .

"Didja know that he had received several medals in his military career, including the *bronze star*?" "I had no idea that he had even been in the military, or much less that he was a highly decorated soldier!" And this one as well; "Didja know that she was a star athlete when she was in school, that she played sports so well she could put some of the boys to shame!" "What?? I had no idea that she had done any of those!"

It started me thinking, isn't it a shame that we learn more about some of our brothers and sisters after they have died than in all the years we may have worshipped, fellowshiped and served together. While that is indeed a benefit of our small groups, it doesn't have to be the only way that we can connect with one another on a deeper level. Our "stories" make up a large portion of who we are today. You know Jesus used stories more than any other teaching method because he knew that stories tweak our emotions and draw us in. When we share our "stories" we share part of our heart, and that draws people closer, especially if they can relate because their "story" is similar in some way.

The point of all this is that we should try to connect with each other by investing time together, whether it be sharing a meal or fun event, going visiting or doing a service project together, etc. Time spent talking and sharing with each other. You might be surprised at how fascinating (no matter how they deny it) our brothers and sisters really are. At the very least, I'm certain – you'll be blessed!

-- Les Keele



Join our own David Birdow in "Walking Through The Scriptures" on **YouTube**. Simply search this title and you will be able to access his lessons. You will not be disappointed.




Matthew 7: 16

¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?


Ladies' Night
 Come to Ladies' Night: for an evening of laughter and fun!
 You're invited to a delightful Ladies' Night on Monday, September 22, from 6 PM to 8 PM in the fellowship hall! Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. We will be making greeting card crafts to share with our shut-ins. Dinner will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dessert to share. All ladies, middle school age and older, are invited to attend! Please leave the little ones at home.

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Garner

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - I Will Call Upon The Lord

Song - Here I Am To Worship

Song - Lead Me Gently Home

Opening Prayer - Jacob Baum

Scripture - Lamentations 2.1

Song - When I Survey The Wonderous Cross

Lord's Supper - Ben Meyer

Prayer for Contribution - Ben Meyer

Song - This World Is Not My Home

The Anger Of The Lord - Gary Williams

Song - Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Russ Bartee

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Attendance



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, September 22

Zechariah 12-14; Philippians 1

Tuesday, September 23

Psalm 107; Jonah 1; Philippians 2

Wednesday, September 24

Psalm 116; Jonah 2- 4 ; Philippians 3

Thursday, September 25

Habakkuk 1-3; Philippians 4

Friday, September 26

Jeremiah 1-2; Psalm 28 I Thessalonians 1

Saturday, September 27

Jeremiah 3-4; I Thessalonians 2

Sunday, September 28

Psalm 14; Jeremiah 5-6; I Thessalonians 3

Last Week

Bible Class	137	Wednesday	90
Worship	221	Contribution	\$ 12,981.14
PM Worship	61	Budget	\$ 14,216.88

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM