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## Focused On Jesus

Is your life focused on Jesus? As we mature spiritually, we should be becoming more like Jesus every day. Many people become complacent in their faith then stop growing. When we think about people bearing the image of Christ in the New Testament, one immediately thinks of the apostle Paul. Was Paul content with his life in Christ? In his desire to gain Christ, Paul stated that he continually desired to ***"know Him and the power of his resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection of the dead"*** (Philippians 3.10, 11). Even after preaching for many years, Paul still desired to know more about the power and strength available to Christians through the resurrected Lord. He also thought that no one could know Christ fully unless he shared in His suffering. Paul definitely suffered for the cause of Christ; he listed a tremendous number of hardships he endured while preaching the gospel (2 Corinthians 11.23-29). Through suffering for Christ, Paul came to understand more clearly what the Lord had suffered. In revealing his life in Jesus, he said, ***"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me"*** (Gal. 2.20).

Am I that focused on Jesus? Even after being a Christian for many years, do I still long to know more about the benefits of His resurrection? Am I living for Jesus? When I examine myself today, do I see Jesus living in me? It is possible to live faithfully before God our whole lives; but, we will never stop growing more like Jesus until we are resurrected to be with our Lord. Think about it!

Gary

# Am I Grateful?

## I Thessalonians 1.1-5

- 1) How is your relationship with God?
- 2) Only God has the ability to know us completely.
- 3) The first three chapters of the first epistle to the Thessalonians speak all about relationships.
- 4) The letter will help us to be more grateful followers of Jesus.

### To Have A Grateful Life, One Must...

#### I) Acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_ (I Thessalonians 1.1).

- A) Do we acknowledge God in our daily lives?
- B) Our whole lives are \_\_\_\_\_ upon God.
  - 1) What did Paul tell the people on Mars' Hill (Acts 17.28a).
  - 2) If we have a continual awareness of God and Jesus Christ, then it gives us daily \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to live godly lives.
  - 3) How did Paul describe his life (Philippians 1.21; Galatians 2.20)?
- C) Question: What does \_\_\_\_\_ for His people?

#### II) Give \_\_\_\_\_ To God (I Thess. 1.2).

- A) Is being thankful a part of being a \_\_\_\_\_?
  - 1) What did Paul tell the Christians at Ephesus concerning the giving of thanks (Ephesians 5.20)?
  - 2) When we make requests of God in our prayers, Paul said we should do it with \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4.6).
- B) Do we look for reasons to be thankful?
- C) Do we let other people know that we are thankful for them?

#### III) Appreciate \_\_\_\_\_ Lives (I Thess. 1.3).

- A) When we are thankful, our thankfulness must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) In order to improve our prayers, we must give attention to our \_\_\_\_\_.
- C) What thoughts does God desire we have?

#### IV) \_\_\_\_\_ On His/Her Relationship With God (I Thess. 1.4).

- A) Can we find out what God thinks of us?
  - 1) What did God think about the Thessalonians?
  - 2) Is the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ with everyone He adds to His family?
- B) Do we respect God's \_\_\_\_\_ of all in the church?

#### V) \_\_\_\_\_ To God's \_\_\_\_\_ (I Thess. 1.5, 6).

- A) How does God communicate with us today?
- B) How does the Lord intend for His gospel to be spread?
  - 1) The Gospel is spread when the message is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) The Gospel is spread by the \_\_\_\_\_ we provide in the way we live.

**Conclusion:** Do you need to show your appreciation for all that God has done for you?

# CONNECTION

**C** Connection Corner

**R** This week we feature David and Gail Willmington.

**N** Gail began a career as a hairstylist shortly after graduating from a local high school. She worked at a few hair & nail salons in the area over the years and established her career. Gail began attending Western Hills about 2010.

**E** Later, while working at the hair salon, she was fortunately introduced to David through a fellow stylist at the salon. David and Gail began dating and soon were married.

With both of them being in "service" businesses, they have had some interesting experiences serving their clients. Gail recalls that one time a homeless woman came into the salon for a pedicure and no co-workers were willing to serve the woman. Gail chose to do so. She took time with the woman and gave her the pedicure and while she was doing so the woman smiled and told Gail stories and seemed so happy. When Gail was finished, the woman pulled out cash and paid Gail, even insisting on tipping her. I think both women left that encounter happier than they were before.

David, who works with his son in their own construction/remodeling business, recalls a unique (I hope!) event. They had finished up a few days remodeling job and were in the process of putting the room back together. David's son began unrolling a large area rug to put back down. To their surprise, a water moccasin snake had crawled inside the rug. The aggressive snake struck at a board David was using to steer it away from them. Needless to say, the woman was quite grateful for David and his shovel to bring the drama safely to an end. Now if you have a construction/remodel job (or an unwanted visitor in your rug) you know "who ya gonna call!"

I hope you can take the time to get to know this couple and their sweet grandkids that attend with them. You'll both be blessed!

Les Keele

**Congratulations** to Ethan and Kim Porter, who were married May 6, 2022. Grandson of Carolyn Williams.

**V**  
**B**  
**S** Change of date: VBS will be June 26-29. Please save this to your calendar and plan to participate. Sign ups are in the foyer.

**Mackenzie Myers** is Graduating! Sunday June 5, we will be celebrating our Senior with a Senior banquet. You can purchase tickets for the meal before and after services in the middle west foyer. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12.

 To nights service, We will be hosting a singing service with area congregations. Please plan to attend.

**Youth Mission Trip:** July 16th-23rd

**Sunday, June 5: Life of Christ Commentary Lessons 41 and 42; please read pages 376-399**

**2022 Wednesday Night Summer Series**

**"The Pandemic: What I Learned About Myself, God & The Church"**

**June 1st: John Knox- Granbury, Texas**

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## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome -**

**Song Leader -** Jon Bartee

**Song -** I Know That My Redeemer Lives

**Song -** He Gave Me A Song

**Prayer -** Dwight Blair

**Scripture -** I Thessalonians 1.1-5

**Song -** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Communion -** James Bowie

**Dismiss children 3 years - Kindergarten to Children's Bible Time**

**Song -** Jesus, Hold My Hand

**Am I Grateful? -** Gary Williams

**Song -** I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

**Prayer for the Contribution -** Layton Garner

**Song -** Paradise Valley

**Announcements -** John Walton

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal -** John Walton

**CONTRIBUTION:** *No collection plates will be passed during worship service today. Instead we ask that you drop your contribution in one of the white boxes as you enter /exit the auditorium. You may also give online or mail your contributions to the building.*

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME:** We offer a children's class on Sunday morning during the sermon for kids ages 3 years through Kindergarten. The song leader will dismiss the children at the appropriate time to be escorted to their class room. Bible Time room is in the east hallway.

**Attended Nursery:** After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Monday, May 30**

Job 29 - 31

**Tuesday, May 31**

Job 32 -34

**Wednesday, June 1**

Job 35-37

**Thursday, June 2**

Job 38 -40

**Friday, June 3**

Job 40 - 42

**Saturday, June 4**

Psalms 1 -6

**Sunday, June 5**

Psalms 7 - 11

### LAST WEEK

Bible Class:	115	Wednesday:	81
AM Worship:	190	Contribution:	\$ 9,197.02
PM Worship:	50	Budget:	\$ 14,193.04

### 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

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Members

**May 29, 2022**

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Carolyn Williams	She is having trouble breathing and is in Harris Southwest Hospital Room 3255. 8211 Llano Fort Worth, Tx 76116	Healing and more energy
Destyni Brownlow-Dindy	Will be traveling for work through out the month of June. 9508 Summit Dr. Apt 2413 Benbrook, Tx 76126	Safe travels
Linda Cervas	May 19 she had surgery for a perforated colon and a hysterectomy. She is now back at home recovering. 9524 Summit Ct. W. Cleburne, Tx 76033	Complete healing
Steve Cervas	He resumed his treatment for bladder cancer. 9524 Summit Ct. W. Cleburne, Tx 76033	To be healed
Louise Beagle	She will be having an out patient procedure on June 2. 3916 Reagan Dr. Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Success and quick healing
Mary Bunch	She is making some major decisions. 209 Flaxseed Lane Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Wisdom in decision making
Donna Brawley	Grieving the loss of her sister and wanting to restore her relationship with her own son. 8000 Calmont Avenue, Apt. #121, Fort Worth, TX 76116	Peace and comfort
Barbara Lowrey	She had shots in her back for pain that are not working. 921 Timberline Dr, Benbrook, Tx 76126	Comfort and relief from pain
Frankie Shelton	Is going to have a surgical procedure. She is having to wait for her bones to get stronger. 1200 Winscott Road, Unit B, Benbrook, TX 76126	Comfort and Relief
Cheryl Omer	Is in Colonial Gardens Memory Care of Fort Worth. 6939 River Park Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76116 She may have visitors at this time.	Healing, comfort, and peace for Roger and their children
Jodi & Joe Gentry	Is dealing with the day to day care and treatment of Jodi. 408 Rim Rock Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108	For the Doctors to know how to help Jodi and Joe's strength, patience, and understanding
Wincie Neusse	Is waiting for more information from her doctors about the spot on her lung. 5537 Crosscreek Lane, #2096 Fort Worth, TX 76109	God's healing hand

## PRAYER REQUESTS Family & Friends

May 29, 2022

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Noel Reynolds Brother of	Skipper Reed	He is at Harris Southwest Hospice Unit.	Comfort
Owen Keenes Great Grand son of	Judy Vestal	He is having surgery May 26, to remove tonsils and adenoids.	Safe and successful surgery
Chad Griffin friend of	LaRue Bow	He had an emergency spleen removal, heart valves put in, a hemorrhoidectomy. He has fluid around his heart and his kidneys are malfunctioning. He is in the ICU. He is being kept sedated.	Quick healing and smooth recovery, for his family
Lily Grace Adams, great, great niece of	Les Keele	She was born 3lb 12oz. And is in the NICU in Oklahoma City.	To grow and be healthy
Bradley Padgett, friend of	Frankie Smith	Had heart surgery and is doing well. He is now home.	Successful recovery and prayers of thanksgiving.
Dempsey and her daughter, Chris, friend of	Betsy Strother	Dempsey has Alzheimer's and Chris is struggling with taking care of all the responsibilities.	Comfort, peace, assistance in caring for Dempsey
Gloria Wilson, friend of	Robin Stephan	Has recently lost her husband.	Comfort and ease of adjustment to living without him
Ricky, friend of	The Bows	Is a houseparent at Lubbock Children's Home, cottage 4, and is battling stage 4 colon cancer.	Strength and healing
Bubba Irvin, cousin to	Adam Powers	Is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant.	The transplant to happen soon
Shawn Kaba, friend of	Judy Vestal	Cancer has returned and is in stage 4.	God's hand of quick healing and comfort
Nephew of	Sharon Pippin	His wife is from Ukraine and her father preachers in Kieve, Ukraine.	Safety and peace for all in the country, especially the household of faith
Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine	Ladies' Bible class	The war is making people flee to other areas and other countries.	Protect and guide our Brothers and Sisters in Christ
Eldon McCoy, father of	Randy McCoy	Alva, his wife, passed away.	Peace and comfort for the family

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Arthur Torrez	21	Patsy Wiley
2	Tiam Bounmany	23	John Boudtaroth
2	Brenda Rodman	23	Sandy Edmonds
2	Gail Wilmington	23	Alice Guerrera
3	Kitti Davis		
3	Pat McGuyer		
5	Diann Clark		
5	Geoffrey Rodman		
7	Teddy Nantharath		
10	Becca Crook		
11	Dan Kille	4	Brady Meyer
12	Peggy Menzdorf	10	Harper Dekoker
13	Brittany Swan	15	Jaden Clay
14	Dahlia Cade	24	Ellie Sloan
21	Curtis Fisher	31	Kathryn Bartee
21	Sherry King		
21	Judy Vestal		

## Children

## **A Continuation of Christ's Busy Day, Part 4: Jesus Stills the Storm**

*Looking into the Face of Jesus*

*The Life of Christ, 1: Pages 367-371*

### **Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 39**

1. What is an important theme found in the disciples' words in Mark 4:41?
2. Why did Jesus withdraw from Galilee?
3. Where is the "stern" located in a boat?
4. What is the meaning of "the cushion" in Mark 4:38?
5. To what was the Sea of Galilee subject?
6. The Sea of Galilee was how many feet below sea level?
7. What surrounded the Sea of Galilee?
8. What enabled Jesus to sleep through the storm?
9. How did Jesus calm the winds and the waves?
10. How quickly did the winds and waves subside?
11. What did the disciples cry out after Jesus had stilled the storm?

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**Jesus Cast Out More Demons:  
Tell Me More About Them**  
*Looking into the Face of Jesus*  
*The Life of Christ, 1: Pages 372-376*  
**Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 40**

1. What settled the "contradiction" between the country of the "Gerasenes" and "Gadarenes"?
2. How many demoniacs are mentioned in Matthew's Account?
3. Where did the demon-possessed men live?
4. How many demoniacs are focused on in Mark's and Luke's Accounts?
5. Where did the demons ask to be allowed to enter?
6. How many swine drowned in the sea?
7. Why did the people of Gerasene beg Jesus to leave?
8. What did Jesus instruct the man who had been healed to do?
9. What is the meaning of "Decapolis"?

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## **Jesus Eats with Sinners**

*Looking into the Face of Jesus*

*The Life of Christ, 1: Pages 376-388*

### **Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 41**

1. When asked by the people of Gerasene to leave, to what city did Jesus return?
2. What city is referred to as Jesus' "own city"?
3. What is another name for Levi?
4. When Jesus referred to "the righteous" in Luke 5:32, who did He mean?
5. Fasting, to the Jews, was a symbol of what?
6. What were animal skins used for in the days of Jesus?
7. What was the problem and result of putting new wine into old wine skins?
8. What was the problem of sewing new cloth onto old cloth?
9. Why did the demon-possessed man live in the tombs?
10. How had the people tried to bind the demonic?
11. What are some excuses Jesus could have made to not respond to the demoniac's needs?
12. Why did Jesus respond to the needs of the demon-possessed man?
13. What was a "legion"?
14. What is the meaning of the Greek word *abusson*?
15. Where was the usual habitat of demons?
16. Into what did the demons enter?
17. How is Jesus able to reach the unlovable?
18. What are the far-reaching results of Jesus' reaching out to the demon possessed man?
19. What is the importance and responsibility we have in reaching the unlovable?

# **Raising Jairus' Daughter and Other Healings**

*Looking into the Face of Jesus*

*The Life of Christ, 1: Pages 389-399*

## **Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 42**

1. What are two ways the Greek word *πιστις* is sometimes translated?
2. Was Jesus' ability to perform miracles dependent on the faith of those He helped?
3. What was one purpose of Jesus' performing miracles?
4. What was the occupation of Jairus?
5. Where did synagogue elders rank with respect to the scribes?
6. What was the Sanhedrin called in Luke 22:66?
7. How respected was a Synagogue ruler in a Jewish city?
8. Why has the miracle recorded in Luke 8:43-48 been called "The Parenthetical Miracle"?
9. Jesus healed a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for how many years?
10. What was commonly believed about items that had contact with a miracle worker?
11. How did the woman gain the attention of Jesus?
12. What was often the purpose of Christ's asking questions?
13. How did a family's social position relate to the number of mourners?
14. "Sleep" is a common euphemism for what in the Scriptures?
15. What three men have been called "the inner circle" of the apostles?
16. As far as we know, who was the first apostle to be martyred?
17. What is the meaning of the Aramaic words "Talitha kum"?
18. What is the first recorded raising of the dead by Jesus?
19. What is the second recorded raising of the dead by Jesus?
20. Did Jesus always touch those He healed?
21. Jesus was accused of casting out demons by whom?