

Will I Ever Change?



Struggling with sin is extremely taxing on a Christian who desires to walk righteously before God. When one continues to fall due to temptation and spiritual weakness, the guilt can almost be unbearable. Some tend to hide their sin, even though they know it is wrong. What does one do when he/she is struggling with a sin which seems almost impossible to overcome? How does one deal with the shame and then the constant crying unto God afterwards wondering how God could forgive me again?

What drives one to come to terms

with what he/she is doing and decide to repent and be restored to their Father?

There are several things one can do to build up their power to resist temptation. Prayer is essential! One should constantly communicate with God the Father expressing his struggles and temptations, then asking for strength to overcome them. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, one of the things Jesus taught was that they should ask God to ***“lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil” (Matthew 6.13).*** When temptation is strong, we should go to our Father in prayer.

Just as one confides in God when struggling with sin, it may be profitable to confide in a close brother or sister in Christ as well. One of the things James, through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, instructs you to do is to ***“Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working” (James 5.16).*** Just as you go to God to pray for power to overcome your transgression, wouldn't it be even more beneficial if others were praying for you, too? The Scriptures teach that there is tremendous blessings in revealing our struggles unto faithful brothers. The Spirit says that the supplication of a righteous man, that, one who is walking faithfully before God, exerts a mighty influence before the Father. Have you heard the adage,

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Who's The True God?

I Kings 18.20-21

- 1) Have you ever been confronted about your faith?
- 2) Have you ever had to deal with sin in your life?
- 3) Did you seek God's help?

- I) _____.
- A) What do you remember about Elijah?
 - 1) Elijah challenged the _____.
 - 2) Elijah was taken to heaven in a _____.
 - 3) Elijah appeared at the _____ of Jesus.
 - B) Elijah was a man of mixed _____.
 - 1) Elijah experienced extra highs and extra lows.
 - 2) Are we a people of mixed emotions?

II) Elijah And _____ (I Kings 18.17-19).

- A) Elijah first appears on the scene is to _____ King Ahab.
- B) Elijah meets _____.
- C) King Ahab _____ for all the trouble occurring.
 - 1) King Ahab blamed Elijah for all his suffering.
 - 2) Isn't it easy to blame others?

III) Elijah And The _____ (I Kings 18.20, 21).

- A) Elijah confronts all the people.
 - 1) He told them to stop straddling the fence.
 - 2) Can you see God telling us the exact same thing?
- B) Elijah proposes a _____ between himself and the prophets of Baal.

IV) Elijah And The _____ Of _____ (I Kings 18.26-28).

- A) The prophets of Baal were _____.
 - 1) Did you notice how _____ and _____ Elijah's prayer was?
 - 2) The people expressed their vigorous conviction that the Lord is God.
- B) Look at Elijah's _____ (I Kings 18.27)
- C) Look how the prophets of Baal _____ (v. 28).

V) Elijah And The _____ (I Kings 18.36-46).

- A) There was no response from Baal.
- B) The _____ from _____.
- C) What can we learn?
 - 1) There is a need for _____ in _____.
 - 2) _____.

Conclusion: Do you need to come to Jesus today?

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“Prayer moves the arm that moves the world?” Well, if there is anything that can prevail with God, it is prayer from a faithful child who is humble and earnest before Him.

Another tool that can help one resist temptation is that of constantly studying God’s Word. The psalmist said, **“I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119.11)**. He realized the importance of God’s Word. If God’s Word is carved in our hearts, we will be more able to resist the devil. Having God’s Word in our hearts helps us overcome sin because we constantly are aware of what displeases God. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus was so familiar with God’s Word that He instantly quoted Scripture in defense. The apostle Paul admonished the Christians at Colossae, **“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Colossians 3.16)**. Being well instructed in the Word of God gives one strength in time of need.

An encouraging spiritual truth when struggling with sin is that Jesus died for all. Sometimes we consider some sins greater than others, some more grotesque, some more immoral, some even unforgiveable; but we must realize that any unrepented sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59 1, 2). God will forgive any sin of which man repents, regardless of how wicked we may consider it. It is also encouraging that one has a church family which will readily receive you back into their midst upon repentance. Sometimes, there are those in the family who do not want to forgive, but that is not your problem, that is a problem between them and God (Mark 11.26). The majority of the church family will openly love you and encourage you in your daily challenges to live for God. May God bless you as you make the effort to turn and live for Him.

Gary



Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Cassidy Fisher, bride elect of Danton Tunnell and daughter of LeAnn Fisher on October 1, 2023. The shower will be held at the church building from 2 - 4 pm. The bride and groom have made selections at Walmart, Amazon, Crate and Barrel, and Williams Sonoma. If you have a favorite recipe to share with the bride, please bring it to the shower.

Please Add To Your Directory

Justin & Faith Wideman: placed membership on September 10th. Their address is 1300 N. Jim Wright Fwy #925, White Settlement, Tx, 76108. Their phone numbers are: Faith’s(615) 972-2070, Justin’s (817) 368-5654. Email: justin@wideman.org

Keith and Debbie Turner: 2928 Whitetail Chase Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108. Their phone number is 940-452-2727 and their email is: keitht336@gmail.com

Missy Hall: 5601 Westhaven Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76132. Her phone number is 817-870-6647 and her email is: missyhall14325@gmail.com

Laura Pace: 2001 Aden Road, #155, Fort Worth, Texas 76116: Her phone number is 817-602-7018.

Jeff Thiravong: 5151 Broadway Ave # 55, Haltom City, TX, 76117 Phone number is 682-333-8693

Mary Ann Wagner: has a new phone number 817-647-6204

SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball	214-801-7375
*Russ Bartee	817-938-5825
Dan Kille	817-793-7493
Chuck Meyer	682-553-5444
Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
John Walton	817-441-0000

**Shepherd of the month*

MINISTERS

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<i>Pulpit Minister</i>	
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James Bowie:	817-944-4492
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John Boundtaroth:	817-891-2132
<i>Laotian Minister</i>	
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<i>Laotian Minister</i>	

DEACONS

Jon Bartee	817-889-2686
James Bowie	817-944-4492
Brandon Duncan	903-603-1059
Jay Garner	817-205-2070
Ben Meyer	817-673-8557
Robert Scott	817-246-0911
Matt Sloan	405-471-3404
Steve Taylor	817-291-2065
Buck Thomas	817-733-2620
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Taj Gray

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way

Song - The Love Of God

Song - O The Depth And The Riches

Prayer - Greg Ball

Scripture - I Kings 18.20-21

Song - Here I Am To Worship

Lord's Supper - Ben Meyer

Prayer for Contribution - Ben Meyer

Song - This World Is Not My Home

Who's The True God? - Gary Williams

Song - Have You Been To Jesus?

Announcements - Russ Bartee

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Russ Bartee

Donate by QR Code?
Here is ours:
Thank You!



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.

For our members and visitors with hearing difficulties, we now provide single side in-ear mono earbuds with a personal receiver for your convenience. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for one.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, September 18

Ezekiel 14 - 16

Tuesday, September 19

Ezekiel 17 - 19

Wednesday, September 20

Ezekiel 20 - 22

Thursday, September 21

Ezekiel 23 - 25

Friday, September 22

Ezekiel 26 - 28

Saturday, September 23

Ezekiel 29 - 31

Sunday, September 24

Ezekiel 32 - 34

Last Week

Bible Class:	128	Wednesday:	111
AM Worship:	182	Contribution:	\$ 9129.62
PM Worship:	51	Budget:	\$ 12,978.00

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

September 17, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Shirley Bennett and Minnie Collins nephew	Michael Griffin passed away from bone cancer. Shirley Bennett, 4018 Ridglea Ctry Club. #508 Fort Worth 76126; Collins, Minnie, 4040 Ridglea Country Club # 1102 Fort Worth, TX 76126	Comfort and peace for the family
Brandon Duncan 9/3/2023	Continued prayers for recovery from the surgery, specifically that the knee strengthens quickly and stops swelling through the day. 9928 Farmington Dr., Benbrook , TX 76126	Quick healing
Tom Pauley 08/27/2023	I need your help. I have been in a battle with the demons of hell and I need prayers. Please pray for me. I love you more than words can say. 4620 Ocean Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76123	Strength to fight the good fight; peace, comfort from God
Ken Intharansy 08/25/2023	Had a pacemaker inserted due to low heart rate on August 31, 10:30 AM, Medical City Fort Worth. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	A successful procedure and healing
Kitti Davis 08/20/2023	Has gone to the doctor regarding her auto-immune disease and her recent Parkinsons diagnosis. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	For the doctors to have knowledge, wisdom, and skill to prescribe the best treatments
Nancy Moody 08/21/2023	Her sister, Shirley, passed away on Monday, August 21. She was also the daughter of Polly McCarty. 917 Willow Way, Forth Worth, Texas 76126	The family's comfort and peace
Missy Hall 08/20/2023	Has returned home to live. 5601 Westhaven Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Please pray for guidance in her return home here and with favor for a job/home
Bridgett Yawn 08/13/2023	Has a staff infection in her leg. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Healing
Bob Howard 08/09/2023	It has been determined that he has had a non-debilitating stroke. 6075 FM 1189, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Healing and rehab
Bob Willyerd 08/30/2023	Had emergency surgery for a spinal fluid leak on Monday, August 28. He is scheduled for his second back surgery in November. He is now home. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	To recover for his next surgery
Wincie Neusse 9/8/2023	She is now at Harris Down Town with fluid on one of her lungs. 3425 Riveroad Court, Apartment # 2318, Fort Worth, Texas 76116-1114	Healing and guidance for the doctors

PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
September 17, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Pierce McGlaun, great grandson of	Bill Baumann	He has type 1 diabetes and is only 4 yrs old.	That they are able to regulate his sugar
Carrie Johnson, sister of best friend	Chandra Mann	She is recovering from a life or death surgery.	Quick healing <small>9/14/23</small>
The Daughter-in-law of	Dana Saba	She is struggling.	Healing and guidance <small>9/3/2023</small>
Glenda Corley, sister of	Johnie Wright	Has been placed on hospice in her own home.	Peace for her and her family <small>08/28/2023</small>
Sue Roden, aunt of	Debbie Rollins	Good results from her doctors.	Thanksgiving for good results. <small>9/8/2023</small>
Kevin, neighbor of	Zach Brookshire	Had brain surgery Friday, August 18. The family has visited with us on several different occasions.	Recovery and healing <small>08/18/2023</small>
Kyla Anderson, family member of	Auna Walton	She has been battling leukemia. All treatments have been stopped in an effort to build her up.	For her numbers to be where they need to be so her treatments can continue <small>08/010/2023</small>
DeAnn Trevino, friend of	Leah Bowie	Has been diagnosed with cancer and will need chemo before they can perform surgery to remove the mass.	Peace, comfort, healing, skilled doctors <small>08/02/2023</small>
Candy (Kumcha Amre)	Candy	She has not been well. 7832 Chapin Road, #310, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116.	Quick healing <small>7/9/2023</small>

All prayer requests will remain on the list for 30 days. Following that time, the request will be removed unless the office is notified differently. Thank you.

Sunday Morning Fall Quarter Classes

Young Adults/Young Marrieds: Song Of Solomon: A Book Of Romance: Les Keele
Auditorium: 2 Corinthians: Gary Williams



Children's Bible Hour

If you would like to help or teach, please sign the clipboard in the foyer.

If you have children between 3 years old and 2nd grade, please complete an attendance form which is also located in the foyer.

Should you have any questions, please see Vicki Bowers.

For Carter Blood Care to come to our facility and take blood there is a minimum number of clients required to justify their cost. So please sign up and even ask your neighbors to give.

Remember the life you same might just be your own, or some one you love.



Be the inspiration for someone today!

Please send an uplifting note this week to Philemon Rajah. He is one of our missionaries to the blind. His email is: obey2jesus@gmail.com(9/10/23-9/23/23)

Sunday Nights

Plan to attend Evening worship for a class on:

Evanglizing Your Community: Tools To Share The Gospel With Your Neighbors

Taught by Gary and Les

One book per family provided

Join Us For Our: Tuesday Morning Bible Classes At 10 AM.

Men's Topic: Test The Spirits - Roger Omer

Ladies' Topic: First Peter - Ellen Bartee

Coming Soon

Please add to your calendar: October 28th Door Knocking;
October 29th Friends and Family
October 31st Fall Festival



Wednesday
7 PM
Ecclesiastes
Les Keele

BYO Brown Bag Suppers continue on Wednesday nights. Please bring your family's meal and we will enjoy a time of fellowship before evening services and classes. The building will be opened at 6 PM.



Ladies, if you would like to share prayer time and gain strength by coming together with your sisters, come to the Library on Wednesday nights at 6:40 PM



Please pick up your cans for Foster's Home for Children in the foyers. The cans will be picked up sometime in November.

Food Bank Stats for August
270 - Families Served
\$1172.80 - Cost to WHCOC
9035 lbs - Estimated Weight of Food



Happy September Birthdays!

1 BOB HOWARD

2 JENNIFER DUNCAN

4 NANCY WRIGHT

5 JOHNNIE WRIGHT

6 MICHAEL DAVIS

7 JOE GARCIA

7 NATHAN RUTLEDGE

8 THONGLE SIHARATH

10 AMBER GRIER

16 ISAIS TORREZ

18 JILL SLOAN

18 NATHAN BOWIE

18 STANLEY GISH

19 SUE CARPENTER

19 SUE LITTLE-SMITH

19 LEANN FISHER

20 JUDY BLAIR

20 PETER BROWN

23 FRANKIE SMITH

25 DEBBIE ROLLINS

25 DAVID WILMINGTON

26 ROY EUBANKS

26 MARY EAST

28 SUSIE STEADMAN

29 WRAY GRIER

29 NANCY MULLINIKS

30 ROBERT SCOTT

30 DANA SABA

CHILDREN

1 LILAH BOLT

15 GAVIN GRIER

17 XAYDEN HUPP

25 ANDREW SCOTT