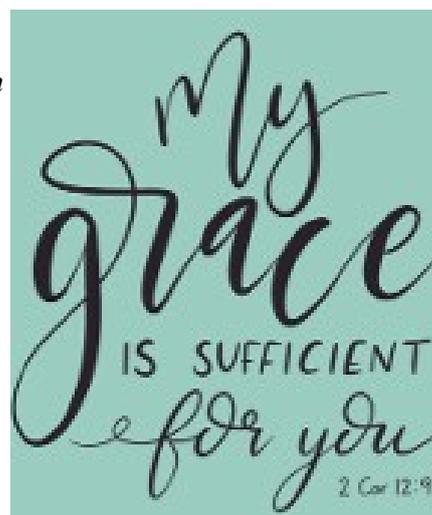


Do I Rely On God's Grace?

Have you ever felt like your prayers were not being answered? You struggle, you fight, you wear thin, praying for God to relieve you and remove the trials before you. Then, it seems like God is not listening. As your problems continue, you begin to wonder *“What is wrong with me?” “Why can't I handle this?” “Why isn't God removing this problem?”* Have you ever realized that the apostle Paul experienced the exact same thing?

In 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Paul prayed three times for God to remove his *“thorn in the flesh.”* Much to his surprise, God said, “No.” Instead, God said, ***“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9).*** Was God ignoring Paul's pain? Did God not care about the effect it was having upon Paul? How could God say “No” to such a faithful servant? How could God say “No” when Paul was doing such a great work in spreading the gospel? But this is not a verse about God ignoring pain, it is a verse about God meeting us in our pain.

I may think that my troubles are great. I am suffering dearly. Why doesn't God stop it? Paul's *“thorn”* was not small. He described it as ***“a messenger of Satan to harass me.”*** If it was a *“messenger of Satan,”* surely God would prevent it from harming Paul! Did God not take it away because God delights in watching His children suffer? No! God wanted Paul to understand that sometimes He removes the pain, and at other times, He gives you strength to endure. God wanted Paul to know that His grace was enough to carry him through any trouble or problem he faced. God did not say, *“My grace will make you strong,” “My grace will help you pretend you are fine,” “My grace will make your thorn disappear.”* God said, ***“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”*** In other words, God does His best work when we stop trying to be our own savior. Your weakness does not destroy you; it is when God's power comes into play.



Have you ever seen great power exhibited in weakness? What about the cross? To many, it looked like Jesus had failed. He was not strong enough to save Himself. But the cross is the ultimate proof that God does His greatest work through what looks like weakness. That perceived weakness led to the greatest power and victory of all time—Jesus arose from the dead! He defeated Satan and provided us a way to be saved.

When I am struggling, can I remember that God provides the total sufficiency of His grace for every need in my life? I may feel like a failure. I may feel lost. I may feel totally insufficient to continue with my pain. But can I remember that my weakness is the doorway through which I obtain God's strength? God says, ***“My grace is sufficient for you.”*** It is His strength that will carry us through. Because His grace is enough, you will be, too.

Gary

Happy Are The Sad?

Matthew 5.4

- 1) What are the Beatitudes?
- 2) What does it mean when someone says the Beatitudes are “paradoxical?”

To Understand What Jesus Is Saying, Let Us Notice...

I) The _____ Of Mourning.

- A) Certain kinds of sorrow are known to all mankind.
- B) To which type of mourning is Jesus referring?
 - 1) _____ Mourning?
 - (a) What is improper mourning?
 - (b) Do you remember how David grieved over Absalom (2 Samuel 18.33-19.4)?
 - 2) _____ Mourning?
 - (a) It is legitimate sorrows over which reasonable mourning is appropriate.
 - (b) Do you remember Abraham’s sorrow at the death of Sarah (Genesis 23.2)?
 - 3) _____ Mourning?
 - (a) In the beatitude, Jesus is speaking about godly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7.10, 11).
 - (b) Do you remember David’s repentance (Psalm 51.3, 4)?
 - 4) There are 9 Greek words used in the New Testament that speak of sorrow.

II) The _____ Of Mourning.

- A) Happiness does not come in the mourning itself.
 - 1) Happiness comes because of the way God responds.
 - 2) Godly mourning brings God’s _____, which brings God’s _____.
- B) The result of godly mourning is _____.

III) _____ To Mourn.

- A) What does true mourning over sin involve?
- B) Three ways to help us mourn.
 - 1) Look at the _____ of _____.
 - 2) Study _____ in Scripture.
 - 3) _____ with a contrite heart.

IV) How Do We _____ If We Are Mourning As Christ Commands?

- A) First, we need to ask ourselves if we are sensitive to sin.
 - 1) King Saul regretted he _____ God, but he was not _____.
(I Samuel 15.30).
 - 2) The godly mourners’ first concern will be the harm his sin does to _____.
 - 3) Godly mourners will also grieve over the sins of other _____ and for the _____ of the _____.
- B) The second way to determine if we have genuine mourning over sin is that we feel the _____ of _____.

Conclusion: Do you need relief from your sin today?

CONNECTION

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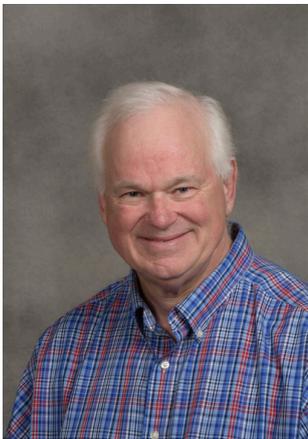
R What an exciting time we have entered in to. We are in the middle of nominations for additional elders to help lead our congregation. This is truly a nomination for the highest position in the land, of more importance in eternity than any political office could ever be. These men can truly “change the world” as our elders not only oversee our work here locally, but our mission efforts to spread the gospel to “all the world” as we are commissioned in Matthew 28.18-20. They will also be the front line to guard our congregation against Satan’s effort to have cultural pressures overwhelm sound doctrine.

N As we have had several new members come to us in recent months, I thought it appropriate to show our current elders with the desire that we all make strong connections with these men, pray for them, and support them in the role God has ordained them as our shepherds.

E We also hope that in this remaining week of nominations, you will look out amongst us and approach men qualified to join these existing elders. We need as many nominations for each man as possible, so even if someone has already nominated someone, we encourage you to complete and submit the nomination as well. This shows these prospective leaders that they have a great deal of support from our church family to step up into this new role.

R This is our church family; we all have responsibility to be an active participant in this process. Reach out and connect with our existing leaders and with men you would like to see lead us as well – We’ll all be blessed!!

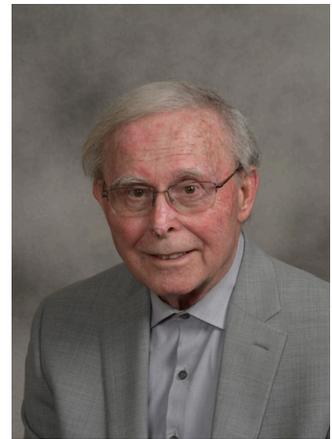
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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steve Taylor

Song Leader - Matthew Sloan

Song - Goodness of God

Song - You Are Holy

Song - Listen To Our Hearts

Opening Prayer - Steve Taylor

Scripture - Matthew 5:4

Song - How Deep The Father's Love

Lord's Supper - David Birdow

Prayer For Contribution - David Birdow

Song - He Bore It All

Song - Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing

Happy Are The Sad? - Gary Williams

Song - Only A Step

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer and Dismissal - Greg Ball

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.

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Our Code For Attendance



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, February 23

Psalm 56; Leviticus 11; 2 Corinthians 11

Tuesday, February 24

Leviticus 12-13; 2 Corinthians 12

Wednesday, February 25

Leviticus 14-15; 2 Corinthians 13

Thursday, February 26

Leviticus 16-18; 1 John 1

Friday, February 27

Leviticus 19-21; 1 John 2

Saturday, February 28

Leviticus 22-23; 1 John 3

LAST WEEK

Bible Class	105	On-Line	N/A
Worship	201	Wednesday	80
Thai-Lao	35	Contribution	\$14,384.00
On-Line Sunday	36	Budget	\$15,372.28

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