

The Call To Courage

As David prepared to hand his throne over to his son Solomon, he explained the responsibilities that would soon rest heavy on his shoulders. It's likely Solomon quivered under the weight of what he faced: leading Israel to follow all God's instructions, guarding the land God had entrusted to them, and overseeing the monumental task of building the temple (1 Chronicles 28:8-10).

Knowing Solomon's trembling heart, David offered his son powerful words: "Be strong and courageous . . . Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you" (v. 20). Real courage would never arise from Solomon's own skill or confidence but rather from relying on God's presence and strength. God provided the courage Solomon needed.

When we face hardship, we often try to drum up boldness or talk ourselves into bravery. God, however, is the one who renews our faith. He will be with us. And His presence calls us to courage.

~Winn Collier

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3:12-14)

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Sunday:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

Attendance 05/19 69

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Contribution 05/19 \$3000.00

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I'm Sorry

A few years ago an old Christian man was ask to deliver a short message at the church where he worshiped. It was late December just prior to Christmas. His comments were to be centered around the Lord's Supper, to help prepare their minds to be centered on the sacrifice of Jesus and the covenant established by Him just prior to his death on the cross. Now this man had done this many times before and never without forethought and preparation and this time was no different.

About a week later one of the church elders ask him to meet with him at the church building, they needed to talk. So the two men met privately and the church elder told him that his remarks before the Lord's Supper were inappropriate. That he had said something that wasn't true according to the scriptures. Well they discussed what was said and looked at some scriptures but the old man still could not see where he had said anything that was offensive or unscriptural. They both left the meeting that day with the matter unsettled.

Although they continued to worship together and fellowship each other the matter remained unsettled for months. This continued to bother the old Christian so he went to visit the church elder who had become ill and was in a rehab facility. The old Christian man told the church elder that he was sorry for anything he had said that caused him and or others to be concerned. He realized that his friend, the elder was simply doing what he believed to be his duty as an overseer of the church. His friend the elder was very receptive so they prayed and hugged each other and the matter was settled.

Sometimes its really hard to say "I'm sorry." Even though you feel you were right in a matter you can still feel genuine sorrow for the harm that your words or actions may have caused others.

When I was thinking about this it reminded me of a story I read in a book named "Reality" written by Stanley Voke. He tells about a young boy whose morning got started off badly. He complained about the clothes he had to wear. He griped about what he had for breakfast and refused to eat. Then he began to annoy his sisters. He soon found himself so tangled up in trouble that the world seemed to be crumbling around him. Finally his father took him aside and said, "Now look young man; we have had nothing but trouble this morning. What are you going to do about yourself? The boy said nothing for a moment. Then his eyes filled with tears as he blurted out, "I'm sorry Daddy!" Would you believe it, in two minutes the world was right again. The family was reconciled, the tears were wiped away and strangely everything seemed as it should be.

At times we all do and say things that hurt or offend other people. When this happens a wedge is driven between them. Bitterness might then arise. For the relationship to be restored, there needs to be an "I'm sorry" from the offender. All too often, though we refuse to apologize. Pride gets in the way. We're not willing to be vulnerable by lowering ourselves to make such a confession. But when we do the rewards are great because we are obeying the Lord.

If we have offended someone by harsh words or an unkind act, let's swallow our pride and ask for forgiveness. We need to say to them, "I'm sorry" and really mean it! ~H. Hewgley

Keep These Dates in Mind	June Birthdays and Anniversaries	
06/02 First Sunday Potluck 06/08 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 06/09 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00 07/07 First Sunday Potluck 07/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 07/14 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00	Leland Davis 6/1 Henry & Mary Beth Walker 6/2 Curtis & Nadine Mohr 6/5 Fran Henniger 6/7 Rick & Jennie Freitag 6/7 Craig Bolt 6/15 Maurice Bunker 6/15 Jack & Wanda Danley 6/15	Ken & Sallie Winstead 6/17 Tera Berry 6/18 Thelma Gritzan 6/19 Jennie Freitag 6/23 Shannon Mendoza 6/30

In your dark days, Just turn around and I will be there. And maybe I won't have any more light to give than what you already have. But I will take your hand and we will find the light together. ~JmStorm



Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Kaleb McCrickard, Sue Aldrich, Marji Lindholm, The Johnson family, Marilyn Davis, Randy Hargus, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Amanda McCrickard's parents, Karen McBurney's father, Leland And Marilyn's daughter.

A special collection will be taken this morning after services for those who wish to contribute to **Don and Sheri Blackwell** to help with their medical,

living and remodeling expenses as he learns to live life in a different manner. He is still dedicated to being able to preach God's Word when his condition has been stabilized

Pray for **Norm and Barbara Goldsmith** as Norm is now receiving hospice in their new retirement location.

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.
 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Austin and Kennadie McCrickard – Bear Valley Bible Institute

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Let's Get Together

And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

One has to wonder, did God not know that Adam was alone? Did God think just making one human was enough, only to realize that He needed to create two? Well, of course God doesn't make mistakes. Adam needed to understand the value of another creation like him. After naming the animals, Adam noticed that he was alone; this made the creation of Eve all the more special to him.

God has never expected His people to be alone. Naturally, this the case with marriage, but the same is true in the spiritual realm. Have you ever wondered why Jesus established His church (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47) ? The word "church" means "a calling out, especially in a religious meeting." The church constitutes the people, not the physical building. I've encountered people that said they could stay home and worship God alone on Sunday. You can't do this and be called a church. God knew that we needed each other and ordained that His people meet on the first day of every week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2) in order to be built up spiritually as we offer our worship to God.

When people forsake or ignore the worship of the church, they are neglecting the blessings that God designed for us. Take note of Hebrews 10:24-25. "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Well, one might argue they meet with the saints on Sunday morning, and that's good enough. Sunday nights, Wednesday nights and other times outside of Sunday morning aren't all that important, some claim. Really? The first century church took advantage of every time they could get together. "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart" (Acts 2:46). As the church, we need to be together! This is God's design. ~Justin Odom

How Do You Measure Up?

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, Let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom"

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."