

## **Sermon: Beware of Getting Stuck**

**June 14, 2020**

**Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:7-8; 12-18**

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ came through Jesus. John 1:15-18**

**1. Grace provides the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ about God. 2 Corinthians 3:7-8; 12-18;  
Galatians 2:20; Galatians 5:22-24**

**II. Getting stuck in the middle.**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 12:1; Revelation 2:4**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 3:16–4:2**

**III. We need to find a way to get unstuck. Hebrews 10:24–25**

## **Thought for the day**

The national quarantine has created a different mindset for people in the country. It as if we have put our lives on hold. As we begin to reopen the country, we are unsure if it is safe or we feel it's time to return to normal. The truth is probably somewhere in the middle. There is one ride I love at the arcade; the bumper cars. I love to see someone rounding that edge of that inner track when they are turning so, I can broadside them and knock them into the wall. But every time it seems somebody who can't drive gets stuck and there is traffic pile up and nobody can go anywhere. There is only two ways to get unstuck; either the operator of the ride stops everything an untangles the mess or someone comes and bangs into the person causing the jam breaking everybody free to continue on the journey; this is a turning point in the ride. There's a big problem right now in our world. This country is like a massive traffic jam in the ride and people just keep adding to the pile up. First the Opioid crisis, then the Coronavirus, then the cop murders a man, followed by demonstrations leading to the destruction of property. To make matters worse nobody is willing to let the ride operator break up the mess; so, everything just keeps spinning and there is no liberty to change. There is a lot of protest but no clear plan to change. Looting, burning and attacking police is not causing anything but further division in our land. Black lives will matter, in fact all life will matter when people trust Jesus to change the heart of the people but no one is suggesting that. If there ever was a time when the church needs to be a light in the world it is now. People keep talking about a new normal and everybody is saying I want the old normal. Is that really what we want or do we want a new normal where the morality and love for our fellow man is driven through a nation revived by the power of Jesus. Then maybe all the turmoil of this year can become a blessing.

**Pastor Bruce**

**Reminder:** This service can be seen online next week.

## Evening Service

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## Song Service

## Prayer & Praise

**Scripture:** Luke 18:9-14

**Sermon:** The Good News

## Closing Hymn

## Calendar

**Tuesday, Visual Bible Study @ Church, 10a.m.**

**Tuesday, Bible Study @ Church, 6 p.m.**

## Notes

I. There is \_\_\_\_\_ for all people. Luke 2:10-11; Luke 4:18; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

II. Receiving the good news requires the \_\_\_\_\_ it is needed. Luke 18:13-14; Luke 18: 9-10

1. Meet the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. The name of Jesus means Savior. Matthew 1:21

2. Accept Jesus is the way \_\_\_\_\_ our sin. John 1:29  
1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; John 17:3;  
John 1:12-13

III. There are three classes of broken people.

1. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ they are broken. Luke 18:11-12

2. Those who try to \_\_\_\_\_ in their own power.  
Galatians 2:16; Romans 14:17

3. Those who realize that grace means we can replace trying with trusting. Galatians 5:22-24

**Isn't It Strange? By Mike Riley** The following questions may sound “**strange**”, but are they really? Let’s seriously think about these questions and take action to correct our thinking if we are guilty of any of these:

**1)** Isn't it strange how a twenty dollar bill seems like such a large amount when we give to the work of the church, but such a small amount when we go shopping?

**2)** Isn't it strange how two hours seem so long when we are at church services, and how short they seem when we are watching a good movie?

**3)** Isn't it strange that we can't find a word to say when we are praying, but we have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

**4)** Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read one hundred pages of a popular novel?

**5)** Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit on the last row in the church building?

**6)** Isn't it strange how we need to know about a church event two to three weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust our schedule for other events in the last minute?

**7)** Isn't it strange that we can drive hundreds of miles to a sporting event in inclement weather but we'll miss church services because of inclement weather?

**8)** Isn't it strange that we can get to a sale or sporting event twenty-four hours in advance (stay in line outside in inclement weather) but we can't make it to church services on time?

**9)** Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

**10)** Isn't it strange how we share jokes that we hear right away, but when we are sharing messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

**11) Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?**

**12)** Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do or say anything to get there?