

Sermon: Except We Be Agreed

January 24, 2021

Scripture: Amos 3:1-3; 4:6-11

I. Remember _____ you are.
Amos 3:1-3; Amos 5:26

1. God warned the nation about idolatry. Amos 4:6-11; 5:14-15

II. The _____ to the church in
America. Deuteronomy 29: 29:

1. We have been given the power to be part of God's family. John
1:12-13

2. Remember _____ in
our relationship with God. 1 Peter 1:13-18

3. The blessings of obedience. Matthew 11:28-30;
Philippians 4:6-7 Philippians 4:8-9

4. Never forget _____
involves His perfect love. John 15:10-11

5. Go and tell what God has done for you. Matthew 28:18-20
John 15:8

Thought for the Day God has given believers a most precious gift; the gift of his abiding. The term "except we be agreed" means that we have chosen to give God the authority in our lives. That does not mean we will always like what He wants us to do, or even that we will always agree with what He chooses. It means that we trust his plan, understand He loves us and that in his sovereignty He has the power to do what is best for us. **Deuteronomy 29: 29:**" The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." God will not reveal his hidden will until you obey his revealed will. The church is filled with people who are trying to live according to God's will and his plan but it seems part of that will is hidden. God may have miracles, revivals, and a spiritual awakening in *His secret things*, but He is waiting for the church to get in touch with His revealed *things*, which He uses to get *His secret things* to happen. Joni Tada writes in her devotional a story titled a "**A Stirred Heart**" "My friend Claudia broke her neck in a diving accident; the same way I did. Like me, she became utterly depressed. However, Claudia had no idea how much her friends were praying. **Through prayer, God gripped her heart and Claudia changed.** She got out of bed, sat up in a wheelchair, and moved forward into life. What caused such a dramatic change? Claudia met people whose suffering was far, far worse than hers; and **the Holy Spirit stirred her heart for their needs.** Now, she has an amazing outreach among hundreds of disabled people and churches. And here's what's most amazing: Claudia lives in an impoverished part of El Salvador. Friend, there are countless Claudia's all over the world who are working in dark corners to reach disabled people for Christ. "God's people prayed according to His revealed will and he brought about a secret thing in the life of one of his children. God can work miracles through us if we are willing to surrender to His guidance. **Pastor Bruce**

What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

Junior Disciples: AM Church Service

Today we are continuing curriculum called "The Core". Over the next year we'll be learning about the 8 "roots" of discipleship, Apologetics, Community, Identity, Kingdom, Knowledge, Outreach, Rescue and Worship. This week we'll continue in our "community" root. In this lesson, students will learn about the universal and institutional church. They'll discover that church isn't a building, and it's not just about robotically attending on Sunday mornings. It's the body of Christ, put on earth for a mission. They'll learn whom the church exists to serve and why the church should be focus both outwardly and inwardly. Through a series of hypothetical scenarios, they'll put their newfound understanding of church to the test. There is also a parent's guide that goes along with these lessons that includes activities your families can do to continue learning during the week. Please let me know if you are not receiving my emails.

Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building. Right now we are working through a study in the book of James with Francis Chan. In the study he unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(REPEAT 3X)

Chorus