

Would You Get in the Wheelbarrow February 28, 2021

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-11

I. Do not _____ evil doers. (1-2)

II. _____ God to take care of our lives.

1. I Believe that God is real and that we can know Him.

Hebrews 11:6

III. Make sure to _____ in your walk with God. Psalm 37:4

1. Allow God to guide our walk. Psalm 37:23-27 Proverbs 3:5-6

Isaiah 26:3

IV. We must _____ our lives to obeying God will. (Romans 12:1).

1. We must focus on our relationship with Jesus. Hebrews 12:1-2

a) Lay asides interest which keeps us from having the freedom to live according to God's will..

b) Eliminate the sin that triggers lustful desires in your heart.

James 1:14-15; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

IV _____ in the Lord means we are abiding in His presence. Psalm 37:7-11

1. Do not let anger consume your mind. (8)

2. The rest referred to here is spiritual rest. Psalm 23:2-3; Isaiah

40:27-31

Thought for the Day Trusting God means I'm willing to allow his sovereignty in my life because I know He has a plan, that He loves me and that He has the power to carry out that plan. There was a man who made a living walking tight ropes across a dangerous place. One day he was walking across Niagara Falls. He demonstrated his ability, even pushing a wheelbarrow with a 100 pounds sack of potatoes across the rope. He asked the crowd do you trust me to walk the rope pushing the wheelbarrow. Everyone said yes. Then he asked do you think I could push a man across in the wheelbarrow. Many said yes. I guess you could say the trust was fading. Then he said who wants to get in the wheelbarrow. No takers. Sometimes we think surrendering our will to Jesus is like getting into a wheelbarrow with a man walking on a tightrope risking destruction. Jesus promises abundant blessings, the fulness of joy, freedom from the bondage of sin, rest for your soul and an invitation to commune with Him anytime through prayer and the Holy Spirit. But it isn't easy to get in the wheel barrel because that is a new experience. Most of us would answer yes, we would get in the wheel barrel if we knew Jesus would push us all the way to the other side. After all he doesn't need the rope to get across. Jesus did tell us he would never leave us nor forsake us. I look at the barrel a different way. The water falls and river represent danger if I fall out and even greater danger if a flood comes along, just like the storms and trials of life. When they occur, there is no safer place to be than to be in the care of Jesus. **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. To become a rooted disciple of Jesus, you need to be discipled and eventually disciple others. How is being a disciple different from hanging out with other believers or going to church? What does it mean to be a disciple? This lesson focuses on the importance of discipleship and includes some biblical instruction on becoming a disciple of Jesus. Students will be asked to take intentional steps toward making discipleship an important part of their community. 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.

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
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