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## By Faith

Pastor Troy Taylor's Scripture reading for Wednesday evenings message came from Hebrews chapter 10 verse 38 and he titled his message "By Faith."

He began his message by telling us "we're going to shout by faith" and then asked "how do we live our life?" The writer of Hebrews says that you do it by faith which he summed up by saying the just shall live by faith. And this incorporates all aspect of our lives. In Romans Paul said, if it's not of faith it's of sin so everything we do, we should do it by faith.

So how do we please God? Hebrews 11:6 says we please God by faith and that show us how important faith is. We can't please God without hav-

ing faith. We have to have faith to pray because we first have to believe that 'He is'. The Lord has given us the faith to know how to call upon Him. Unfortunately there are a lot of people that are not exercising that faith because they don't believe there is a God. The Bible says to every man is given a measure of faith and we're exercising that faith that we have to believe God is and is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. So we live our lives by faith.

What that really means is that when it doesn't make any sense we do it anyway. It means that when it goes against all of our logic, reasoning, teaching, and understandings we do it anyway.



Pastor Troy Taylor  
Picture provided by Bro. Adam Day

We can't do it any other way, if we don't have faith we can't please God. Therefore, we don't live by reason, logic, understanding, man's rules, or the systems of man, we live by faith and if God said it, that's good enough for us. We

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## The Identity of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is both God and man. He is the one God incarnate. "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Corinthians 5:19). Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, God manifest in flesh, our God and Savior; and the express image of God's own person (substance) (II Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:15; I Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:3; II Peter 1:1). He is not

the incarnation of one person of a trinity but the incarnation of all the character, quality, and personality of the one God.

Acknowledging the deity of Jesus Christ is essential to salvation. Jesus said, "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins," making reference to God's name of I Am (John 8:24, 58). Only if Jesus is truly God does He have power to save from sin, for only God is the Savior, and only He can forgive sin

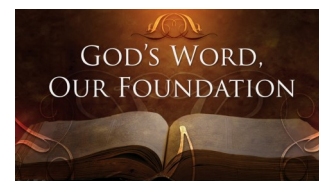
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(Isaiah 43:25; 45:21-22; Mark 2:7).

All names and titles of the Deity properly apply to Jesus. He is God (John 20:28), Lord (Acts 9:5), Jehovah (Isaiah 45:23 with Philippians 2:10-11), I AM (John 8:58), Father (Isaiah 9:6; Revelation 21:6-7), Word (John 1:14), and Holy Spirit (John 14:17-18).

God the Father dwelt in the man Christ. Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). "The Father is in me, and I in him" (John 10:38). "He that hath seen me hath



**Proverbs 11:20**

*Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the Lord, But such as are blameless in their ways are His delight.*

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don't need anything else, we just need God's word. We can go a long ways on His Word and if we have His Word we can do it. Hebrews chapter 11 gives us incredible examples of how we have to live our lives by faith. If we want to see results and go where people have never gone before we've got to step out in faith. The Red Sea didn't part until they stretched out the rod and stepped out on to that ground by faith.

You got to be able to pray and be able to believe that God answers prayer. Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened, but you have to have faith to do that. God is able to answer prayer and He is still a prayer answering God. There's still great things

being done by God and we believe that. We believe the Word of God and if the Bible says they crossed on dry ground, we believe they crossed on dry ground.

There are many that say our faith is a weakness on our part but it's not, instead it is a strength on our part. The world makes fun of our faith but we don't care because we are a people of faith. If the Bible says for us to live a holy life we believe it is beneficial for us to do the things according to Scripture and we have faith that this is the Word of God. We believe this is God's will and purpose for man by faith we see the works of God.

God can do anything through anybody and God can do great things through His

people. Remember Paul said if it's not of faith it's of sin. That's pretty strong for us so we're going to worship and come by faith. We're going to what we're suppose to do by faith, we're going to believe the words of the Bible by faith. There's hard and difficult things in the Bible that we're told to do as far as the flesh goes, the natural man, but we do it by faith because we believe that the Word of the Lord is true and real. God will not lead us wrong and His Word will not return void. Be grateful and thankful that we serve a faithful, loyal God and if we'll walk faithful according to Him He will keep His promise.

## Jacob and Rebekah Play a Trick

The day came when Isaac had grown very old. He had to stay in bed most of the time, and he could hardly see. He knew that he would not live much longer. He called Esau to him and asked, "Take your bow and arrows and go hunt for me. Bring me a deer and cook it the way that I love so well. Perhaps it will make me feel better. We can talk – you can tell me about your hunt, and then I will give you the blessing that is your birthright."

Now Rebekah heard Isaac talking with Esau; and as Esau hurried out to obey his father's wish, she called to Jacob. Perhaps she knew that Jacob had bargained with Esau for the birthright and saw that this was the time to claim it. Together they planned to play a trick on Isaac. They would send Jacob in, pretending to be Esau, and get Isaac to give him the birthright.

Jacob was timid about trying to fool his father and said, "What if he should discover who I am and become angry at me?"

"Let his anger be on me," answered Rebekah. "Now go, and let us hurry to carry out my plan."

So Jacob fetched two little goats from his father's flock, as his mother told him. They killed the goats and skinned them. With the meat Rebekah prepared a stew, seasoning it and cooking it as she would deer meat. She knew that Isaac, as old and sick as he was, would probably not be able to tell the difference. The she took the skin of the goats and wound it around Jacob's hands and the part of his neck that showed. She wanted Isaac to think that he was touching Esau's hairy skin.

At last Rebekah brought out one of Esau's robes for Jacob to wear. She wanted even the smell of the clothes

to lead Isaac to think that this was his favorite, older son. Giving Jacob the stew and some bread, she told him to go to his father. Jacob was frightened, but he took it and went to the old man's room.

"Father?" said Jacob.

"Here I am," said Isaac. "Who are you, my son?" He could scarcely see, and Jacob probably spoke softly so his voice would not be recognized.

"I am Esau, your oldest son," lied Jacob. "I have done just as you asked me, Father. Try to sit up and eat some of the deer I have brought. Then give me your blessing."

Poor Isaac could not see, but he was not easily fooled. Questions came to his mind. He asked, "How did you find a deer so quickly?"

"God was with me, and I came upon him very soon," said Jacob.

Still Isaac was not satisfied. He asked Jacob to come near

### Genesis 27:37

And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his bretheren have I given to him for servants.

## Sis. Sherry's Column

### TRUSTING GOD IN THE STORMS OF LIFE!

**TRUST:** is defined as to have confidence, faith or hope in someone or something. Trust is an assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something. Trust is a feeling of security. Trust implies instinctive unquestioning belief in and reliance upon someone or something.

**STORMS:** are a violent disturbance of the atmosphere, an angrily move or force in a specific direction. A sudden attack and capture by force. To rush about or move impetuously, violently, or angrily. When people go thru a storm, it is an attack, a disturbance of the normal condition, manifesting itself by force or direction. A storm is any disturbed state of a body especially affecting its surface.

Sometimes storms can cause much damage and wreak havoc in the lives of many. While the news focuses on environmental storms, there are other storms just as devastating that people experience every day, such as sickness, financial hardship, broken relationships, etc. These storms of life threaten our peace, comfort, and joy and often bring about fear, doubt and hopelessness. In mark 4:34-41: the disciples found themselves caught in a ferocious storm while on a boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee and simultaneously in a spiritual storm of fear and doubt. They feared for their lives. Jesus was fast asleep in the stern of the boat while the storm was raging. They woke Him and said, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" They were no longer afraid of the storm, but very afraid of the super-

natural power of Jesus that led them to wonder who He was, that even the wind and sea obey Him. The disciples learned significant lessons that day that transformed their lives. We can learn much from their experience as we face the storms of our own lives.

God Ordains the Storms of Life. The idea that God permits bad things to happen to His children is a very hard pill for some of us to swallow. "It doesn't make sense for a loving God to allow His followers to suffer," some would say. This is a simple problem to solve. Jesus tells us in John 16:33 - These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. By this verse, it is meaning "WE CAN TRUST HIM IN THE STORMS!"

When storms hit, we often wonder, "Why is this happening?" In James 1 we see that God has a purpose for every trial that we experience. God uses trials to test the genuineness of our faith. The disciples' faith in Jesus was being tested in the storm. They questioned the very character of Jesus, implying that He did not care for them. We may feel the same way when we face a health crisis or a financial hardship that may cause us to lose our home or family etc. 1 Peter 5:7 reminds us to cast all of our cares and concerns on Jesus, because He cares for us.

God Is in Control of the Storms of Life: The disciples were filled with great fear when Jesus rebuked the wind and told the sea, "PEACE BE STILL" (Mark 4:39). Jesus

displayed amazing supernatural power over nature. We learn, along with the disciples, that Jesus can be trusted in the storm. This is because He is sovereign. God's sovereignty is described in Psalm 24:1-2 "The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." God is in perfect control of the universe. He is involved in everything in this world and is directing all things (people, nature, etc.) to fulfill His divine purposes. When facing the storms of life, understanding the sovereignty of our amazing God is essential. The disciples showed us both what to do and what not to do. They were right to go to Jesus in the storm. However, they fell short because they went to Him in fear and doubt. Jesus wanted them to have faith in Him in the midst of the terrible storm. In Philippians 4:5-6, we learn how to replace our fear and anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving. We are released from the grip of fear and anxiety when we thank Him for His sovereign power and purpose for the storms. We can trust His promise that His peace will guard our hearts and minds so that we will not be fearful or anxious during the storm. (Phil. 4:7)

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NEXT MONTH'S ARTICLE:  
GOD IS FOR YOU IN THE  
STORMS OF LIFE!

### Mark 4:36-41

36 And when they had set away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship, and there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, **Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?**

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

## The Identity of Jesus Christ *(Continued from page 1)*

seen the Father . . . The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works” (John 14:9-10). The divine nature of Jesus Christ is the Holy Spirit (Galatians 4:6; Philippians 1:19), which is the Spirit of the Father (Matthew 1:18-20; 10:20). “The Lord is that Spirit” (II Corinthians 3:17). Jesus is the One on the heavenly throne, as we see by comparing the description of Jesus in Revelation 1 with that of the One on the throne in Revelation 4 and my noting that “God and the Lamb” is one being in Revelation 22:3-4.

Jesus is also the Son of God. The term *Son* can mean the human nature of Christ alone (as in “the Son died”) or the union of deity and humanity (as in “the Son shall return to earth in glory”), but it is never used apart from God’s incarnation. It never refers to deity alone. The terms “God the Son” and “eternal Son” are non-biblical. The role of the Son began when Jesus was conceived miraculously in the womb of a virgin by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35; Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 1:5).

The Scriptures emphatically proclaim Christ’s genuine and complete humanity (Romans 1:3; Hebrews 2:14-17; 5:7-8). He had a human body, soul, spirit, mind, and will (Luke 22:42; 23:46; Acts 2:31; Philippians 2:5; Hebrews 10:5, 10). Jesus was a perfect human with everything genuine humanity includes. Christ’s true humanity does not mean He had a sinful nature. He was without sin, He did no sin, and sin was not

in Him (Hebrews 4:15; I Peter 2:22; I John 3:5). He came with the kind of innocent human nature that Adam and Eve had in the beginning.

Belief in Christ’s true humanity is essential to salvation (I John 4:3). If God did not truly come in the flesh, then there is no blood for remission of sin, no sacrifice of atonement. The very purpose of the Incarnation was to provide a holy man to mediate between holy God and sinful mankind.

It is necessary to distinguish clearly between the deity and the humanity of Christ. While Jesus was both God and man at the same time, sometimes He acted from the human viewpoint and sometimes from the divine viewpoint. As Father He sometimes spoke from His divine self-consciousness; as Son He sometimes spoke from His human self-consciousness. Only as a man could Jesus be born, grow, be tempted by the devil, hunger, thirst, become weary, sleep, pray, be beaten, die, not know all things, not have all power, be inferior to God, and be a servant. Only as God could He exist from eternity, be unchanging, cast out devils by His own authority, be the bread of life, give living water, give spiritual rest, calm the storm, answer prayer, heal the sick, raise His body from death, forgive sin, know all things, have all power, be identified as God, and be King of kings. In an ordinary person, these two contrasting lists would be mutually exclusive, yet the Scriptures attribute all of them to Jesus, re-

vealing His dual nature.

Although we must *distinguish* between Christ’s deity and humanity, it is impossible to *separate* the two in Christ (John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 38; 14:10-11; 16:32). The Father united with humanity to form one being—Jesus Christ, the Godhead incarnate. While on earth Jesus was fully God, not merely an anointed man. At the same time, He was fully man, not just an appearance of man. He possessed the unlimited power, authority, and character of God. He was God by nature, by right, by identity; He was not merely deified by an anointing or indwelling. Unlike a Spirit-filled believer, the humanity of Jesus was inextricably joined with all the fullness of God’s Spirit.

We can identify four major themes in the biblical description to the Incarnation: (1) the absolute and complete deity of Jesus Christ; (2) the perfect, sinless humanity of Jesus Christ; (3) the clear distinction between the humanity and the deity of Jesus Christ; and (4) the inseparable union of deity and humanity in Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the fullness of God dwelling in perfect humanity and manifesting Himself as a perfect human being. He is not the transmutation of God into flesh, the manifestation of a portion of God, the animation of a human body by God, or God temporarily dwelling in a separate human person. Jesus Christ is the incarnation—embodiment, human personification—of the one God.

Wonderful Counselor  
MIGHTY GOD  
Eternal Father  
PRINCE OF PEACE

Isaiah 9:6

Worrying is like a  
rocking chair.  
It gives you  
something to do, but  
it doesn’t get you  
anywhere.

**We can’t live today off yesterdays blessings.**

*Pastor Troy Taylor 10-6-2019*

## Seven Ages

*taken from the Pentecostal Bible Study Course*

### I. Human Innocence

This age began at the creation of man and extended until Adam and Eve yielded to the voice of the tempter and sinned (Genesis 3:6). During this time, they were sinless, not even having the knowledge of good and evil..

The age of innocence, like the others, ended in judgment. In this instance, God drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. This judgment included God cursing the ground with thorns and thistles and making people earn their bread by the sweat of their brows (Genesis 3:17-19). Death, which was unheard of before, now entered the world and passed on to all humanity.

### II. Conscience

This age extended from the fall of humanity until Noah's flood. God gave humans a conscience, which is an instinctive knowledge of good and evil. Without the written Word of God, people relied primarily on conscience to govern their behavior.

During this period, human wickedness became so great that God repented . . . that he had made man" and ended this age with the judgment of the great flood.

### III. Human Government

This age covered the time between the flood and the building of the Tower of Babel. Since it appears that God did not govern humanity directly through prophets or priests during this time, we can call this period the age of human government.

This age ended when God thwarted the building of the Tower of Babel, confused

mankind's languages, and scattered the people across the face of the earth (Genesis 11:7-8).

### IV. Promise

During this period, we read of God's promises, by which God led His people. We note especially God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (See Galatians 3:16.)

This age ended when the Egyptians enslaved the Israelites. Canaan was the land of promise, and trouble was inevitable when they left the land God had given them to settle in Egypt. Similarly, we Spirit-filled Christians dwell in the "land of promise," and if we are not continually led by the Spirit, we will be enslaved by Satan.

### V. Law

The law covered the time from God giving the law to Moses until the crucifixion of Christ. During this time, Israel was governed by the old covenant.

At the end of this period, judgment fell upon Christ, thus ending the old covenant, or the law. Christ, who knew no sin, became sin for us, taking upon Himself the penalty that belonged to those who had transgressed the law. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). (see Romans 5:6; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Peter 2:24.)

### VI. Grace

We are now living in the age of grace. It extends from the Day of Pentecost, when the new covenant church began and when the full message of grace was first

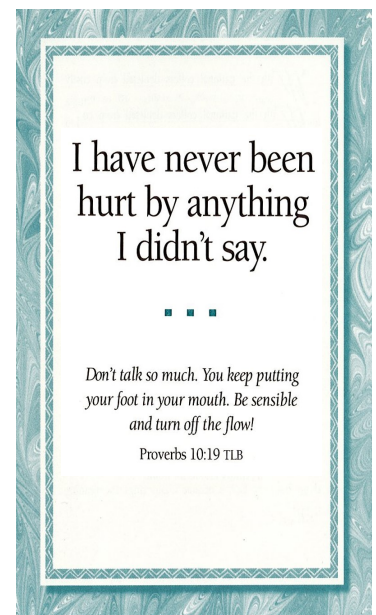
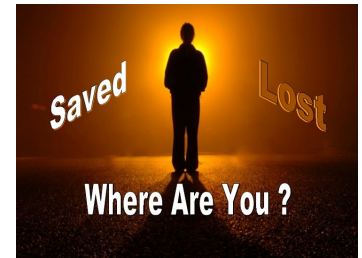
preached, until the second coming of our Lord. We are saved by grace and not by works. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). (See Romans 11:6+.)

Judgment will fall on the earth at the close of the church age, or age of grace, during the Tribulation. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21). (See Luke 21:25-28.)

### VII. The Kingdom

This the period of a thousand years called the Millennium that will follow the second coming of the Lord in the clouds (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). (See Revelation 20:5.) During the Millennium, Jesus will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. "The government shall be upon his shoulder" (Isaiah 9:6), and righteousness shall cover the earth as waters cover the sea. "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one" (Zechariah 14:9). (See 2 Timothy 2:12; Isaiah 65:18-25; Jeremiah 31:34.)

This age shall end with the Great White Throne judgment: "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained" (Acts 17:31). "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). (See Revelation 20:12.)



## The Fourth Book of Moses, Called Numbers

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Study Bible

**God is Closer than  
you think**

For now we see  
through a glass, dark-  
ly; but then face to  
face: now I know in  
part; but then shall I  
know even as also I  
am known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

*Faith*  
is seeing light  
with your heart  
when all your eyes  
see is darkness

The English title "Numbers" derives from the Septuagint name "Arithmoi," based on the two military censuses in chapters 1 and 26. The Hebrew title, *Bemidbar*, "In the Wilderness," describes the geographical setting of much of the book—from the wilderness of Sinai to the arid plains of Moab, across the Jordan river from Jericho.

Christian scholars have traditionally held that Moses was the author of the Pentateuch, which includes the book of Numbers. As with the other books in the Pentateuch, Numbers is anonymous, but Moses is a central character throughout. Moses kept a journal (Num. 33:2), and the phrase "The Lord spake unto Moses" is used 31 times. It is possible that a few portions were later added by scribes, such as the reference to Moses' humility (Num. 12:3) and the reference to the "book of the wars of the Lord" (Num. 21:14). Moses remains the primary writer.

Numbers continues the historical narrative begun in Exodus. It picks up one month after the close of Exodus (Exod. 40:2; Num. 1:1), which is about one year after the Israelites' departure from Egypt. Numbers covers the remaining 39 years of the Israelites' stay in the wilderness, from Sinai to Kadesh, and finally to the plains of the eastern side of the Jordan river.

The principal character in the book of Numbers is Jehovah, the God of Israel. He is sovereign over the affairs of all peoples from all nations. Even Balaam, a sorcerer opposed to the ways of God, is made into an instrument for accomplishing His purposes.

God accomplished His will even when His people rebelled, as in the refusal to enter the promised land in chapters 13-14; in the end He kept His promise to Abraham by achieving this goal in the next generation of Israelites.

God's presence is exemplified in the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of a cloud by day, by the ark of the covenant that represents the throne of His presence among humanity, and by the mobile sanctuary which demonstrates that the God of Israel cannot be confined to a territory, region, or city, much less to a sanctuary of any kind.

God is holy and pure, and He requires such behavior from those who claim Him as their God. This is a central theme of the Pentateuch and the book of Numbers.

The revelatory terminology of "the Lord spake unto Moses" provides the framework for the structure of the book. Moses is the primary human agent of revelation. Numbers presents God as One who is able to communicate His revelatory will even through a donkey or a reluctant pagan diviner.

God promised Abram that He would produce a great nation through him (Gen. 12:2) and give his descendants the land of the Canaanites and Amorites (Gen. 15:1, 8-21; 17:8). The two censuses show God's fulfillment of the first promise. The granting of territory to two and one-half tribes in Transjordan is the first step in fulfilling the second promise. God brought the second promise to fruition when He brought the second generation into Canaan (Num. 15:1-21; 27:1-23; 36:1-12).

The God of Israel is the

one true God, and therefore He is worthy of humanity's exclusive devotion. He cannot tolerate the worship of other deities, the elements, and forces of His creation. He cannot be fully known by human reason and lacks the limitations and flaws of human beings (Num. 23:19). All images of deity were forbidden by Israelite law along with unauthorized worship centers, cultic instruments, and certain worship styles. All such forms of idolatry were to be removed from the land, lest Israel lapse into such transgression and suffer punishment.

The dual themes of celebration and worship are delineated from the initial chapters of Numbers, which depict Israel in harmonious devotion to the Lord (Num. chaps. 1-7), to the promise of an abundance of crops in the land, which would be brought to the Lord in sacrifices and offerings when the people inherited their tribal territories (Num. 15:1-21; 28:1-29:40). Interspersed throughout the book are several songs, including the "Song of the Cloud" (Num. 9:17-23) and the "Battle Song of the Ark" (Num. 10:35-36). The parameters of faithful worship for the sojourning Israelites are also delineated through several negative circumstances, including their failure to keep the Passover (Num. 9:13), the breaking of the Sabbath (Num. 15:32-42), and the judgment against unfaithful priest or their supporters (Num. chaps. 16-17). Worship and celebration of the God of Israel are not limited to Israelites. Several passages state that there is one law for Israelites and foreigners. For-

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## Jacob and Rebekah Play a Trick *continued from page 2*

in order that he might fee him. As he felt the goats' hair that Jacob had on his neck and hands, he was further puzzled. Again he asked if this was really Esau. The he had Jacob come near so that he could smell of his clothes. As he smelled the outdoor odor that still clung to Esau's robes, he felt satisfied and prepared to give his blessing.

Solemnly he placed his hands on Jacob and said, "God give you the best in heaven and on earth and plenty to eat and drink. Let people serve you and nations honor you. Let your brothers bow down to you. Let him that curses you be cursed and blessed be he that blesses you."

So Jacob received the blessing.

No sooner had Jacob left Isaac, than Esau came in from the hunt. He hurried to make the deer stew his father was

so fond of and brought it to him.

"Who is it now?" Asked Isaac.

"Esau, your oldest son." This voice could not be mistaken. The smell of the woods and the freshly killed deer still came from Esau's skin and clothes.

Immediately Isaac realized that he had been fooled. Perhaps anger rose within him, but he knew that it was too late. He knew that God could bring good even out of lies. He could make things work for the best in his plans. He remembered that even before the twins were born, God had told Rebekah that the younger would rule.

Esau would not listen to such talk. He begged for the blessing, but Isaac could give it only once. He had already made Jacob a ruler over Esau.

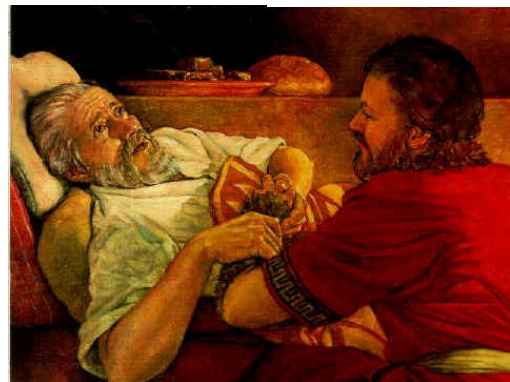
Even a great, strong man like Esau cried over his lost

birthright. He asked, "Have you no blessing for me, Father?"

Isaac gave Esau what blessing he could, but it was not the same one he gave Jacob. Esau was furious and left full of anger for the brother that had taken his birthright and blessing.

### Can you answer these questions?

1. What did Isaac ask Esau to do?
2. What did Rebekah and Jacob plan while Esau was gone?
3. Why did Isaac think that Jacob was really Esau?
4. How did he bless Jacob?
5. What did Esau do when he found out?



Isaac blessing Jacob

The heart of prayer is prayer from the heart.

## The Book of Numbers *continued from page 6*

eigners could celebrate the Passover if they wanted to identify with Israel in its devotion to Jehovah, the one true God, but they had to abide by His instructions and precepts (Num. 9:14).

Numbers shows us how God responded to the unbelief of the Israelites. There are consequences to our disobedience, but God's grace remains and His redemptive plan and desire for us will not be stopped. The book of Numbers underscores for us the importance of obedience in the life of a Christian, and Paul reminded us of the value of learning from the way God has worked in the past (Rom.

15:4; 1 Cor. 10:6, 11).

Numbers reflects the challenging message of faithfulness. The book consists of seven cycles, with the repetition of the following types of material: (1) a statement of the historical setting, (2) reference to the 12 tribes of Israel and their respective leaders, (3) matters related to the priest and Levites, and (4) laws for defining the nature of the faithful community.



The Book of Numbers opens at Mount Sinai and ends at Mount Nebo. Here is a view of the promised land as seen from Mount Nebo about 12 miles east of the mouth of the Jordan River. Nebo rises over 4,000 feet about the Dead Sea and gives an excellent view of the southwest, west, and as far north as Mount Hermon. Israel captured the area around Mount Nebo as they marched toward Canaan. They camped in the area of Mount Nebo opposite Jericho when the Balaam incident occurred (Num. 22-24).



**Luke 11:3**  
Give us day by day our  
daily bread

## Daily Scripture Reading

Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap
Nov 1	Lk	24	Nov 11	Jn	19-20	Nov 20	Acts	19-20		1 Cor	1-2
Nov 2	Jn	1-3	Nov 12	Jn	21	Nov 21	Acts	21-22	Nov 30	1 Cor	3-6
Nov 3	Jn	4-5		Acts	1-2	Nov 22	Acts	23-25	Dec 1	1 Cor	7-10
Nov 4	Jn	6	Nov 13	Acts	3-4	Nov 23	Acts	26-28	Dec 2	1 Cor	11-13
Nov 5	Jn	7	Nov 14	Acts	5-7	Nov 24	Rom	1-2	Dec 3	1 Cor	14-15
Nov 6	Jn	8-9	Nov 15	Acts	8-9	Nov 25	Rom	3-6	Dec 4	1 Cor	16
Nov 7	Jn	10-11	Nov 16	Acts	10-11	Nov 26	Rom	7-8		2 Cor	1-2
Nov 8	Jn	12-13	Nov 17	Acts	12-13	Nov 27	Rom	9-11	Dec 5	2 Cor	3-7
Nov 9	Jn	14-15	Nov 18	Acts	14-15	Nov 28	Rom	12-15	Dec 6	2 Cor	8-11
Nov 10	Jn	16-18	Nov 19	Acts	16-18	Nov 29	Rom	16	Dec 7	2 Cor	12-13

Note: Birthday and Anniversary dates are taken from the latest Victory Tabernacle Church Directory.

If any information in this article is wrong please notify Bro. Bob with corrections and/or additions.

THANK YOU

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries



11/01 - Michael Claussen  
11/10 - Teresa Martin  
11/18 - Lemarcus Henderson



11/14 - Marvin & Debbie Hambrick  
11/16 - Paul & Tonya Wiggins  
11/29 - Edwin & Teresa Martin

## October Messages

Wed 10/02 - Pastor Dale Taylor preached on "Is Your Promise Worth Fighting For." Scripture: Exo. 4:1-15.

Sun 10/06 - Pastor Troy Taylor reading from Heb. 13:8 preached on "Jesus Christ, The Same Yesterday, Today & Forever."

Wed 10/09 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "By Faith." Scripture: Heb. 10:38.

Sun 10/13 - No preaching. The Lord took over with Tongues and Interpretation

that lead to a Holy Ghost explosion.

Wed. 10/16 - Sis. Barb Osterkamp taught on the Book of Jonah.

Sun 10/20 - Reading from Psalm 27:4-5 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "God of the House."

Wed 10/23 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Unity" after reading Eccl. 4:9-12.

Sun 10/27 - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "So, Run."

His Scripture was 1 Corinthians 9:24.

Wed 10/30 - Bro. Justin Metcalf reading from Luke 10:38-42 preached on "We Do the Right Things for the Wrong Reasons."



# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Service</b> <b>10 AM</b>  <b>3</b>			<b>Evening Service 7 PM</b> <b>6</b>		<b>1</b> <b>Outreach 10 AM</b> <b>2</b>	
<b>Sunday Service</b> <b>10 AM</b> <b>10</b>	 <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Evening Service 7 PM</b> <b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Outreach 10 AM</b> <b>16</b>	
<b>Sunday Service</b> <b>10 AM</b> <b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Evening Service 7 PM</b> <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Outreach 10 AM</b> <b>23</b>	
<b>Sunday Service</b> <b>10 AM</b> <b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Evening Service 7 PM</b> <b>27</b>	 <b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Outreach 10 AM</b> <b>30</b>	
			<b>Evening Service 7 PM</b>			

## Chef's Corner

### Classic Southern Fried Shrimp

*Self-rising flour contains baking powder, which gives a more crisp and crunchy result than all-purpose flour.*

#### Ingredients

½ cup chopped celery  
 1 cup chopped purple onion  
 1 small Granny Smith apple, peeled and chopped  
 ¼ cup chopped pecans  
 1 cup red seedless grapes, cut in half or quartered  
 2–3 tablespoons mayonnaise, plus more for bread  
 2 tablespoons homemade or commercial fruit chutney (mango, peach, apple, or mixed)  
 Kosher salt and black pepper to taste  
 3–4 cups shredded or chopped cooked chicken  
 Freshly baked, oversized croissants, or soft white or wheat bread  
 Curly lettuce and tomato (optional)  
 Minced pecans (optional)

#### Directions

- 1) Combine celery, onion, apple, pecans, grapes, 2–3 tablespoons mayonnaise, chutney, salt and pepper, and mix well.
- 2) Add chicken, and toss well.
- 3) Split croissants, and apply a thin layer of mayonnaise on both sides. Add a generous amount of chicken salad, and dress each sandwich with lettuce, and juicy, sliced tomato, if desired.
- 4) May also be served over a bed of lettuce. Sprinkle with chopped tomato and a tiny sprinkle of additional minced pecans.



## On The Lighter Side



# Nehemiah 4:14–15

Every word or phrase listed in capitals below is contained within the group of letters. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward. The leftover letters express a goal of Proverbs.

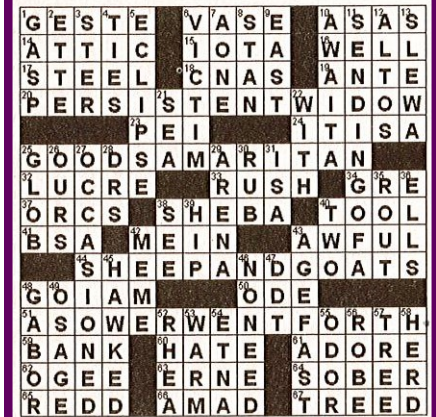
“And I LOOKED, and ROSE UP, and said unto the NOBLES, and to the RULERS, and to the rest of the PEOPLE, Be not ye afraid of them: REMEMBER the Lord, which is GREAT and TERRIBLE, and FIGHT for your BRETHREN, your SONS, and your DAUGHTERS, your WIVES, and your HOUSES.

“And it came to pass, when our ENEMIES heard that it was known UNTO US, and God had brought their COUNSEL to nought, that we returned all of us to the WALL, every one unto his WORK.”

— Nehemiah 4:14–15

## Answer to last month's Word Search Puzzle

*Some Parables of Jesus*



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**Treasurer/Secretary** ..... **Bro. Michael Claussen**  
**Sunday School Director** ..... **Bro. Michael Claussen**  
**Women's Leader** ..... **Sis. Charlotte Claussen**  
**Daughters of Zion Leader** ..... **Sis. Ella Mae Holloway**  
**Times of Victory Editor** ..... **Bro. Bob Merideth**  
**Children's Church Leader** ..... **Sis. Angela Sims**

### Services

**Sunday School** ..... **10 AM**  
**Sunday Morning Worship** ..... **11 AM**  
**Wednesday Service** ..... **7 PM**

## A Servant's Rewards

*taken from the In Touch Magazine*

### **Read: Hebrews 6:10**

In His grace, God freely gives salvation to those who believe in Jesus. We cannot earn this gift, nor do we deserve it. Our Father does notice our good works, though. And He promises to reward us according to what we have done for Him.

True service occurs when we allow the Lord to work through us for His glory and honor. True ministry occurs when divine resources meet human need through loving channels.

Revelation 22:12 encourages us, "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."

Whether large or small, all service done in Jesus' name will be blessed. We must be careful, though, that our actions are for Christ's glory. If motives are self-serving, the only benefit we receive is the praise (if any) that we hear from people in this life. And we know that men's approval is not satisfying or lasting.

While some rewards will be given in heaven, other blessings can be experienced now. For example, we know great joy when we allow God to bless others through us. And there is deep satisfaction in realizing that we are pleasing Christ. In addition, there's a profound sense of fulfillment when

we lead a person to Jesus and teach him how to walk by faith.

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Serving other is both a great benefit and a responsibility for Christians. We should prayerfully consider our motives to make sure that our goal is to glorify Christ. Only then will we receive God's full blessings - rewards given not only in eternity but on earth as well.

### **Hebrews 6:10**

**For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.**