

Family Information

Today's Sermon Title

Speak Like Jesus

Theme Passage

Matthew 13:34-35

Winter Sunday Morning Bible Class

January - The Lord Knows Those Who Are His:

A Study Of 2 Timothy.

February - God's Transcendence: Who Is God? (this will be a prelude to this Summer's study comparing John & other religions)

Save the Date

May 3-4, 2019 Ladies Retreat at Heartland Conference Center.

Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2019 are available on the table in the foyer. If you don't have envelopes and would like a set, please see Glenn Culler or Pam Estep.

Children's Classes

We are looking for help on Wednesday nights with the 4th, 5th and 6th grade class. Any amount of time is fine. Please see Tara Bell or Patricia Stevens.

We are also looking for help with the young children's classes on Sunday during worship. Could you teach/play with the kids for one month out of the year? Materials are provided. Please see Hilary Johnson.

Calendar

January

13 Single Sisters Lunch
30 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30am

February

1 TGIF 6:30pm
9 Euchre Tournament 5-9pm
10 Single Sisters Lunch
15-17 Winterfest
15 TGIF 6:30pm

For The Month of January
Invitation/ Responses: Jeff McVicker
Foyer Duty: Josh Evans
Greeters: Mike and Leisha Evans

Communion Servers

Frank Akyei	Patrick Boateng
Lynn Champney	Bill Chavis
Isaac Kyeremetang	Phil Stafa
Yaw Teiki	Randy Yates

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5706	\$5706
Designated:	\$120	\$120

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
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Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger

Elders: Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos

Treasures In Heaven

(With A Brief History Of The 'Rock' Of Gibraltar)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. - Matthew 6:19-20

There aren't enough treasures on earth to satisfy everyone's desires, yet there are more than enough treasures in heaven to satisfy the needs of every soul. There isn't enough money, enough fame, enough accomplishments, to meet all the demands and ambitions of the flesh; yet God has more than enough compassion and grace and mercy and peace and hope and understanding for all of us when we set our hearts on him - *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Matthew 6:21*

In 1068, an Arab governor realized the significance of Gibraltar's location overlooking the narrow strait that connects the Mediterranean with the Atlantic, and had a fortress built on the 'Rock'. Since then, the 'Rock' of Gibraltar has become a byword for security and safety. Over the years its fortifications have been constantly renovated and strengthened, over the centuries the latest technology has been continually implemented, and it has been considered an invincible fortress. Yet, just as Jesus cautions us about worldly wealth, Gibraltar's location and the fortifications themselves have made it a target. The supposedly invulnerable 'Rock' of Gibraltar has fallen no fewer than seven times, about half of the times when it has been besieged or directly assaulted. And in one siege from 1779-1783, three different times the 'Rock' couldn't defend itself any longer, but was saved only when more naval forces arrived just in time.

Since this is true about one of the world's most famed fortifications, how wisely - and how patiently - God reminds us to fix our eyes on eternal things, to set our hearts on things that bring light and hope to our spirits, to seek eternal blessings that the world can never destroy nor take away—*The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. - Matthew 6:22*

In the second world war, the Allies constantly feared an attack on Gibraltar, so they added even more fortifications and artillery and personnel, stationed even more ships there, evacuated the surrounding town, and even constructed an underground escape hatch in case the 'Rock' were taken. Though Gibraltar wasn't attacked, the Allies expended many valuable resources on it that could have been used elsewhere for protection and support where they were desperately needed. Likewise, when our eyes are on this world's things, we expend our time and energy on things that won't last, time and effort that can be put to much better use in knowing God better and in learning about the imperishable blessings he gives those who walk by faith in Jesus. There are treasures in heaven waiting for us whenever we seek God, treasures that bring light to guide us, treasures that reassure us that God is with us, treasures that show us God's unfailing love for us.

- Mark Garner



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Studying Scriptures With . . .

From time to time, we're talking with some of our brothers and sisters about the scriptures they've been reading. This week, we are talking with **Don Milnor**.

Q: Hello Don; what scriptures have you been reading?

Don: I'm reading through the whole Bible, and am in Revelation now. The letters to the 7 churches (in Revelation 2 & 3) reminded me that the early Christians were real people like us with real weaknesses and real problems. Some are even urged to repent, for example, *Remember therefore what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent (Revelation 3:3)*. But Jesus also says, *The one who overcomes . . . (Revelation 3:5)* and, *To the one who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me (Revelation 3:21)* because each one could still choose to overcome, as we can now, with God working through us. Despite our weaknesses and sin, *God has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light (Colossians 1:12)*.

Q: Very true. What does it mean to you when Jesus says that we can 'overcome'?

Don: Jesus overcame the world for us, so we can overcome only by faith in him, *Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 5:5)*. Also, God is aware of what we go through. He says to one church, *I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is (Revelation 2:13)*. Jesus walked this earth as a human being, not shielded from the difficulties of this life. He *has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace (Hebrews 4:15-16)*.

Q: More good thoughts. What do you intend to read after you finish Revelation?

Don: I'm going to read Philippians. It has an amazing amount to say about joy, despite being written by someone in prison; and it helps us to think about the right things. So I'll spend some extra time in Philippians.

Thank you, Don!
(Don Milnor with Mark G.)

Consider

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The lilies of the field whose bloom is brief: -
We are as they;
Like them we fade away,
As doth a leaf.

Consider

The sparrows of the air of small account:
Our God doth view
Whether they fall or mount, -
He guards us too.

Consider

The birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;
God gives them food: -
Much more our Father seeks
To do us good.

- Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

The Bread & The Cup Of The Lord

Over the next few weeks, some of Northland's members will be writing about what the Lord's Supper means to them, and about their thoughts as they take it. This week, Peggy Kaiser shares her thoughts.

The Lord's Supper

"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.

"Then they asked him, What must we do to do the works God requires?"

"Jesus answered, The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

- John 6:27-29

Rather than give the people a list of things they could do to please God, Jesus simply told them to believe in him. The Jewish scholars and ruling council had already given the people plenty of "Do's and Don'ts." Jesus came to bring us back into an intimate relationship with him, not to give us a handbook on successful living.

The Lord's Supper is my favorite part of our Sunday worship format. It is a time away from all of the worldly distractions. I believe human beings were created because God wanted a family. God did not need us but desperately wanted beings (created in his image) to commune with. The only way this closeness could be achieved is through the breaking of Jesus' body and the spilling of his blood. So we memorialize Jesus by eating his flesh and drinking his blood. This helps us make intimate contact with him. Our weekly communion nourishes our soul and spirit and provides a vivid reminder of the One that did ALL of the redeeming work on the cross on our behalf.

- Peggy Kaiser

