

Family Information

Sermon Series Title

A Thankful Life

Sermon Passage

Acts:16:16-34

Thoughts to Consider This Week:

- 1) Have you ever thought in order to be truly spiritual you would have to be near perfect?
- 2) When life gets really messy, what song lyrics come to your mind?
- 3) Consider how your perseverance in the faith may strengthen the faith of others.

November Challenge: Share with someone this week why you are thankful for the Lord.

Russia Ministry

As many of you know Northland has supported Vladislav Osinovskiy in Russia for many years. This was something our beloved brother Frank Chappell headed up for many years. Frank also put in place funds to continue this support after his passing. Although there are still some that regularly contribute to this mission, the funds to support Vlad have depleted. We have kept Vlad updated of our ability to support his work since 2017. November will be Northland's last month supporting Vlad. We will be sending the last support payment November 18th. If you would like to contribution to this ministry please mark your contribution envelope prior to November 18th.

If you would like to contact Vlad his e-mail has been added to the bulletin board in the back. If you would like to continue to support Vlad please see Jeffrey McVicker for instructions.

Leadership has had discussions on future missions to support. If you would like to be a part of this discussion please contact Caleb, Mike Paden or one of the elders.

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

Calendar

November

10	Single Sisters Lunch
15	Teen Game Night
24	Services At Willow Brook
27	Food Pantry Closed
28	Happy Thanksgiving

December

4	Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
8	Single Sisters Lunch
8	Teen Christmas Party
18	Food Pantry Closed
25	Food Pantry Closed
29	Area Wide Worship At Genessee

January 2020

1	Happy New Year
1	Food Pantry Closed

For The Month of November
Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins
Foyer Duty: John Lindsay
Greeters: Dan and Sandra Loy
Announcements: Glenn Culler

Communion Servers

Perry Coate	Jack Evans
Josh Evans	Michael Evans
Mike Evans	William Nixon
Frank Rynearson	Paul Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4799	\$5059
Designated:	\$100	\$163



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Following Jesus...

Following Jesus In Season & Out Of Season

(Learning From Snowshoe Hares & Desert Iguanas)

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season . . . with great patience and careful instruction. - 2 Timothy 4:1-2

This world's scenery and its appearances change every season, yet God and his Word are the same yesterday and today and forever. This world's preferences and whims change from day to day, yet the message of Jesus tells us of unchangeable, eternal things that will never fade or disappear. It can be difficult to walk by faith in this faithless world, and God understands that we must endure the loudness and emptiness of worldly ways - *To suit their own desires . . . They will turn their ears away from the truth (2 Timothy 4:3-4)*. So our Father in heaven reassures us that he will be with us just as he was with Paul, *The Lord stood at my side and gave me strength (2 Timothy 4:17)*.

As we follow Jesus in season and out of season, God has also given us many examples in his creatures that he cares for as they face the changing seasons and the difficulties they bring. Snowshoe hares live in northern regions where conditions change considerably from one season to the next. Summers are full of grasses and shrubs, so there is plenty to eat, and their brown fur enables these defenseless animals to hide in reeds or in rocky or muddy places from predators.

Then in winter, when everything is covered with snow and there is no place to hide, God enables them to change their fur color to white so they can hide in plain sight. Moreover, if they are seen, their large hind feet are indeed 'snowshoes' that allow them to nimbly hop away on top of the snow to escape from danger. They also have learned to find nourishment in winter from stems and twigs. The desert iguana faces different problems as it lives in the dry, scorching deserts of the southwest. Since water is scarce, it feasts on the creosote bush, which is known for its ability to soak up and retain water. The creosote bush has an unusual taste, so most animals won't eat its leaves and flowers; yet the desert iguana doesn't mind, because they are full of the water that sustains its life.

Just as God provides protection and food and water for these animals in and out of season, he protects us with his spiritual armor as we walk by faith, he nourishes us with his words, he has opened the fountain of the water of life, and his Spirit lives within us in every season. And our Heavenly Father has eternal blessings in store for us all, as the apostle writes - *There is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord . . . will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing (2 Timothy 4:8)*.

For God has in store for us the crown of life, the priceless gift of eternal life with him.
 - Mark Garner

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 **Leon Norwood**.*

Q: Hello, Leon! What scriptures have you been studying?

Leon: I've been reading 1 Peter, and it's helping me as I consider what I'm doing and where I'm going. God has made us new creations - *In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade (1 Peter 1:3-4)*. That's quite a promise, and there is no religion or human philosophy that can offer what God has promised to us; nothing comes close to God and his promises.

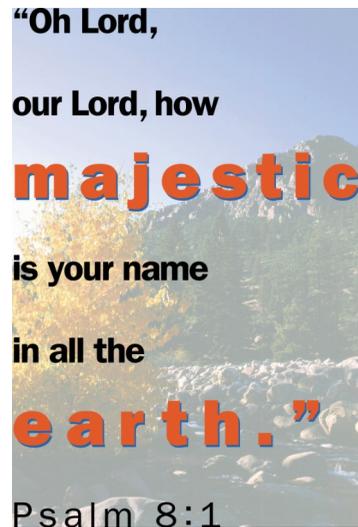
Q: Very encouraging thoughts. What other scriptures in 1 Peter have been especially helpful?

Leon: This scripture encourages me to continue seeking God and learning more about him - *With minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed. . . do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy (1 Peter 1:13-16)*. As the recipients of God's salvation we are called to serve him in truth and holiness, and to lay aside worldly ways and seek out God by reading his word. Then in chapter 2 it tells us that we are God's possession, his treasure, he has forgiven us, we are very dear to him.

Q: Very true, God has done so many things for us and he shows his care for us in so many ways.

Leon: God has also called us out of darkness and into his light - *You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9)*. God's word gives light, and it is the truth. By God's word we are nourished, made sound and pure. We have so many reasons to praise God and thank him.

Thank you, Leon!



**"Oh Lord,
our Lord, how
majestic
is your name
in all the
earth."
Psalm 8:1**

While My Redeemer's Near

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake. - Psalm 23:1-3*

While my Redeemer's near,
My shepherd and my guide,
I bid farewell to anxious fear,
My wants are all supplied.

Along the lovely scene,
Cool waters gently roll,
And kind refreshment smiles serene,
To cheer my fainting soul.

Here let my spirit rest;
How sweet a lot is mine!
With pleasure, food, and safety blest;
Beneficence divine!

Dear Shepherd, if I stray,
My wandering feet restore,
To Thy fair pastures guide my way,
And let me rove no more.

Unworthy, as I am,
Of Thy protecting care,
Jesus, I plead Thy gracious name,
For all my hopes are there.

- Anne Steele (1716-1778)