

Family Information

Sermon Series Title
Breaking Relational Barriers
The Story of Joseph
Sermon Passage
Genesis 37-46

Thoughts to consider:

- 1) Have you ever reconciled with family members over serious issues?
- 2) What's it like to encounter racial barriers?
- 3) Has your social status ever presented a barrier with those around you?

March Challenge: Visit one place within 2 miles of the Northland church of Christ building.

Northland Work Day

March 28th is Northlands work day. Please plan on coming and help with repairs/improvements to our building and grounds. See Mike Evans if you can help.

Child Care Easter Egg Hunt

Our childcare's annual Easter Egg hunt will be April 10. We ask our members to support our ministry by donating plastic Easter eggs and individually wrapped candy for our young children. Or if you prefer, a money donation to purchase them. Please bring candy and plastic eggs in by Sunday, March 29 or give money to Pam or Lynn.

Calendar

March
28 Northland Work Day, 9:00 am
April
1 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30am
12 Easter Sunday

For The Month of March
Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans
Foyer Duty: Lynn Champney
Greeters: Mike and Leisha Evans
Announcements: Glenn Culler

Communion Servers
James Allison Perry Coate
Glenn Culler David Estep
Tom Johnson John Lindsay
Art Silva Isaiah Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3925	\$5139
Designated:	\$100	\$144

Services

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service 10:30 am
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, Luis Valdez

God Causes The Sun To Rise...

God Causes The Sun To Rise On The Faithful & The Unfaithful
(With Some Advice From Satchel Paige)

You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:43-45

Jesus understands what we have to endure in this world, for he himself endured countless insults and many kinds of persecution. Jesus understands how hard it can be for us to be kind and caring to those who mistreat us and those we care for, so he reminds us that our Father in heaven loves everyone, everywhere, whether they are faithful or unfaithful.

Over the centuries, the world's philosophers and authorities and experts have tried to overcome its divisions and hostility and rivalry, yet only Jesus could have overcome them. The Lamb of God has overcome these things on the cross, and only God and the message of Jesus and the help of the Spirit can teach us how to walk in the grace and compassion of Jesus - *If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. - Matthew 5:46-48*

Hall of Fame baseball pitcher Satchel Paige had a long and remarkable career; he received many honors, yet he endured many injustices; sometimes he pitched before large crowds, while other times he played in small, remote towns. Paige maintained the same perspective through it all, he endured the bad and the disappointments for the sake of the blessings life gave him, as he often said, "Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt."

Moreover, we also never know what the future may hold, *You do not even know what will happen tomorrow (James 4:14)*. So God calls us to face each day by faith in him, ready to let him guide us each step, whatever may lie ahead of us. As Satchel once said of his baseball career, "You win a few, you lose a few. Some get rained out. But you have to dress for all of them."

Each day may hold joys or sorrows, some days hold a mixture of both, while some days may seem to have been 'rained out'. Yet God calls us to live each day knowing that he is with us and he knows what we really need. And God shows his kindness and his care to everyone, patiently hoping that each of us will acknowledge him and turn to him - *He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. - Matthew 5:45*

How understanding and gracious God is, to give everyone sunlight and water and food and clothes and homes. We have them only by God's care and compassion for us all, whether we realize it or not, and God meets our deepest needs when we put our trust in him.
- 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. Today, we are talking with **Lynn Paden**.

Q: Hello Lynn, what scriptures have you been reading?

Lynn P.: I've been reading 1 and 2 Corinthians, and I've been thinking about 2 Corinthians 4, where it talks about the treasure of the Spirit we have in us, in 'jars of clay'. It also encourages me not to lose heart, since God renews us inwardly, *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16)*. I've also been thinking about what God promises us after this life; 1 and 2 Corinthians have comforted me and have reminded me that God's promises are secure.

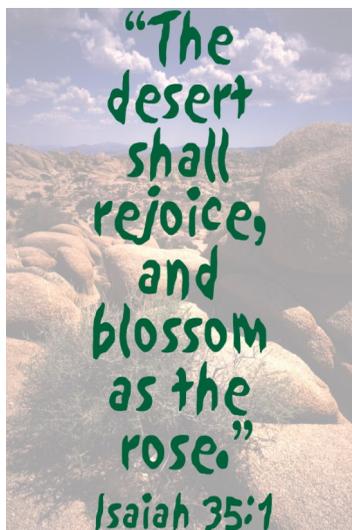
Q: Very true. You also mentioned the 'treasure' within us; how has this helped you?

Lynn P.: Having God helping us and having his Spirit within us renews us and helps us overcome losses, *We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us (2 Corinthians 4:7)*. Without God, we would be destitute, yet with God, we can have peace, and we can know that he is with us. As this scripture says, *You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts (2 Corinthians 3:3)*, Jesus writes a letter to us on our hearts.

Q: Very good thoughts. How has this 'letter' from Jesus encouraged you?

Lynn P.: This 'letter' tells me that Jesus is real and his Spirit is real, it promises us that he will help us with our struggles, and it tells me about Jesus' love, *For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all (2 Corinthians 5:14)*. Jesus' love moves me to praise him, to talk about him, and to hold tightly to Jesus and stay close with him.

Thank you, Lynn! *(Lynn Paden with Mark G.)*



The Graciousness Of Uncertainty

It doth not yet appear what we shall be. - 1 John 3:2

Naturally, we are inclined to be so mathematical and calculating that we look upon uncertainty as a bad thing. We imagine that we have to reach some end, but that is not the nature of spiritual life. The nature of spiritual life is that we are certain in our uncertainty, consequently we do not make our nests anywhere . . .

Certainty is the mark of the common-sense life: gracious uncertainty is the mark of the spiritual life. To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, we do not know what a day may bring forth. This is generally said with a sigh of sadness, it should be rather an expression of breathless expectation. We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. Immediately we abandon to God, and do the duty that lies nearest, He packs our life with surprises all the time . . . when we are rightly related to God, life is full of spontaneous, joyful uncertainty and expectancy.

"Believe also in Me," said Jesus, not – "Believe certain things about Me." Leave the whole thing to Him, it is gloriously uncertain how He will come in, but He will come. Remain loyal to Him.

*- Oswald Chambers (1874-1917),
excerpts from "My Utmost For His Highest"*

Day By Day

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find, to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Help me then, in every tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

- Lina Sandell (1832-1903)