

Family Information

Sermon Series Title

The Mind Blowing Truth of Jesus

Sermon Passage

Luke 24:36-49

Thoughts to consider

- 1) Why is the bodily resurrection of Jesus important?
- 2) How can the presence of Jesus prompt fear or worry?
- 3) Have you ever felt God "open your mind"?

February Challenge: Communicate with 1 person this week that you didn't connect with last month.

Northland Staff

The elders at this time would like to recognize the contribution of the Northland staff. To recognize not only our Church staff but also our Child Care staff. God has blessed us with wonderful dedicated individuals. We encourage all our members to personally thank them. At this time the elders would also like to recognize their contribution by a salary increase. These increases will take effect in February.

The elders would like to ask the congregation if you haven't recently, to consider increasing your contribution so the work here at Northland can continue to grow.

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.

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

Calendar

March

4	Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30am
6	Teen Game Night 6:30 pm - 1:00 am
8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
8	Single Sisters Lunch
28	Northland Work Day, 9:00 am

Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2019 are available in the church office. See Pam Estep or Glenn Culler to pick up your statement.

For The Month of February

Invitation/ Responses: Jim Evans

Foyer Duty: Joshua Evans

Greeters: Jeff and Robbie McVicker

Announcements: Mike Evans

Communion Servers

Jack Evans	Josh Evans
Michael Evans	Mike Evans
John Lindsay	Frank Rynearson
Paul Silva	Yaw Tiekou

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5786	\$4977
Designated:	\$45	\$143



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All Of Our Times Are In God's Hands

(With Some "Prayers From The Ark")

*I trust in you, Lord; I say, You are my God. My times are in your hands.
- Psalm 31:14-15*

Whether we are joyful or discouraged, whether we are contented or fearful, whether we are at peace or are facing trials, all of our times are in God's hands. Whether we are in peaceful times or troubled times or confusing times, we will always have many things to pray about and we will always have all kinds of things to thank God and praise him for - *Pray in the Spirit on all occasions and with all kinds of prayers and requests.* - Ephesians 6:18

In the 1940's, Carmen Bernos de Gasztold wrote a short book called "Prayers From The Ark". As she envisioned what the numerous creatures on the ark might have prayed for, their prayers remind us how God is mindful of each of their needs. Moreover, the prayers of these animals also parallel the many fears of human nature, as well as the many things God gives us.

From the prayer of the tortoises, who ask God to pardon their slowness and pray for their shells and hearts to be open always to God, to the prayer of a fearful mouse, who simply prays for protection, and the prayers of all of the other animals, we can also see the many ways that people respond to circumstances, the many things we think about, and the many limitations we face.

*Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.
Let me not be put to shame, Lord, for I have cried out to you.* - Psalm 31:16-17

God shines his face on us when we call on him in truth, and his compassion endures forever. In de Gasztold's book, a little bird prays, "Dear God, I don't know how to pray very well by myself, but will you please protect my little nest from wind and rain? . . . and set my heart brimming with such music that I may sing, sing, sing." Likewise, God simply asks us to seek him with our hearts and hold fast to him. And God pours out spiritual blessings to those who walk humbly by faith -

How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you. - Psalm 31:19

In Carmen's book, a butterfly is so awed by realizing all of the good things God has done, and can't even decide where to begin praising him, and thus prays, "Lord, where was I? Oh yes. This flower, this sun, thank You! Your world is beautiful! This scent of roses . . . where was I? . . . Oh yes, Lord, I had something to tell you . . ."

Our Heavenly Father calls us to walk closely with him, and he asks us to share with him our joys and our troubles and our hopes and our fears and our questions and our needs, and he will guide us and reassure us and nourish our spirits each step.

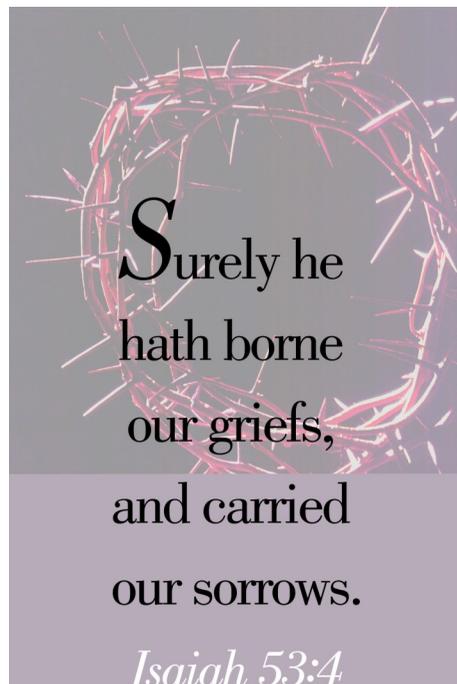
- Mark Garner

God Is Present

Our God alone, is present there,
When fierce the tempest roars,
No balm can soothe the aching heart,
No one can sympathy impart,
As He, who in those days of yore,
A crown of thorns did wear.

In Him alone, our souls find rest,
When pressed by sorrows sore;
No one can mend the broken string,
And bid the oldtime notes to ring,
In sweeter accents than before,
As can our Saviour, blest.

- Priscilla Jane Thompson (1871-1942)



From The Northland Archives

This article appeared in the Northland Church of Christ bulletin on September 11, 1994. It was written by Bob Henry, who was a member of the Northland congregation for several years in the 1990s. Bob used to help the deacons with various things, and from time-to-time he wrote articles for the bulletin.

God Cares For Us

Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

We find that the psalmists commit sins, of course, but they ask God to forgive them and they continue to serve him. God has freed the psalmists from slavery to Satan, and he keeps them safe from Satan's continued attacks. We too can be confident that God listens and answers when we call on him in prayer. Sometimes we think God will not hear us because we have fallen short of his high standards for holy living.

But God has forgiven us, and he will listen to us. We must remember that as believers we have been set apart by God and that he loves us. When facing problems, trials, suffering, and death, we may feel like giving up in despair. God is all the hope we need, because he promises to be a shield to protect us. *"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that it cannot hear." (Isaiah 59: 1)*

When we focus our thoughts on God, he restores our confidence in him and in the future he has planned for us. If life seems against you, don't blame God - seek him. In this life we may face many injustices as the psalmists did: we may be falsely accused and misunderstood by both friends and enemies; we may not truly be appreciated by others for the love we show; the true value of our work and service may not be duly rewarded; our ideas may be ignored.

But God is to be praised, for he sees and remembers all the good we do, and it is up to him to decide the timing and the appropriateness of our rewards. If we do not trust him to clear us from criticism and to justify us before others, then we are susceptible to hatred and self-pity. If we do trust him, we can experience God's peace and be free from the worry of how others perceive us and treat us. God will never abandon those who trust in him.

- Bob Henry,
September 1994