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Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Class

10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday: 7 PM Bible Class

Welcome to our Visitors. You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor's card and let us know if you have any questions about our congregation.

Serving Today

Song Leader: Jimmy Wilson

Opening Prayer: Ken Lathrop

Scripture Reading: Austin Bruce

Communion:

- Lead: Roger Weaver
- Assisting: Jake Weaver
- Side: Dennis Furin
- Side: Kenny Wilkerson

Sermon: David West

Closing Prayer: Jerry Sirmans

Usher: Ken Lathrop

Today's Service

- 391
- 390
- Opening Prayer
- **Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:1, 13-15**
- 178 (Communion)
- 245
- **Sermon: You Can Experience True Freedom**
- 269 (Invitation)
- Closing Prayer

Announcements

- **July Service Roster.** The July Service Roster is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Copies are available on the table in the foyer. Provide any changes to Jimmy Wilson.
- We have several members who are, or will be traveling. Please keep them in your prayers.

Continuing Prayer List

- Genny Naugle Susan Dinsmore
- Toby Scavotto David Marion
- Corrine Jacobsen Deb Taylor
- Gwen Means Tillie Johnson

- Ann Clark Tom Forrester
- Wyona Howard Erma Barr
- Craig Cannaday Jackie Cannaday
- Maggie McDonald and Maggie's Mother
- Buddy Williams Brenda Summers

Prayer Requests

- **Billy McCoy**, Iwana Smith's Brother. Heart issues.
- **Kathy Eldridge** - Back in hospital. Complications from her heart surgery.
- **Jenneta May** - Member at Gary and Pat Miller's congregation in KY. Tumor on liver.
- **Debra Urbin** - Doris Booth's Daughter. Being treated for back pain
- **Jerry Gialdella** - Tom Lester's Cousin
- **Elva Shade** - Recovering from surgery.
- **Yvonne Parker** - Recovering from surgery.
- **Tom Lester** - Ongoing health issues.
- **Suzy Wilkerson** - Ongoing back pain.
- **Iwana Smith** - Ongoing health issues.
- **Joe Weathers** - Friend of the Lester's.

Event Calendar

July 11th - Ladies' Bible Class, 7PM

July 31st - Potluck Luncheon after services

August 8th - Ladies' Bible Class, 7PM

Upcoming Birthdays

July 7th - Ruth Tater

July 11th - Michael Parker Jr.

July 13th - Ruthie Sirmans

July 16th - Ed Yoches

July 18th - Jerry Sirmans

July 20th - Maggie McDonald

July 25th - Peggy Stubblefield



FREEDOM FROM THE FEAR OF SUFFERING

“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

BECAUSE OF CHRIST’S TRIUMPHANT RESURRECTION, IT IS POSSIBLE FOR US TO EMBRACE OUR OWN SUFFERING WITH ACCEPTANCE AND COURAGE. To those who have made the choice to be faithful to Him, Christ is able to say, “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer.” This freedom is truly a great gift.

Similar admonitions to courage, often put in the form of a command, are found on many pages of Scripture. For example, God said to Israel, “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10). And the exhortation to courage is always grounded in the sovereign greatness of God. He is greater than any earthly thing that may threaten to overthrow us. “In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” (Psalm 56:11).

There is, however, a tendency for us to react with shame when we read in the Scriptures what our attitude toward suffering should be. We know that we have on many occasions been afraid to suffer, and we feel ashamed and frustrated that our confidence in God is not any stronger than it is. What can help us? One suggestion is to think in terms of “releasing” our fears. Rather than seeing courage as a burden we must pick up and carry, we can think of fear as a burden that we’re free to lay down. We don’t have to be held back by fear. We can let go of the weight of anxiety that we’ve dragged around with us for all these years.

Christ having conquered the cause of our suffering, we can be strengthened, rather than broken, by whatever we suffer. He did not die to prevent us from being hurt, but to free us from fear, tasting death that He might “release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage” (Hebrews 2:15). So we need not hesitate to drink any cup that life sets

before us. We have better things to do than to be constantly running away from pain.

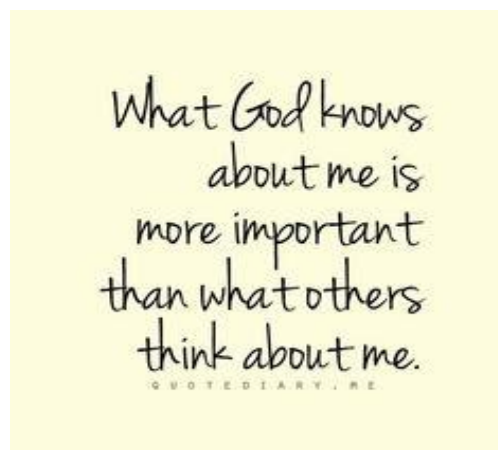
“The truth that many people never understand, until it is too late, is that the more you try to avoid suffering the more you suffer because smaller and more insignificant things begin to torture you in proportion to your fear of being hurt” (Thomas Merton).

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

Today’s Bible Question

Jesus told the Jews that they would be his disciples indeed if they did what?

- A. Followed the Law of Moses
- B. Continued in his word
- C. Believed that he was the Christ
- D. Acknowledged him as the Messiah



Answer to Today’s Bible Question

Answer: B
John 8:31