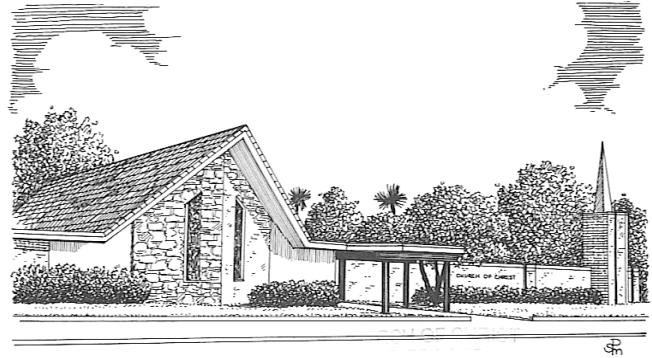


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### **POWERFUL WORDS: Some folks misunderstand Jesus' words**

He stood before the judge and said he had come because a policeman had told him to come on this date in response to an accident. The judge asked for his license and registration. The man handed them over. The judge looked at the man, squinted at the license, looked a couple more times, then said to the man, "This isn't you and the registration doesn't fit the info I have. Where is YOUR license and registration?" The man said, "Well, at the accident site, the policeman there told us to exchange license and registration, so ..."

It is easy to misunderstand certain things we hear. Some things we hear should be taken literally; others not. The carpenter held a big spike nail up against the wood and said to his apprentice, "Now when I nod my head, you hit it." The funeral will be Tuesday. Some things are not to be taken literally.

Peter asked Jesus, "How many times do I have to forgive a man for offending me? Up to seven times?" And Jesus replied, "I say not seven times, but 70 times seven times!" Peter was thinking letter of the law. If I have to forgive this dude seven times, then I have four more to go!

The Pharisees thought that way. If the old law of Moses had commanded the Hebrew people to forgive an offender 490 times (70 times seven), you can be certain there would have been some who would have kept a tally! But Jesus wasn't thinking numbers. He was talking about forgiving from the heart without thinking about have-to's.

John 11:21-27 gives an account of Lazarus dying. The man's sister, Martha, cried to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that whatever you ask of God, He will give you." She knew that Jesus could raise her brother back to life. Jesus replied, "Your brother will rise again." Martha: "I know that he will rise in the final resurrection when all the dead will rise at the judgment." Again, Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he died, yet will he live." Martha replies, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God." Soon (verses 38-40), Jesus walked out to the tomb and asked someone to roll away the stone that entombed the dead man, but Martha objected, "Lord, by now his body stinks, because he has been dead for four days!" But Jesus replied, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" He then called out to the dead man to come out. Lazarus walked out, alive! Martha believed, but not very much!

Several times in Jesus' ministry, He said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up!" (John 2:18, 19). Later this was used against him at one of the illegal trials the Jewish leaders held to condemn Jesus (Matthew 26:61). In Matthew 27:40, we read that mockers shouted at Jesus on the cross, "You who would tear down the temple and rebuild it in three days, come down from the cross and prove your words!" Jesus meant that they could kill the temple of his body and He would rise three days later. They didn't get it.

Peter did not understand forgiveness. Martha did not grasp the promise of Jesus concerning an immediate resurrection. Jesus' enemies missed the point about the temple of his body. We have the advantage of 20-20 hindsight to understand what Jesus taught.

Are you in the Word every day?

-by Tom Hayne, Monticello Herald Journal , June 6, 2020

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,**  
**To give glory to God**  
**To be unified in reaching others**  
**To be living witnesses for Christ**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*

**“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)**

**Pray for our Church family:**

Thankfully, Mae Britton did not suffer a stroke. Tests have shown that she had extreme low sodium levels which caused her recent illness. Keep Mae in your prayers as she recovers. Those who mourn: Leo and Wanda Goodenough, Betty Johnson, Lucy McDonald and Jerry Munn. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Ray & Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry & Camelia Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, Lorenzo Serrano, and Joyce Winings.

**Pray for family & friends:**

Pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Stuart’s cousin Joanna, Kathy’s husband Kevin and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friend Marie, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

**First responders:** Please remember to pray for those who are serving their communities during this difficult time. Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

**Military:**

Jeff & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Jodi Keeth’s brother-in-law Tony Cairo, Glenn Fields and T. Burgess.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Father, thank You for the miracle of relationship with You. Help us not to rely on our own efforts, strength or possessions but instead sense Your loving care for us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: Mart DeHaan; 7/23/15

Read: Isaiah 46:1-10

**News:**

**Colorado Bound:** "I will be leaving the end of the month. My new address is: [2840 Arnold Ave Monument, Colorado 80132](#). I will be back for a visit, I'm sure, but not in the summer time!!! When I come back I will hopefully be here on a weekend and will come to services if I can. Take care and stay safe. Thank you, God Bless, Gail Smith

**“May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other.” (Genesis 31:49)**

**Scripture readings:  
Haggai 1:2-4 and 13-15**

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come for the Lord’s house to be built.’” Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: “I am with you,” declares the Lord. So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of King Darius.

**Sermon topic:**

**“The Challenge to Rebuild”**



**Birthdays:**

Sue Collins:	9/1
Dail Paramore:	9/13
Jerry Munn:	9/17
Edwina Scott:	9/27

**Anniversaries:**

L & W Goodenough:	9/11
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I know Love abounds among us but unfortunately we will not have worship at the building during this challenging time.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:

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(Checks or money orders - do not send cash)

God bless us all during this time and bless our families too.

*We have individually wrapped **communion supplies** available. If you would like to pick some up, please contact Kathy and they will be bagged and ready for you when you arrive (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).*

Community Food Bank continues to need support. They are averaging 200 people per week during this time. Thank you for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

**Sermons on YouTube:** For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

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