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COMMENTARY CORNER: DEVOTIONS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK: A STUDY

SERIES #5 "PRAYER IN A SOLITARY PLACE" And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place and there prayed" (Mark 1:34-35).

Jesus became well known early in his ministry. His preaching, teaching, and healing resulted in fame throughout Galilee (Mark 1:28). And by fame, the text simply wants us to know that people were hearing of him. It is not necessarily what we mean when we speak of someone obtaining fame, or becoming famous today. People heard of him everywhere.

Recounting events in the life of Jesus to this point, Jesus was baptized by John in Jordan (Mark 1:9). He was then not seen for over forty days, though we know he was in the wilderness (Mark 1:12). After John the Baptist was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God (Mark 1:14), informing that the kingdom of God was at hand (Mark 1:15). Those who heard were to repent and believe the gospel (Mark 1:15).

Preaching the gospel and calling for repentance would certainly cause the word to get around that there was a new preacher and teacher on the scene. When Jesus entered into the synagogue in Capernaum, it became evident that this preacher was different from others, even the scribes (Mark 1:22). Jesus distinguished himself by teaching with authority (Mark 1:22).

His preaching was known. His teaching distinguished him. Add to this, his casting out of demons (Mark 1:25). When the people witnessed Jesus casting out demons, the text says that the people were amazed (Mark 1:27). If ever there were an argument made for giving God one's best, the life of Jesus made that argument. The kingdom today, even, is benefited by those who would give God their best. Whatever we do for the Lord should be evidence a person giving God the greatest effort, devotion, and dedication.

The ministry of the Lord caused amazement and word of him spread throughout Galilee. What often follows such recognition is people flocking to the object of attention. And eventually, Jesus was not simply dealing with synagogue attendees, but with multitudes.

Beyond the preaching, teaching, and exorcising was the healing. The gospel writer, Mark, informs us that after leaving the synagogue Jesus entered into Peter's mother in law's house. She lay sick of a fever and was healed by Jesus (Mark 1:30-31).

After the healing, we then read that as the day drew to eventide, when the sun set, people began bringing people who were diseased, and those who were possessed with demons (Mark 1:32). The reader should take a moment to reflect on the revelation that people were being brought to Jesus. We should hope that it would forever be the practice of believers to bring others to Jesus.

What probably motivates a desire to bring others to Jesus is the belief that Jesus can do something for our family and friends. We should all work to encourage each other to see what Jesus can do for others. Humanity needs Jesus today as much as they have ever needed him.

Jesus did for others what they could not do for themselves. And as the day drew to a close, if Jesus were the kind of person who gloried in his achievements and accomplishments, gloried in the reputation he achieved, gloried in the crowds gathered where he was, he certainly did enough on that day to achieve glory. But we read an interesting episode following this day of great accomplishment.

The text reads, "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place,

and there prayed" (Mark 1:35). There are great teachings in this verse.

Previously, we read what Jesus was doing at even, at sunset (Mark 1:23). Now we read what transpired in the morning, before day (Mark 1:35). In the evening we understand that great crowds stood at the door of the house where he was (Mark 1:33). Before daybreak we read that Jesus is in a solitary place (Mark 1:35). Earlier Jesus is speaking with and ministering to men and women. He is now speaking to God to minister to himself. Earlier the people could see him and build into his reputation. Now men have to find him, not knowing all he was doing (Mark 1:37). Earlier he was healing and exorcising (Mark 1:32). Now he was praying (Mark 1:35).

Reviewing all that we read in the life of Jesus to this point, let us accept for our lives that there is perhaps a profound benefit for the child of God who learns to have times when there is prayer in a solitary place. Come to appreciate the possibilities to bring clarity, peace, and strength by way of prayer in a solitary place. Do all one can do to minister to others, to care for others, to be involved in the lives of others. But do not neglect times when God allows escape for prayer in a solitary place.

There was a difference in this activity in the life of Jesus from everything else he was engaged in. He has been preaching in the presence of others. He has been teaching in the presence of others. He has been exorcising demons in the presence of others. He has been healing in the presence of others. But Mark now wants others to know that early in the ministry of Jesus he rose before daylight to have prayer in a solitary place.

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2020 THEME: "To Him Be Glory In The Church, By Christ Jesus..." (Ephesians 3:21)

CHURCH LEADERS

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MARCELLA KENDALL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Our Sunday services on September 13, 2020 will be at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with 9 a.m. Bible class.

ZOOM MEETING

Our mid-week evening Bible study meets at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Please visit us on Facebook at Carver Road Church of Christ to find link to join in our bible study each Wednesday evenings. Bible lesson materials are made available through the church's website listed below. We look forward to seeing and meeting with you.

www.carverroadchurchofchrist.org.



Reading Safari

Who's Reading



Keep Reading! For any additional information please contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336) 575-2972.

Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



In Deepest Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to brother Sean Penn and brother and sister Rodney Evans (Cheryl) in the passing of their brother. May God continue to be with them during this time.

*All Visitors!
You Are Our
Honored Guests!*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Timothy Pilson; 7th James Samuel, Mellany Scott; 8th Kim Littlejohn; 10th Tabatha Burgess; 12th Constance Rumph, D'Asia Williams; 13th Lillie Holmes, Edwena Kirby; 15th D'Onna Williams; 17th Claudette Eldridge; 20th William Holmes; 22nd Hazel Gordon, Treva Loyd; 23rd Wendy Thomas; 25th Tara Floyd, Thomasina Williams; 28th Angela Horton, Dollean Johnson, Michael Terry; 29th Mikey Mash; 30th Leah Adkins

**Growing
In Faith**



(53 years) Leroy & Lillie Nelson—2nd
(46 years) Ronald & Rosalyn Evans—28th
(18 years) Michael & D'Tondja Foster—28th



Our Shut-ins

Nelson, sis. Martha Reynolds, sis. Mattie Richardson,
sis. Carol Weathers

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

sis. Gloria Brown, sis. Beverly Crim,
bro. Frank W. Dulin, bro. Alvin Eaton,
sis. Paula Evan, sis. Magdalene Flem-
ing, bro. Barry Harper, sis. Dorris
Jones, bro. Amos Lewis, bro. Leroy

RESPONSIVE READING

Revelation 1:8-13

READER: I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning
and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which
was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

CHURCH: I John, who also am your brother, and
companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and
patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called
Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of
Jesus Christ.

READER: I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and
heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

CHURCH: Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first
and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and
send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto
Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and
unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia,
and unto Laodicea.

READER: And I turned to see the voice that spake
with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden
candlesticks;

UNISON: And in the midst of the seven candlesticks
one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment
down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden
girdle.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, help us to appreciate the meaning of
being companions in tribulation, and in the kingdom
and patience of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus, we
pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

bro. Roy Oliphant, sis. Geraldine Jackson, sis. Twana Roebuck
sis. Delores Reaves, bro. Ollie Carpenter
bro. James Cherry, bro. Javar Jones, bro. Cecil Oliver
sis. Wanda Jones, bro. Richard Jones, bro. Juan Williams



SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR SEPTEMBER

BROTHER WALTER WEATHERS JR.
(336) 785-2520

ORDER OF WORSHIP



8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
SERMON

Adolphus Coplin
Dr. Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION
SONG DIRECTOR
SCRIPTURE
RESPONSIVE READING
PRAYER
SERMON
OFFERING
LORD'S SUPPER
CLOSING PRAYER
GUESTS PRESENTATION

Artis Rueker
Roy Oliphant
Adolphus Coplin
Isiah Black
Javar Jones
Joseph Wilson
Dr. Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.
Reginald Nichols
George McNair
Walter Weathers Jr.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 10:33)

The Jews answered him saying, For a good work we
stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that
thou, being a man, makest thyself God.



USHERS

Andrew Jackson	Bernard Wallace
Javar Jones	Todd Woods
Sean Penn	Curtis Conner
James Cherry	Tahjmel Brim

EVENING USHERS

Braxton King Kobe Williams
Tahjmel Brim A. J. Crim

COMMENTARY CORNER

Prayer in a solitary place is opportunity to bring my life in Jesus before God and God alone. We do appreciate the opportunity to allow others to see our lights shine, to witness our confession of faith, to observe our perseverance through trials and tribulations. But what we need for ourselves, what we need for our spiritual health is time with God, when it is just me before God.

One assurance of the importance of this activity in a solitary place is the truth that many confess that they do much for God, so much that prayer time with God is missing. Believers become so busy loving the spouse, so committed to caring for the children, so dedicated to being good employees, to the extent that prayer is missing.

Prayer is missing not because one does not hear prayers. There are plenty of those in religious settings. Prayer is missing, not because others do not pray for them. They request and hear prayers for themselves often. And even when they do not ask for prayers, people voluntarily do so. Prayer is missing because individual times, in solitary places have not been set aside for the care of the individual's soul. Dare anyone of us ask when the last time was that anyone of us found a time to be with God and God alone in prayer?

We should learn from Jesus. With all the understanding of God he had, with all the power he manifested, with all the love he displayed, with the abundant commendations he heard, he thought it important to find some time for him to speak to God in

prayer in a solitary place.

I am thankful he prayed. I am thankful he prayed because his prayers reveal that when he prayed, he did not pray simply for himself; he prayed also for others (John 17:11; John 17:20-21). I am thankful that he prayed, because the Son said that the Father heard his prayer (John 11:41). I am thankful that he prayed about being glorified by the Father, because the Father responded by saying that he glorified the Son (John 12:28).

Finally, we all should be thankful for when he prayed. He prayed early before dawn, thus signaling what we would come to understand when he arose after death. The text reads that the grave was empty early Sunday morning (Mark 16:2). Thank God for the prayers of Jesus in a solitary place that lead to salvation.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

Early Morning Worship.....	8 A.M.
Bible School.....	9 A.M.
Morning Worship.....	10 A.M.
Evening Worship.....	6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY-MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

MENS' & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

5 P.M. (2nd & 4th Sunday)
(September-May)

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting.....	9 A.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Clothing Bank.....	10 A.M.-12 P.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Youth Fellowship Meeting.....	10 A.M.
(2nd Saturday)	
Husbands & Fathers' Support Group...	10 A.M.
(3rd Saturday)	
Young Adult Ministry.....	6:30 P.M.
(3rd Friday)	

WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
BROTHER WALTER WEATHERS JR.



BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton
Bro. George McNair
Bro. Walter Weathers. Jr.

Radio Broadcast Stations



Sundays @ 7:30 A.M.
Thursdays @ 3 P.M.
1340 AM
1400 AM
103.5 FM

YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY!

To be saved today, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17; Acts 15:7). You must believe the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10). You must be willing to turn your life over to God through repentance (Acts 17:30; Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for confession (Romans 10:9, 10).

The person who confesses is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:27). In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person in baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

If you believe that Jesus died for you and was resurrected, if you will repent and confess, then you can be baptized into Christ and be saved. Come to Jesus today!



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

6th Diane Foxworth/Michelle Conner
13th Centrece Kendall/Marcella Kendall
20th Tamah Williams/D'Asia Williams
27th Chanel Foxworth/Leah Adkins

NURSERY DUTY

Not Scheduled

GREETERS

Mary Terry

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mary Terry

BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

Diane Foxworth/Diane Blakely
Wendy Thomas



ZONES

ZONE #1 Capt. Bro. J. Wilson (661-1312)
ZONE #4 Co-Capt. Bro. B. Terry (720-9694)
ZONE #5 Capt. Bro. J. Gadson (650-9693)
Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)
ZONE #7 Capt. Bro. J. Foxworth (924-5029)
Co-Capt. Bro. R. Oliphant (765-3105)
ZONE #8 Capt. Bro. R. March (727-0052)