

Woman, Saying & Word....of the week

- **Lydia**
 - Considered the first convert in Europe
 - Wealthy, purple linen merchant
 - Use her spacious home as first church in Philippi
 - Mentioned in today's Epistle
- **(be)All things to all men**
 - Cor 9:22. Paul meant he wanted to find common ground with each person he met so he could tell them about Christ. .
- **Charizomai - Greek**
 - Pardon, forgive, give freely
 - Col.2:13 God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

Lydia of Thyatira



St. Lydia's Baptistery...Philippi



Welcome to All Saints Sunday Morning Bible Study - Dr. J's Power Hour

- And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,...An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Hebrews 10:24, Proverbs 18:15

All Saints
Episcopal Church
Thomasville, Ga.
Sunday Morning

We are recruiting

- Presentation.....9:15
- Discussion Q&A...9:45
- Dismissal.....10:15

- This Bible Study AKA **Dr. J's Power Hour** invites everyone interested to become leaders and presenters.
- Each Sunday the readings are dissected and explained in layman terms.
- There are thousands of resources to help you prepare: Study Bibles, Books (Reanne's) & Online.
- You may have a burning desire to present a topic.

Today's Leaders and Topics

- Dr. Charles Jackson: Great American and former physician to the former Washington Redskins.
- Putt Wetherbee: Overachieving, Dedicated American.

- **The Collect**
 - Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity
- **Matthew**
 - The Parable of Forgiveness

- **Philippians**
 - 1:3

- **What Else Today**
 - The American Restoration Period
 - An introduction to the religion around us

COLLECT

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity



THY HOUSEHOLD THE CHURCH

God bless you
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SEEK GOD FIRST:

Seek God in your waiting.
Seek God in your marriage.
Seek God in your relationships.
Seek God in raising your kids.
Seek God in your career.
Seek God in your goals and dreams.
Seek God in all of it...
then watch how He provides and everything falls into place.

In Jesus name, Amen



Dr. David Jeremiah - God Bless You
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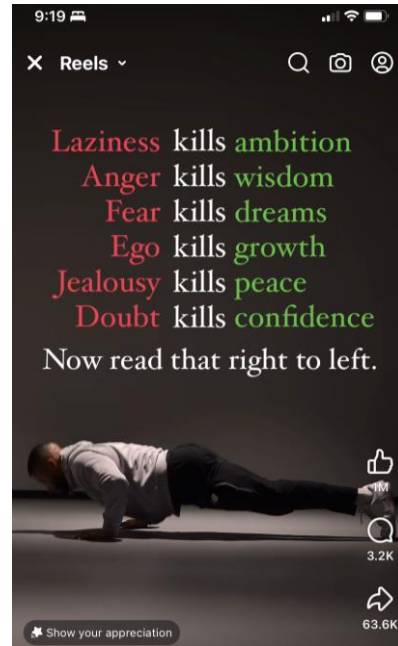
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SOME THINGS YOU WILL NEVER REGRET

1. Talking to Jesus first
2. Trusting in His timing
3. Doing the right thing
4. Surrendering your pride
5. Helping others out
6. Extending forgiveness
7. Praying for someone
8. Opening your Bible
9. Worshiping while you wait
10. Resting in Jesus

In Jesus' name, Amen.

CONTINUAL GODLINESS



THY PROTECTION

before it arrives on the earth.

The trials that come from God are sent to prove and strengthen our graces and immediately illustrate the power of divine grace, to test the genuineness of our virtues and to add to their energy. Our Lord in His infinite wisdom and superabundant love sets such a high value upon His people's faith that He will not protect them from those trials by which faith is strengthened. You would never have possessed the precious faith that now supports you if the trial of your faith had not put you through the fire. You are a tree that never would have rooted as well if the wind had not rocked you to and fro and made you take a firm hold upon the precious truths of God's gracious covenant.

Worldly ease is a great enemy to faith; it loosens the joints of holy zeal and snaps the sinews of sacred courage. The balloon

FREE FROM ALL ADVERSITIES

A close-up photograph of a pair of hands, likely belonging to an elderly person, holding several coins. The image is heavily tinted with a vibrant green color. The text "DEVOUTLY GIVEN" is superimposed in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A thin white horizontal line is positioned below the text.

DEVOUTLY GIVEN

**TO SERVE THEE
IN GOOD WORKS**



יהושע בן נצרתי מלך היהודים
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Having been saved, though, it is easy for the wonder to wear off and the grip to slacken. We can so easily live pleasant, comfortable lives that make it hard to see sin's hold on us. We are so easily prone to believe that if we only try a little harder at our marriages, our jobs, our relationships, and our achievements, we'll be good people, deserving of blessing. We want to be achievers, not believers. We're constantly lured back to the false religion of self-effort.

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

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USED TO WANT TO FIX PEOPLE

BUT NOW I JUST WANT TO

BE WITH THEM.



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TO THE
GLORY OF
THY NAME

Philippians 1:3

- What is your favorite book of the Bible?
If continually godly
like which is your favorite child Joseph and Benjamin
- What makes it your favorite?
the breath of God rheuah
- Why would Philippians be anyone's favorite?
- What if Philippians was not your favorite?

Paul's loving prayer to the Philippians

- The four acts of prayer
 - adoration A
 - confession C
 - thanksgiving T
 - supplication S

Paul's loving thanksgiving for the Philippians

His thanksgiving for them

they are special in his heart

they accepted him wholeheartedly

they listened to the Gospel from the first day

Christ had obviously begun a good work in them

that good work will be completed

- That good work

all are partakers of Paul's grace in Jesus Christ

in his bonds of prison where he was

in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel

- The tender mercies of Jesus

a desire to be with them

Paul's supplication for the Philippians

- Your love may abound yet more and more
- Love may abound in knowledge of Christ
- Love may abound in all judgment
- That ye may approve things that are excellent
- That ye may be sincere
- That ye may be without offence till the day of Christ
- That ye may be filled with the fruits of righteousness|
which are by Jesus Christ
unto the praise and glory of God

Paul's purpose for the letter

- Finally, my brothers rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

What I say over and over, and over again....the one point... the only point

The righteousness of God is all important

Not circumcision or any work of the flesh makes you righteous

You cannot pay the infinite price of your redemption Christ has paid the price

You don't have to pay a penny

You must accept ...appreciate the price paid

What is the cost paid?

Look to the cross

How much was God's sacrifice

What must we do in resurrection living

Work out your salvation

I love Philippians

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

Not all peace is like God's...man's peace DEPENDS on CIRCUMSTANCES.

And the **peace** of God, which

TRANSCEND: to go beyond the range or limits of, to surpass.

transcends all understanding,

Based on FAITH, not on what we can imagine.

Will keep you from too much EXPOSURE TO EVIL.

will **guard** your hearts and

Will protect YOUR LOVE for God and His love for you.

your minds in Christ Jesus.

Will protect you from WORRISOME thoughts.



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Philippians Historical Context

First town in Macedonia where Paul established a church

Written by Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome

Had very small Jewish population

- Not enough men to form a Synagogue
 - 10 heads of household
- This connects to Matt 18:20
 - “Where two or three gather in my name, I am in the midst of them”
 - New Testament Jesus comes to smaller less organized crowd

Reason for the letter

1. Express thanks for money
2. Explain why he returned Ephroditus to them
 - Ephro was sick so he sent him home to recuperate
 - Sent letter with him for delivery
3. Inform them about his prison circumstances in Rome
 - Felt his case would come up soon
 - Things were slow because of his public defenders huge caseload
4. Exhort them to unity
5. Warn them against false teaching

Points of Interest, Definitions and Translations

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- Fellowship- Can also be translated participation or partnership
 - Day of Christ- Not to be confused with “The day of the Lord”
 - Looks to final Salvation, reward and glorification of believers
 - Heart- Biblically, the center of thought and feelings
 - Affection-Literally refers to the internal organs which are the part of the body that reacts to intense emotion
 - Biblical Love- Anchored deeply in the truth of scripture
 - Sincere- Sine-Cera= without- wax
 - Holding pottery up to the sun to see if cracks were patched with wax
 - Tested by sunlight

Early doings at Philippi

- “Satanic opposition to the new Church arose immediately in the person of a demon possessed, fortune telling slave girl.”
- “Not wanting even agreeable testimony from such an evil source, Paul cast the demon out of her.” (Acts 16:19)
- Enraged her Masters who could no longer sell her services as a fortune teller.
 - Landed Paul and Silas in jail.
 - They were released by an earthquake
 - Converted the jailer

Lydia

- Lydia was a wealthy merchant of expensive purple dyed goods
- Originally from Thyatira that was the center of the indigo trade and purple clothe
- Moved to Philippi to sell her goods
- First met Paul in Acts 16 along the river on the Sabbath
- After her Baptism she insisted that the church meet in her spacious home
 - Purple and generous HMM? Q Rozi.

Parable of Forgiveness

- “up to seven times” Peter thought he was being magnanimous
- Amos 1:3,6,9,11,13- The Rabbis taught that since the Lord only forgave Israel's enemies only three times then more were unnecessary
- Most likely the main character was a provincial governor who owed the king collected taxes since the amount was so high
 - Demands about three months wages from the servant
- Metaphor- The amount of money was so large it could never be re-paid
 - We could never repay God for our sins so we must submit to His Grace with humility and submission to his terms.
 - Submission to his terms is more a frame of mind that recognizes our utter frailty

Forgiveness as a theme

- “forgive those who trespass against us as he forgave us”
 - Lords Prayer
- “ and whenever you stand prying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your father who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”
 - Mark 11:25
- “But if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your father forgive you your trespasses.”
 - Mathew 6:15
- “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.”
 - Luke 6:37
- “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
 - 1 John 1:-9

What Else Program Plans (Tentative)

The Restoration Period –United States

Bible Time Line

Islam

- The Sunni Shi'a Split

Nation of Islam

- Wally Fard, Malcom X and Louis Farrakhan 1930 Detroit

The Twelve Disciples

Four Views of End Times

What Else The Restoration Period A Comparative Look

1. Biblical Christianity - 30-33 AD Jesus Christ
2. Jehovah's Witness- 1879 Charles Taze Russel
3. Mormonism- 1830 Joseph Smith Jr. Brigham Young
4. Seventh Day Adventism - 1863 James & Ellen White
5. Christian Science- 1875 Mary Baker Eddy
6. Unity School of Christianity- 1889 Charles Fillmore
7. Unification Church- 1954 Sun Myoung Moon

Comparative Aspects

Who is God

Who is Jesus

Who is the Holy Ghost

What is Salvation

Life after earthly death

Founders, Writings and Beliefs

Who was the founder

How they were they founded

Why were they founded

What motivated the founding

What are some key beliefs

Teasers

This translator dug up gold plates in the woods that contained the corrected scripture ran home with them under his arm and was confronted by two bandits that he heroically fought. He then used special glasses to read the plates and translate scripture.

The Millerites were greatly disappointed in 1844 when Jesus stood them up on earth but then a modern day prophetess rushed in to explain what really happened to their great relief.

Jesus isn't really coming again cause he already did in 1914, in spirit and all others are set for destruction.

Matter is an illusion, but you should eat right anyway.