



What Does God Intend?

from the desk of Pastor John

Thirteen of the last fourteen chapters in Genesis are about Joseph. It begins with Joseph as a seventeen-year-old and ends ninety-three years later with his death at the age of 110. Like most teenagers, Joseph made a few impetuous choices that irked his older brothers; such as telling them he had a dream that one day they would all bow before him. Their father, Jacob, fanned the flames of their sibling rivalry when he gave Joseph a multicolored robe, making him stand out and clearly indicating that Joseph was his favorite son. Jacob also gave Joseph the easiest job of all the brothers. While the brothers

were sleeping out in the fields and caring for the flocks, Joseph was given the task of going to see what the brothers were doing and reporting back to their father. He was the youngest (at the time)

and was essentially the supervisor of the family business.

Joseph's brothers decided to teach their little brother a lesson and that set off a chain of events in Joseph's life that would take him through a series of personal peaks and valleys. The trajectory of his life suddenly began to look like a graph of the stock market during the 1930s. His entire world began to crash down around him. Joseph



was making right and good choices through it all, but the bad choices of others were having a devastating impact on his life.

There were three major events in the life of Joseph that were completely

beyond his control but for which he had to bear the consequences. First, his brothers despised him so much that they planned to kill him and leave his body in a pit in the

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wilderness. The oldest brother, Reuben, talked the others out of killing him. Instead, they decided to throw him into a pit and let nature kill him (though Reuben planned to come back later and rescue him). They stripped Joseph of his multicolored coat and threw him into the pit. A few moments later they saw an opportunity to rid themselves of Joseph and make a few dollars—they sold their little brother to slave traders. It is impossible to know what was going through Joseph's mind at that

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moment. It is not too difficult to imagine that he was scared and felt betrayed by his brothers. He probably asked “why?” a thousand times. Maybe he cried because he missed his mom and dad.

The second event occurred after he was sold to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh’s guard. Joseph served Potiphar so well that he was eventually entrusted to handle the entire household, unsupervised. A problem arose when Potiphar’s wife developed carnal desires for Joseph. Joseph continued to resist her advances but she became more and more insistent. She arranged for her and Joseph to be alone in the house and aggressive-

ly demanded that Joseph lie with her. As she grabbed him by the tunic, Joseph ran out of the house, with Potiphar’s wife still hanging on to his garment. She was scorned, and to punish Joseph she made up a story that Joseph tried to force himself on her and had fled only after she screamed for help. Naturally, Potiphar accepted the word of his

wife and had Joseph thrown into the dungeon. As Joseph sat in a cold, dark, damp dungeon he must have wondered why these things were happening to him. He must have thought that being a slave was bad enough, but now he was a prisoner and probably would be for the rest of his life. Joseph chose to embrace life as a prisoner and became a model inmate. He was soon put in charge of all the other inmates—Joseph had risen as high as one could as a prisoner.

The third event happened after Pharaoh discovered that there was a plot among his staff to take his life. The conspirators were narrowed down to the baker or the cupbearer. Both men were cast into the dungeon and thus were under Joseph’s supervision. Both men had a dream that Joseph was able to interpret for

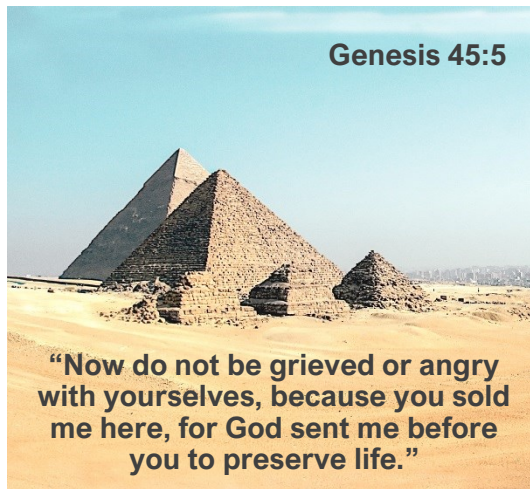
them. The dreams revealed that the baker would be found guilty and executed, while the cupbearer would be exonerated. Joseph told the cupbearer his story and how he had been imprisoned unjustly. The cupbearer promised to tell Pharaoh Joseph’s story. He did not. Joseph thought that the cupbearer could be his key to freedom from prison. He must have been disappointed when days became weeks and weeks became months, and months turned into years.

Joseph would not get out of the dungeon for another two years. It was not until Pharaoh had a dream that no one could interpret that the cupbearer remembered Joseph.

As we observe these three events in the life of Joseph, we may feel sorry for Him. If we put our-

selves in his sandals, we can understand why he may be angry, depressed, or feel persecuted. While it may be likely that there were at least moments when Joseph had those and many other feelings, his overall perspective showed his confidence in the ability, the plan, and the wisdom of God.

After interpreting the dream for Pharaoh Joseph was promoted to Prime Minister of Egypt. He would supervise the storing of food for seven years so that it could be sold during the seven years of famine. When the famine got bad, Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy food. The men would have to appear before Joseph. He recognized them but they did not recognize him. In the course of time, Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers. He got so emotional that he sent everyone else out of the room and broke down in tears as he told his brothers who he was. He must have sensed their fear as it dawned on them that the brother they treated so horribly and sold into slavery had the authority to have them all executed. Joseph’s great faith in God overflowed as he said to his brothers, **Now do not be**



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grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life (Genesis 45:5). Joseph had seen God's greater purpose in all the events of his life. He saw that God had a plan all along and His plan was good. Even when he felt alone and scared, he had come to realize that God was moving.

Jacob and all would relocate to Egypt. After Jacob died the brothers assumed that Joseph would take his revenge against them. But Joseph reiterated his faith in God's sovereign plan. When his brothers bowed before him and offered to be his slaves, Joseph said, **Do not**

be afraid, for am I in God's place? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive (Genesis

50:19-20). Many years of Joseph's life had been difficult years. They were hard, they were lonely, they were even unfair. But God had a plan and a purpose in everything. What his brothers intended to be for evil, God had always intended to be for good; for Joseph as well as for them. It is important to recognize that Joseph did not understand why God had allowed all of those things to happen to him until his brothers came to Egypt to buy food. In other words, Joseph had to trust God through many dangers, toils, and snares, for many years, before he could see that God had a plan the entire time.

If you serve the same God that Joseph did, you can have the same assurance that he had: what others mean for evil God means for good! There is nothing in your life that God does not have a plan to use to conform you to the image of His Son. There is no event in

this world that God does not use to bring about His perfect plan. Suffering, turmoil, challenges, even persecution are ultimately under the sovereign hand of God. And He causes ALL THINGS to work together for good to those who love Him, to those who are called according to His purpose (See Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 1:11; Philippians 1:6).

What suffering, turmoil, challenges, or hardships are you going through? Can you see the purpose of God yet? If you cannot yet see how God is using it for His purposes, keep clinging to your faith in His promises, power, and plan. Trust that what others intend for evil, God intends for good. It will take endurance, it will take faith, and it will take patience.

Yet those who wait
for the LORD
will gain
new strength;
they will
mount up
with wings
like eagles...



Isaiah 40:31a, NASB

In Isaiah 40, God reminds the nation of Israel that He still has a plan for them, and they need to trust Him. God's reminder to them is also a timely reminder to us.

Isaiah 40:27-31,

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD,

And the justice due me

escapes the notice of my God."?

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary, And to *him who* lacks might He increases power.

³⁰ Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,

³¹ Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up *with* wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Father-Son Dinner

and



Saturday, January 16, 2021

5:30–8:30pm

Eastridge Baptist Church

Gentlemen, you're invited to a fun-filled evening of chili dogs and cornhole!

All men are welcome, whether you come as a father and son duo or just by yourself!

You can come with your cornhole team already established or team up with someone at the event.

Please sign up in the foyer; through Realm (Events); or by contacting Pastor Ryan at 253-951-5583 or

ryant@eastridgebaptist.org

This is a free event, but donations are gratefully accepted

Ladies Winter Brunch

Brunch food and beverages will be provided. All ages are welcome!

Saturday, January 16, 2021

10:00am @ Eastridge

Cost: Free (by donation)

Please sign up in the foyer; RSVP through Realm (Events); or contact Pastor Ryan Trzeciak at 253-951-5583 or ryant@eastridgebaptist.org by no later than January 14.

An evening of music and Scripture

Night of

HOPE

Saturday, January 30

6:30pm, Auditorium

Join us for an evening of music and Scripture reading focused on the hope we have in Christ and the peace we find with God.

Our Source of Hope from the desk of Pastor Paul

Over the past few months, we have examined portions of Isaiah 40. We have pondered how a right understanding of God makes a tremendous difference in how we handle our lives amid the chaos of the world. We reflected on verse 12 where God is described as the all-powerful One. We have delighted in being reminded of the Lord's infinite knowledge and wisdom from verses 13–14. There is nothing that we go through of which the Lord is detached or unaware. Isaiah draws this chapter to a conclusion by focusing on the source of hope, which is God's care of His people.

Throughout verses 15–26 we are reminded that the Lord is not dependent upon anyone (vv. 15–17). He is incomparable. No person or idol compares to Him (vv. 18–20). He is the sovereign Creator and Ruler (vv. 21–26). He is the Master of the nations and history. This would have brought wonderful comfort to the people of Israel who were faced with tremendous turmoil.

In light of these truths about God, verses 27–31 help prevent us from thinking that

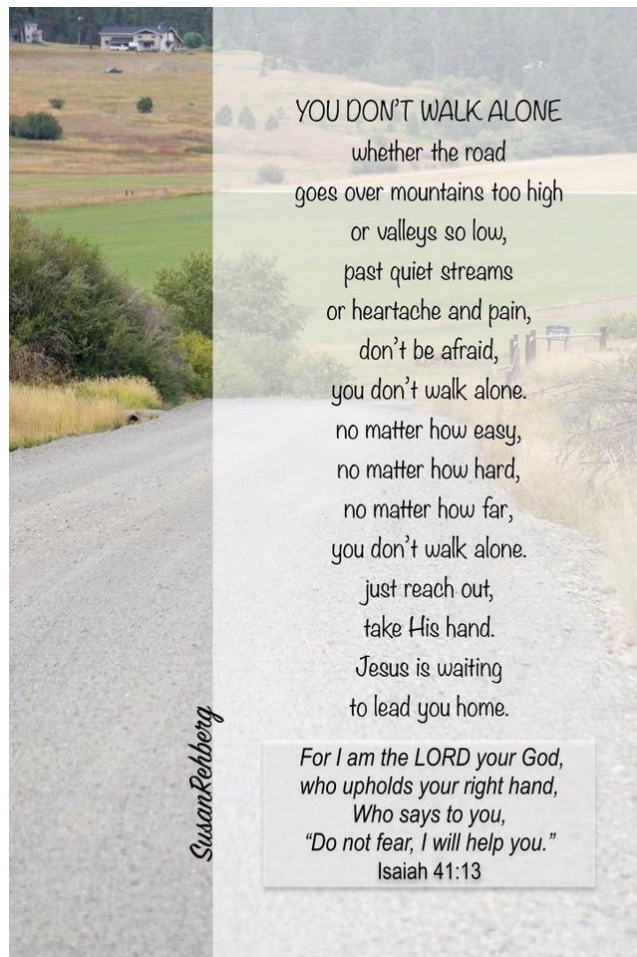
God is just a cold dictator. Instead, He is the Holy One who is near to His people. He cares for them. The One to whom the mighty stars submit cares for you. God does not forget His people or their situation, though some might think He does. Isaiah asks in verse 27 **“Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God?’”** The people's statement implies that the Lord has forgotten

them, which is impossible (see Isaiah 49:14–16). The Lord knows and is in control of every situation. Isaiah reminds the people again who their God is and what He does for them. The Lord is the eternal God. He is the all-powerful Creator of all. He is not dependent upon anything or anyone to give Him strength. **“He does not faint or grow weary” (v. 28)**. Unlike us, God does not dwindle in energy as He works. In fact, we need His strength for the many adversities we face. Though His children weariness of the trials, the Lord gives the grace needed to endure the hardships in life that wear us down (vv.

29–30; 2 Pet. 1:3). God knows we are frail, yet He provides what we need to keep pressing on.

The people of God—in the face of hardships and weariness—are to **“wait for the LORD”** (v. 31). This is to live with complete dependence upon the Lord, admitting that you need Him to act. This is to hope in God, which is a confident expectation that He will do as He says. For Israel at the time of Isaiah's writing, it was the expectation that God would deliver them one day and the Messiah would come to reign over all. For us today, we wait with confident expectation for

Jesus' return. Admittedly, the trials we face are painful at times. However, we walk through them with patience and faith, keeping our hope fixed upon the Lord, knowing He uses them for our good (Rom. 5:3–5; 8:28; James 1:2–4). Isaiah tells us that those who do such, shall find renewed strength (v. 31). As the people of God trust and hope in Him, they find that God provides all they need to face



IT'S AN OPEN HOUSE
Baby Shower

HONORING SHANNON BLAKEY
AND **BABY BOY BLAKEY**



SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021
OPEN HOUSE FROM 2:00-5:00PM
EASTRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH (LARGE PORTABLE)

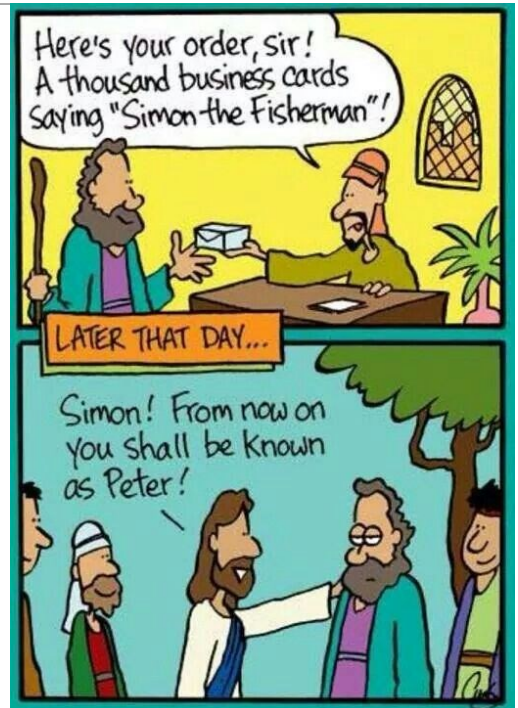
Stop in any time to enjoy a drink and cookies. Bring diapers or wipes to participate in the diaper raffle.

To protect the health of our mother-to-be, please plan to wear a mask.

Please RSVP to Nicole Dudley at 253.549.5621

Shannon is registered at babylist.com
<https://www.babylist.com/shannon-blakey>

Just for
Laughs



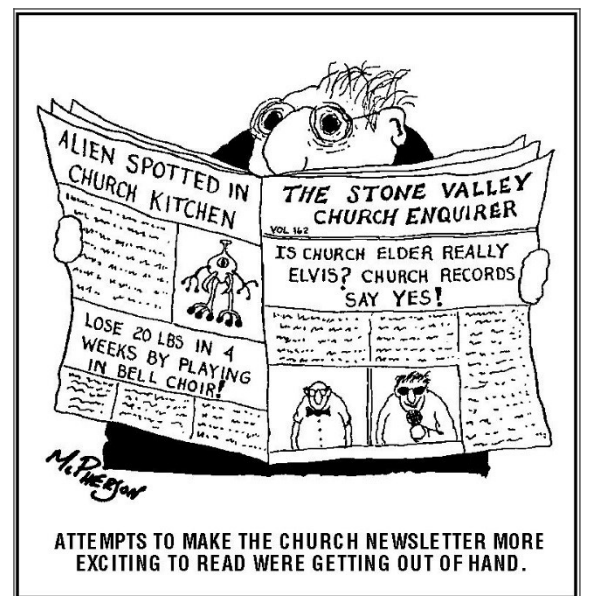
Newsletter News

Changes are coming to the Eastridge Communicator newsletter!

Beginning in 2021, the newsletter will be published quarterly instead of monthly. We will continue to provide you with timely, month-specific information such as birthdays, anniversaries, special events, etc. through Realm.

We're also working on freshening up the newsletter content. Watch for a survey in your email inbox that will help us include topics of interest for our readers.

If you have any questions about these changes, contact the church office at 253-630-2327.



Book Review: *Gentle and Lowly*, Dane Ortlund

From the desk of Pastor Samuel

A.W. Tozer rightly asserted that “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” The question then becomes, are our thoughts about God in line with His own thoughts about Himself? This is the question Dane Ortlund seeks to answer in his masterful book, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* (Crossway, 2020).

Ortlund begins his book by drawing our attention to the one passage where Jesus describes His heart—Matthew 11:28-30. “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, *for I am gentle and lowly in heart*, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” This is the core of His being. He is gentle, humble, compassionate, caring, and loving. His love, expressed among the Godhead and in all creation, motivates all He does. Despite His glorious deity, He lovingly bids us come to Him.

But how does this gentle view of Christ fall in line with God’s wrath and punishment of sin? Even the just punishment of sin flows from God’s love for His creation. His heart is drawn to us when we sin, because He understands better than we could that this is not how things should be. Also, He desires to fix that sin situation: “Just as the purer a heart, the more horrified at evil, so also the purer a heart, the more it is naturally drawn out to help and relieve and protect and comfort, whereas a corrupt heart sits still, indifferent. So with Christ” (p. 69).

It is exactly because God’s heart goes out to sinners that Christ was sent as the perfect sacrifice for our

sins! God showed His love to the uttermost so that He may save His children to the uttermost. Moreover, those who are free in Christ now have Christ as an advocate before the Father’s throne in heaven. He still shows His perfect care for us by interceding on our behalf, even as we wait for His glorious return.

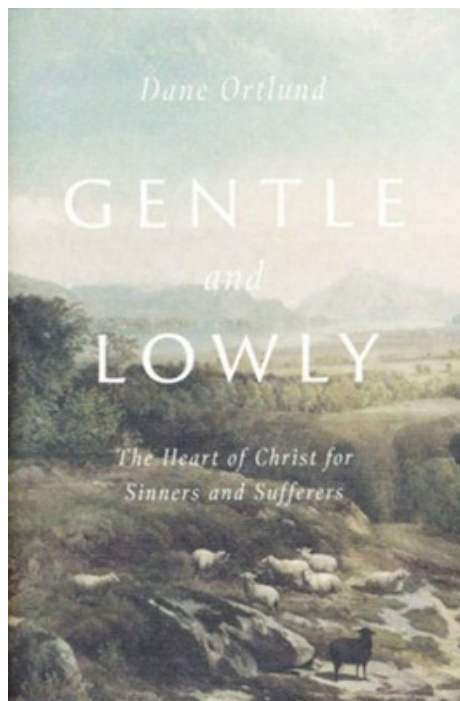
This book is a rare gem. It follows the tradition of the Puritans by taking a theological concept and digging deep into every facet of that concept. In fact, Ortlund gets his inspiration from the Puritans and quotes them regularly throughout the book (Thomas Goodwin in particular). Many of the realities about

Christ’s heart addressed in this book were common in 17th- and 18th-century literature but have fallen on hard times today. There isn’t much new within Ortlund’s book; he is simply reminding us of things the church has forgotten.

I fear that we (as a culture) have allowed our human nature to act as a template for how we view the Godhead. We expect God to react in the way we would react. In an ideal world, this would be the case—because our hearts would be perfectly in line with Christ’s perfect heart.

But our hearts are still woefully sinful, so we are not operating on the same plane as Him. So God must show us His character plainly. The Holy Spirit uses Scripture, and resources like *Gentle and Lowly*, to show us the heart of Christ and lovingly draw us into Christ’s likeness. When you clearly see God’s compassion and gentle love for His creation, you cannot help but be swept up in it yourself.

Some prominent theologians and bloggers have dubbed this book “the best book of the 21st century.” It might be a little early to make such a claim, but I am convinced that you would greatly benefit from reading *Gentle and Lowly*.



Ladies' Monday Evening Bible Study

New study begins January 11, 2021

With Love from the Upper Room

Words of Life for Troubling and Turbulent Times
An Inductive Study of John 13 through 17

Meets weekly from 6:30–8:00pm
in room B3 and via Zoom
Led by Cheryl Boston
(crboston12@gmail.com)

Please sign up in the foyer or
contact Cheryl Boston at
crboston12@gmail.com

Ladies, join a Bible study in 2021!

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“the exceptional demands of life” and “the ordinary daily grind” (Motyer, *Isaiah*, Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries, 283).

We trust in the Lord and patiently persevere through all trials with complete dependence on Him to sustain us. The Lord will provide the strength we need to live for Him. When you feel tired of doing the right thing, do you ask God for help to press on? Pray for His help to walk faithfully. When your life is full of uncertainty, you can rely upon God. Keep your mind and hope fixed upon Him. A right understanding of God as our source of hope and strength will help us in our daily lives even when the world around us crumbles. Isaac Watts wrote in his hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*:

**Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.**

JANUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lydia Kusack 1/1
Logan Pogue 1/3
Asher Elliott 1/4
Lynnette Morales 1/5
Elliot Hansen 1/6
Alanna Lopez 1/7
Randy Mayes 1/7
Kristina Cederwall 1/8
Lisa Horne 1/9
Ron Heusser 1/10
Samuel Watson 1/11

Madelyn Yoder 1/11
Carl Moore 1/12
Michael Gailey 1/14
Molly Small 1/15
Aiden Carlton 1/16
Isaiah Kearney 1/16
Mike McCafferty 1/17
Barbara Bonar 1/18
Mia Kerr 1/18
Kris Adams 1/20
Paul Mickelson 1/21

Jen Trzeciak 1/21
Daniel Emme 1/21
Jon Watson 1/22
Heidi Guthrie 1/22
Ana Belen Emme 1/23
Tony Teeler 1/24
Benjamin Dipple 1/24
Veronica Aitkins 1/28
Benjamin McArdel 1/29
Jon Knipp 1/20

Anniversaries

Andrew and Sara Hayward
1/9
Jim and Alice Hunter 1/9
Curtis and Anna Blake 1/12
Johnathan and Michaela
Rutherford 1/16
Bill and Cheryl Boston 1/26

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February 2021

Tuesday, February 9	Missions Prayer Ministry	10:30am @ Alaire Irish's
Sunday, February 14– Tuesday, February 16	Youth Winter Activity	Location TBD
Monday, February 15– Friday, February 19	Kent School District Presidents' Break	

March 2021

Sunday, March 7	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Tuesday, March 9	Missions Prayer Ministry	10:30am @ Alaire Irish's
Saturday, March 13	Youth Bible Quizzing Competition	9:00am–4:00pm (Youth Ctr)

April 2021

Sunday, April 4	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Tuesday, April 13	Missions Prayer Ministry	10:30am @ Alaire Irish's

Primetimers' (55+) Lunch and Hymn Sing



Saturday, January 23, 2021

12:00–2:30pm @ EBC
\$5 per person

Please RSVP to Mark Yarnold @
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or through your Realm account

Outdoing One Another from the desk of Pastor Ryan

How many of you are thinking about—or making—New Year’s resolutions? I have a friend who has made the same resolution every year for as long as I have known him, and he has faithfully followed through year after year. Every January 1st he plans not to get scurvy, and he never has! Many of us are thinking more thoughtfully about our plans and the goals we hope to accomplish in 2021. Some common resolutions are to lose weight, exercise more, get out of debt, find a new job, or learn a new skill. Christians look to read their Bible and pray more, or find a new way to serve in the church. These are some good goals, but I would like to propose one that is a bit more specific. I think that it would be great that in 2021 we all commit to practicing the “one anothers” of the New Testament.

Depending on what list you look at, there are approximately fifty different “one another” passages in the New Testament that instruct us on how we are to interact with each other as Christians. Now, we do not have room to go over each of them, but we will take time to understand and apply specific ones that will help us grow in this vital practice of biblical love. So, for 2021, each newsletter article will unpack a different “one-another” passage.

The first one we will look at is Roman 12:10b, “Outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12 is where Paul starts to give practical application to the truths he proclaimed in the first eleven chapters. After clearly describing the gospel in great detail, he wants his readers to know how the gospel truth is to manifest itself in daily life. He starts off by saying “present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God” (12:1). Paul goes on to say that one of the ways we can be living sacrifices to God is to outdo one another in showing honor. Paul makes the connection

between serving and loving God with serving and loving people. This is exactly what Jesus did when he said that the greatest commandment is to love God and love your neighbor (Matt 22:37-39). Both Jesus and Paul want us to know that our love for God is to manifest itself in love for people, and in order to genuinely love people we must love God first and foremost.

What does it mean to honor someone? The Greek word for honor means to give value to someone else. It is a monetary term that has to do with setting a certain price to something, identifying what it costs. When it comes to another person, the call is for us to consider them as valuable, that they are to be treasured. But notice that the in-

struction is not just to show honor, but to *outdo* one another in showing honor, almost as if Paul wants us to be in a competition to see who can value the other person more. We are to consider others as more valuable than ourselves, and give them more honor than we receive from them.



How can we outdo one another in showing honor? One specific way is by listening to someone else when they speak. Oftentimes we can get distracted by what is going on around us, or thinking about other things, or being more concerned about what we are going to say. This is not showing them honor. To truly honor someone is to think to ourselves, “This person is more valuable than I am and what they have to say is more important than what I have to say.” This puts us in the right frame of mind to stop what we are doing, look the person in the eyes, and focus on the words that they are saying so that we can understand what they are trying to communicate. This is one small thing we can do to put this verse into practice. I pray that the Lord reveals to us more ways that we can outdo one another in showing honor.

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Sunday Service Times:
8:30am and 11:15am
10:00am Sunday School for all ages



In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

In Christ Alone
Songwriters: Keith Getty / Stuart Townend