

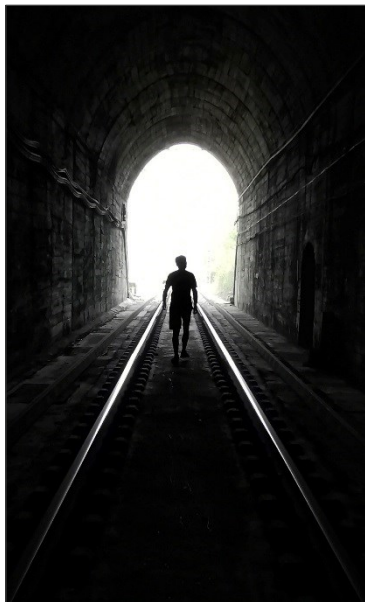


When Trials Come

from the desk of Pastor Samuel

Why does God allow trials into our lives? Wouldn't His parental care shield His children from such hardship? According to James, absolutely not. In fact, God allows trials in the lives of Christians as a way to strengthen them. Trials are unavoidable in this life, and the one who learns to endure them by God's strength will be eternally blessed (James 1:12).

We know that the Lord allows such trials in our lives and that these trials can give rise to sinful temptations in our flesh. In the next passage of chapter 1, James gives a warning and a call to action when it comes to these temptations.



The Warning

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But

each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. (vv. 13-15)

As we saw last month, trials are tests orchestrated by God to produce spiritual growth in His people (much like wind puts stress on a

sapling and strengthens it to become a tall tree). When a Christian enters some kind of trial, the natural human response is a temptation to sin. It would be easy to fall back into sinful ways and blame God for leading us down such a dark path. The truth is, we willingly walk down that path ourselves.

Any level of trouble or discomfort makes us desire to get away from the trouble. As James says in verse 15, that kind of desire leads directly to sin, and it doesn't take long

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before one act becomes a pattern that breeds death and condemnation on a person. James warns us of this danger, which can come up at any time, and tells his readers to recognize temptation for the dark path it truly is. We must not fool around with such things.

But how are we to avoid or fight against such temptations? James addresses that in his call to action.

When Trials Come

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The Call to Action

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (vv. 16-18)



James is telling us that the best way to fight away temptations to sin is to redirect our attention heavenward. Everything you have—yes, even the trial that is tempting you to sin—is given to you by God to strengthen your faith. To teach you to say no to sin and walk in obedience to Christ. To recognize just how great and holy our God is, and how these flimsy temptations pale in comparison. By focusing our attention on the truth of God’s Word, we don’t allow a foothold to form where sin could take hold of us and pull us down.

This is not to say that it is easy to tear our eyes away from temptation’s spectacle. Sin is enticing; that’s why we give into it willingly every day. That is why we need the power of a greater glory, the glory of Christ, to drown out the cheap showmanship of the world’s pleasures. Thomas Chalmers addresses this in his great classic *The Expulsive Power of a New Affection*:

“In a word, if the way to disengage the heart from the positive love of one great and ascendant object is to fasten it in positive love to another, then it is not by exposing the worthlessness of

the former but by addressing to the mental eye the worth and excellence of the latter that all old things are to be done away and all things are to become new.”

Do you understand where every good and perfect gift truly comes from? Fix your mind on that object. Let Christ fill your thoughts and desires to such a degree that temptations to sin have no power over you.

Suggested listening: “When Trials Come” by Keith & Kristyn Getty; “The Power of a Great Affection”

New Members



The Eastridge family warmly welcomes the following people into church membership:

Andrei & Nadia Agafonov

Children are Timothy (8), Emily (6), Grace (3) and Leah (3)

Joseph Keating

Children are Logan (11), Aiden (9), Ethan (8) and Kilian (7)

HELP! I Can't Get Motivated by Adam Embry

A Book Review by Shannon Blakey

Couch potato. Idler. Lazy bones. We all know exactly what kind of person these words describe: someone with no desire to get any work done. The Bible also has a word for this person: a sluggard, which is used throughout the book of Proverbs, as Solomon discusses the sin of laziness and the goodness of work. Adam Embry also helps those of us who struggle with laziness in his small counseling booklet “HELP! I Can't Get Motivated.”

In his book, Embry points to some of the consequences of laziness:

1. Violent poverty—Proverbs 6:11
2. Loss of friendship—Proverbs 10:26
3. Unfinished tasks—Proverbs 12:27
4. Unfulfilled desires—Proverbs 13:4
5. Death—Proverbs 21:25.

Some of these results might seem obvious, some might seem extreme, but the Bible does not lie and its warnings hold true. Thankfully, the Bible also promises freedom from sin through Jesus Christ.

When Jesus died, he “reversed the curse and made us God’s servants. Because of Jesus, we can defeat laziness and its consequences.” Second Peter 1:3 promises believers that through salvation, God has given us everything we need for life and godliness. Romans 6:19 also says that we are “slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.” Salvation in Jesus Christ is not a get-out-of-hell-free card; it is the power of God living within us to make us more like him, by the putting off of sin and the putting on of righteousness. (Ephesians 4:22-24)

So if laziness is what we are to put off, and if we have been given the power of God to do that, what are we to put on? The answer is all the way back in

Genesis 1 when Adam was given the holy task of stewarding the earth. Work is not part of the curse; rather, the toil and pain that we feel in our work is cursed. Embry says that there are two ways to view our work. We work to please God, knowing that no one is more or less holy based on the job they have been given; and we work to show love to others, which Embry unpacks further in the final section.



Embry gives six different categories that everyone reading the booklet fits in to, as well as practical questions to ask yourself and your family members as you tackle the sin of laziness. In any stage of life (single, married, parent, retired, etc.), there are ways you can grow in your motivation to work. He also wisely makes the distinction between laziness and leisure time, acknowledging that rest is also a gift from God.

If you feel like you want more godly help in this, or any other area of your life, please reach out to the office to be connected with one of our biblical counselors.

Announcements



Cook with Us!

You're invited to join the fun as you learn about the church kitchen equipment and prepare an appetizer at our Eastridge group cooking class! Grab your apron and meet Jeannie Osterman and Mark Yarnold on **Saturday, October 15** from 10:00am-1:00pm! Mark will give a flat-top grill demo, and Jeannie will lead attendees in cooking the appetizers. This is a free event, however space is limited! Please sign up at the welcome table in the church foyer or by contacting Jeannie at Jean_osterman@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER AT OUR CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, October 8
9:00am to 2:00pm

Snacks and lunch will be provided

Sign up in the foyer or through your Realm account (Events)

For more information, contact Cheryl Boston at crboston12@gmail.com



BRING A KNEELING PAD AND TROWEL IF AVAILABLE

Men's Fellowship Lunch

**Sunday,
October 2
1:00-3:00pm
@ EBC Auditorium**

All men are invited to join for a time of fellowship shared over a meal prepared by Eastridge's own Tom Small!

Hear how God has been working in the lives of several guys, and learn about some upcoming small groups for men.

So that Tom knows how much food to prepare, please sign up either at the Welcome Table in the foyer or on Realm (Events).

For more information regarding this event, contact Lance Swenson at swen4son@gmail.com.

Just for Laughs



"I hate clothes shopping!"

Meet the Koenigs

by Daná Freeland



In this new member spotlight, you will meet Ken and Annette Koenig.

Ken and Annette are both “Washington grown.” Ken was raised in Enumclaw, and Annette was raised in Normandy Park. Ken characterized his family as “nominally Christian.” The greatest influence in his young life was a neighbor, who was also his 2nd grade schoolteacher and his Sunday School teacher. Ken came to know the Lord at age 8. Annette was raised in a Christian home and had relatives who were missionaries. When she was around 13-14, she realized that she needed to have a personal relationship with the Lord.

As young adults, Ken and Annette met at The Boeing Company. Ken was a 727 inspector for about four years. Annette completed an AA at Highline Community College and worked as a graphic illustrator at Boeing for about a year. The couple married in 1968 and built their own home on Tiger Mountain, where they still live today.

Children soon arrived: Heidi, Jason, and later Todd. Annette stayed home with the children. Ken switched careers to law enforcement. He completed his education, graduating from the Washington State Police Academy and simultaneously acquiring his AA degree. He worked four years for Mercer Island Police Department. Then, he changed to firefighting for a few years. However, it

wasn't long until he was back to police work. He served two years at Snoqualmie and twelve years at Redmond. He left the police force after sustaining an injury in the line of duty, but he was able to continue teaching defensive tactics at the Police Academy. When their youngest son Todd was in school, Annette went to work as a substitute teacher for Rainier Christian Schools.

During Ken's time in law enforcement, he developed a police baton with a more efficient profile than the typical round shape. He manufactures these improved batons from Brazilian ironwood in his own home workshop—Tiger Mountain Woodcrafts—and sells them to local police departments.

For many years, the couple attended church in Snohomish. Eventually, they decided they wanted to find a closer church community. Through friends, they found Eastridge Baptist Church. They were attracted to the church due to the pastors' expository preaching style.

Some of the areas of service the couple have enjoyed are: helping with church maintenance (Ken loves it when they let him bring his tractor to church!), security, teaching Bible classes, and hospitality—especially to missionaries. The couple have also been engaged with parachurch organizations. They served with Hard Hats for Christ for about 20 years, helping with construction projects in the U. S., Canada, France, Albania, and Papua New Guinea. Additionally, during that same 20-year period, they served as kitchen staff at Capernwray Harbour Bible School & Conference Centre in British Columbia during their autumn staff conferences. Both Ken and Annette are graduates of that Bible School.

I asked Ken and Annette which biblical character they are drawn to the most and why. Ken said he was drawn to Jacob because he was chosen by God despite his many flaws. Annette's favorite Bible character is Jeremiah who, although called

Meet the Koenigs

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“the weeping prophet” could encourage others by writing, “Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears; for your work will be rewarded... There is hope for your future,” says the Lord, “that your children will come back to their own border.” Jeremiah 31:16-17

Ken mentioned one of his favorite Bible verses as well—Romans 7:6. “But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.” Ken explained that when he was unexpectedly retired from law enforcement, he felt “released from the Law” to serve God in new ways.

Ken and Annette generally attend the second service, so look for them and introduce yourself. However, if there is a missionary in the house, wait for another Sunday to catch up with them.

Family News



Welcome Baby Girl!

Congratulations to Pastor Paul and Megan Cummings on the recent arrival of their daughter! Ava Hope Cummings was born on August 31, 2022 at 8:46pm weighing 8lbs 0.2oz and measuring 20in long! Arriving just two weeks before her daddy's birthday, Ava is a special gift to the Cummings family! She was welcomed by big brothers Owen (5) and Caleb (2). The family has been adjusting well, and they are praising the Lord that mom and baby are healthy!



Oh Boy, What a Joy!!



New parents, Chris and Lynnette Morales, are giving all glory to God for the safe arrival of their son! Calvin Patrick Santiago Morales made his arrival on September 21, 2022; he weighed 7lbs 14.6oz and was 21in long!

Congratulations and prayers go to Chris and Lynnette as they adjust to parenthood and cherish God's good gift of their precious baby boy.

From One Generation to the Next

by Derek Iverson

Last month we explained the rationale for how we conduct Faith Promise Missions at EBC. We continue this explanation now with a personal story from an African pastor who was trained in expository preaching. The story refers specifically to Christ's Seminary in S. Africa, but it applies equally to MEDA in Honduras, or SEBEX in Chile, or TEA in the Philippines, and many similar training centers around the world. We hope you are encouraged by this testimony:

“Ever since [Pastor Joseph came] back from school, his preaching had changed—and Sammy wasn't sure he liked it. [In fact], most of the congregation was skeptical. This kind of teaching wasn't what they were accustomed to. And what was Pastor Joseph saying now? That speaking in tongues wasn't a necessary proof of salvation? That women shouldn't be pastors? And how odd it was that Pastor Joseph seemed content just to explain the Bible in his 'sermons.' He wasn't even trying to emulate

Kenneth Copeland or Benny Hinn anymore. While many members of the congregation made it clear that they resented this change ... Pastor Joseph's humility and his ability to explain his convictions from Scripture won over many of the elders. In time, the leadership asked him to stay.

Still, Sammy wasn't shy about challenging Pastor Joseph. Today, he remembers how most of those arguments went: ‘When I asked him a question, he'd look down and read a Scripture. But when he asked me a question, I'd look up and try to come up with some far-fetched answer.’ Soon, with the rest of the church, Sammy couldn't deny the grace

of God so clearly visible in his pastor's life, and his resentment gave way to deep affection. ‘We ended up loving Joseph, embracing his teaching, and growing in our love for God and His Word.’...

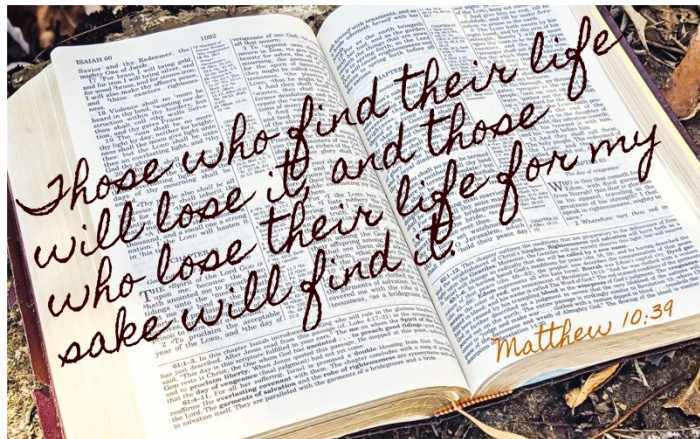
For Sammy—and the others at that church whom God eventually called into ministry—Christ Seminary became their number one choice to help them prepare [since] they'd seen firsthand how Pastor Joseph's education had transformed his preaching.

Sammy studied at Christ Seminary from 2005–2008. After graduating and serving for several years at a church pastored by a graduate of The Master's Seminary, he and his wife, Itumeleng, were sent to strengthen a church plant just outside

Johannesburg. Today, Sammy serves as the church's pastor alongside two other elders. He comments: ‘The Word of God is at the center of what we do, of why we do things, and how we do things. It is the foundation and starting point for every aspect

of our Christian life.’

When Sammy first arrived at the church plant, the congregation greeted their young, new preacher with suspicion...but, mindful of Pastor Joseph's faithful example, Sammy stayed with the congregation, laboring patiently to preach the Word despite hostility from many of the members. As the opposition came to a head, the church decided to vote on whether to fire him, but by that point, the faithful preaching of the word had begun to do its work; the majority vote was in his favor to stay. By God's grace, the church began to grow with members who wanted to hear the Bible taught and

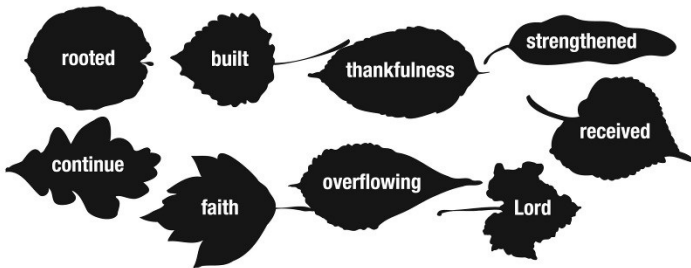


PUZZLE

Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____ ,
 _____ to live your lives in him, _____ and
 _____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you
 were taught, and _____ with _____ .

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

Bible Quiz

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

- A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- B. The Parable of the Lost Son
- C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl
- D. The Parable of the Lost Coin



Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)



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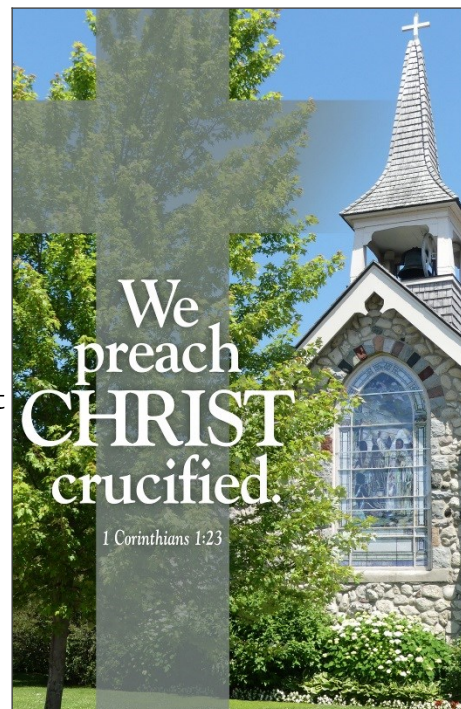
today, three more men from that church are being trained at Christ Seminary, just as Sammy and Joseph were...

Make no mistake—these [South African] pastors face a daunting task. 'Quite simply,' Sammy explains, 'people in churches here pay lip service to the importance of the Bible and its truth, but they do not read it or know it. As a result, [they're] tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.'...

The work that's taking place [in Africa] as biblically qualified pastors invest in the next generation of leaders, is cause for tremendous thanksgiving. When Christ Seminary trains even one local pastor, they are helping provide an entire church congregation with a steady diet of biblical truth. Not only that, but faithful men like Joseph and Sammy are investing, in turn, in the lives of future pastors.

So, by God's grace, the work continues—from one generation to the next."

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October

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Daniel Mickelson 10/1
Annette Busick 10/2
Kent Barber 10/3
Kari Watson 10/3
Emileo Guevara 10/3
Julie Baggenstos 10/3
Charlene Salisbury 10/4
Marina Domingo 10/5
Phil Splinter 10/6
Ethan Williams 10/6
Jane Blakey 10/6
Alyssa Mickelson 10/7
Ken Wallace 10/8

Greg Goheen 10/13
Timothy Oberg 10/14
Crystal LeProhon 10/15
Robert Umbeck 10/15
Benjamin Legé 10/16
Aldon Lopez 10/17
Jeff Anderson 10/17
Heather Young 10/17
Jenn Vice 10/17
Landis Pogue 10/18
Kruz Meeuwse 10/19
Tim Aitkins 10/20
Hal Busick 10/20
KayLee Groot 10/21

Dale Coppess 10/23
Paul Cederwall 10/24
James Hansen 10/25
Cindy Wentworth 10/26
Emily Swenson 10/26
Peggy Sherman 10/26
Ella Yefimov 10/26
Bill Mickelson 10/29
Sophia McCafferty 10/29
Jeannie Osterman 10/31

Anniversaries

Paul & Debbie Cederwall
10/4
Dean & Dorie Peyton
10/6
Andrei & Nadia Agafonov
10/12
Jeff & Shay Anderson
10/12
Rick & Nancy Hawkins
10/15
Eric & Kim Rasmussen
10/17
Mark & Donna Yarnold
10/20
Greg & Victoria Turner
10/21
Robert & Maricel Umbeck
10/27

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Looking Ahead at Eastridge

November 2022

Sunday, November 6	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Tuesday, November 8	Missions Prayer Ministry	10:00am @ Alaire Irish's
Sunday, November 20	Pie Social	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving Day	

December 2022

Sunday, December 4	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Tuesday, December 13	Missions Prayer Ministry	10:00am @ Alaire Irish's
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day	

January 2023

Sunday, January 8	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Saturday, January 14	Bible Quiz Meet	8:00am (Auditorium)



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for this year's Eastridge Pie Social!

*Sunday, November 20
@ 6:00pm*

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Associate Pastor: Paul Cummings
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8:30am and 11:15am
10:00am Sunday School for all ages



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Oct 16 - How to Be a Church: The Marks of a Church

Oct 23 - How to Be a Church Member

Oct 30 - How to Lead a Church: Elder Qualifications

Nov 6 - How to Lead a Church: Elder Responsibilities

Nov 13 - How to Act as a Church: Worship Is the Goal

Nov 20 - How to Act as a Church: Disciple-Making

Nov 27 - How to Act as a Church: Fellowship

Dec 4 - How to Act as a Church: Service

Dec 11 - How to Remain the Church



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