



We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

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GRADUATION ADVICE

NEVILLE BUCHANAN

Stepping out into the world is a bad idea – unless you are stepping out on the firm foundation of faith.

Father Abraham was called by God to step out of his comfortable nest. Hebrews 11:8 (ESV) — ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. From this we can observe that when he stepped out in faith, he proved to be adaptable, friendly, and diplomatic. As a result, he was able to walk in peace and quiet contentment.

But at times Abram chose instead to step out in fear. Because he lacked faith in God's provision he went to Egypt. Then, because he was afraid, he would be killed because his wife was beautiful, he asked her to say she was his sister (Genesis 12:10-20). Abraham repeated this behavior in Genesis 20:1-18. His reason this time was "Abraham said, 'I did it because I thought, 'There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.'" (Gen.20:11 ESV). Here we can learn that is we step out in fear we become uninvolved, reluctant, and we make bad decisions. During this time Abraham stopped seeing value in himself and became self-righteous.

The lesson Abraham had to learn was that it was easier to dominate "his universe" and harder to dominate his "internal fear" that opposed his faith.

To the Graduates amongst us I offer the words of God Himself when His servant Joshua had to step out in faith.

Joshua 1:1-9 (ESV) — ¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."



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2021 VISION
"SEEK THE LORD"



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*

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VESSELS OF GLORY

Robert Murphy

In Steve's class on Acts, we have seen repeatedly how the apostles spoke with such boldness, such authority, such conviction. They did not submit to the Jewish leaders when they asked them to stop and later imprisoned them. Rather they preached the gospel **more boldly**. They knew that their authority did not lie in their credentials (family, wealth, political office, education), but rather with their relationship with Christ.

Where is this authority today? In the same place that it was at the beginning of time itself – in Jesus Christ. Those who have been baptized into Christ and proclaim the Gospel also hold this authority. This Gospel

is the most important thing that anyone could hear in their lifetime. It possesses more *gravitas* than any movie quote, any book excerpt, any presidential speech. Again, I ask, where is this authority? It is in broken vessels. It is in a rugged tent. It is in ourselves. The authority does not reflect our outward appearance or status, but rather our beauty and prestige before the Father. We must cease from proclaiming the gospel as though it is a banal, trivial, quotidian matter and rather as the power of God. We need not maim our message by saying, "This is what I find true for myself. Try it out for size." Rather, we ought to say, "This is *the* Truth and submitting to it is objectively the best decision anyone can make." I pray for myself and for all of you that we may proclaim the Truth with even more boldness in the face of fear and persecution.

TWO SIDES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Brad Herald

I was reading the book of Romans last month as part of one of my Bible reading plans, when I read a commentary that described the "two-sided reality of the Christian life". On the one side, as Christians, we are complete in Christ and our acceptance through Him is secure. On the other side, we are still growing in Christ as we strive to become more and more like Him each day, but we still struggle with the pressure of sin. We feel the presence of Christ and enjoy the peace that comes from being made right with God through Him, but we still face daily problems that often cause us to stumble, but eventually help us grow.

Romans 5:1-2 (ESV) ¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through Him we have also obtained

access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

These verses, and others, tell us we are now at peace with God. Now, there is no hostility between us, no sin blocking our relationship with Him because Jesus paid the price for our sins.

Romans 15:13 (ESV) "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

If we remember these two sides of the Christian life, and that believing in Christ is a continuous growing process, we will not grow discouraged as we face temptations and problems, but instead we will learn to depend on the power available to us from Christ through His death on the cross.

News, Notes & Announcements...



SUNDAY AM SERMON:

FROM OPPRESSION TO OPULENCE

ZEPHANIAH 3

1. YAHWEH'S _____ (1-7)
 - a. THE _____ OF THE CITY (V. 1)
 - b. THE _____ OF ITS LEADERS (VV. 2-4)
 - c. THE _____ OF YAHWEH (VV. 5-7)
2. YAHWEH'S _____ OF THE NATIONS (8-13)
 - a. _____ WILL CONSUME THE NATIONS (V. 8)
 - b. THE NATIONS WILL _____ YAHWEH (VV. 9-10)
 - c. THE _____ IS PURIFIED (VV. 11-13)
3. THE CALL TO _____ IN HOPE (14-20)
 - a. THE SONG OF YAHWEH'S _____ (VV. 14-17)
 - b. THE _____ OF HIS PRESENCE (VV. 18-20)

GRADUATION PICNIC

There will be a graduation picnic in honor of Jacob Doerr on Saturday, June 5th at 5:30 PM at Tower Park, Shelter #1 in Fort Thomas, KY. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun as we celebrate Jacob and the Class of 2021.

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00
 Over/Under: +\$6,321.80
 Apr 18, 2021-\$5,055.00
 May 02, 2021-\$4,732.00

YTD AVG - \$5,147.70
 Apr 25, 2021-\$4,478.00
 May 09, 2021-\$6,023.00

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 16th
 September 10-11
 September 24-25

Monthly Report Meeting, 12:30pm
 Ladies' Retreat at Potter's Ranch
 Men's Retreat at Potter's Ranch



Summit's Prayer List

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!

Becky Treadway (friend of Laura Hutchings' mom) Remains in the hospital with complication from COVID; showing some improvement

Dan McNeese In Woodcrest Rehab

Harold Painter Surgery to clear blockages & place stents on 5/24

Ken Bailey (Morgan & Paul's dad) Being treated for trigeminal neuralgia, waiting for consultation with surgeon

Sarah Webster On bedrest for pregnancy-induced high blood pressure

Spencer Harlow (Ron & Julie Harlow's teenage son) Spencer and Julie are traveling from Florida to Cincinnati Children's Hospital this week for a second opinion on his diagnosis; tumor appears to be benign

Thelma Rachford Weakness and difficulty breathing

Cancer

- **Bev** (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer; needs surgery
- **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Cancer is stable
- **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable
- **Dorothy Whorley** (friend of Sharon Hammer's son) Radiation for 4-6 months
- **Jamie** (Steve Proctor's co-worker) Cancer recurrence
- **Linda Krebs** (Brad & Faith's grandma) In the hospital, not doing well with chemo
- **Sean Timmerding** (Brad & Faith's grandma) Surgery and chemo for second brain tumor

• **Shellee Jenkins** (Melissa Denham's cousin) Completed chemo treatments; struggling emotionally

• **Tylene Clark** (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancer recurrence
Long-term Needs

• **Daniel Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's brother) Recovering from an addiction

• **Dennis Ratliff** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Awaiting surgery for liver disease

• **Joey Adams**- Needs a suitable group home

• **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Struggling with caring for her parents who have dementia

• **Kerri Herald**- Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult

• **Mandy** (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce

• **Nick Henson**- Condition is being monitored for six weeks

• **Raye Arroyos** (Melissa Denham's mom) Recovery from her stroke is going well

• **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

• **Tom Smith** (former Summit preacher) Recovery from heart/lung issues is going well

Shut-In Members

• **Clara Downard**

• **Dana Fuller**

• **Peggy Holt**

• **Shirley Holt**

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 6 active students & 3 active teachers

