



May 3, 2020

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Welcome and Community Life

*This We Know
How Great Thou Art*

Prayer

Sermon
Old Habits or Renewed Minds
Genesis 33
Pastor Dean Monkemeier

Lord I Need You

WELCOME
TO DISCOVER CHRIST AND DISPLAY HIS TRANSFORMING POWER

The logo for "SERMON NOTES" features a blue circle on the left containing a white letter "S". To the right of the circle, the words "ERMON NOTES" are written in a blue, sans-serif, uppercase font.

Old Habits or Renewed Minds
Genesis 33

*It is one thing to encounter God in his transforming power;
it is quite another to live in light of the transformation God makes within us.*

1. We tend to fall back into the sinful habits of the past.
2. We tend to lose our trust in God and respond in fear.
3. We tend to respond with incomplete obedience.



MISSION FOCUS

M AND T M FAMILY

Three-and-a-half months into the Coronavirus situation here, we have experienced God's faithfulness in many ways. We would like to share three of them with you. First, our church began meeting for worship and fellowship online back in February, so **M** was installed as pastor in a Zoom meeting in April. There are many disadvantages to meeting this way, but one significant advantage is that churches here are learning that we can survive even if our physical meeting spaces are taken away.

Second, in spite of restrictions on travel and on visiting friends, we have been given permission to continue to meet with our friends to homeschool together. **E** and **S** are doing well in this new situation, and after a difficult first half of the year here they have had a relatively stable school experience for the second half with us as their "teachers."

Finally, even with the Coronavirus situation, we have been able to register **T**'s lactation-consulting business, which was the big hurdle on the quest to be able to stay and work here in the long term. These were all situations that we were concerned about just three months ago, and we have seen God's faithfulness in all of them.

Please **pray** for our church and for all the churches in this city. We have been spared a significant outbreak (the first SARS was far worse here), but we have been in lockdown mode since January. This has caused considerable hardship and suffering. Businesses have closed, many have lost jobs, and travel restrictions have meant that several families have been separated for months. Please **pray** that we would know how to meet the needs of our church members and be salt and light for our community here.

For our particular needs, please **pray** that our resident permit process would continue to go smoothly, that **M** would have wisdom starting this new role in this odd time, and that we would continue to be blessed as we seek to learn and grow and serve as a family here.

And, of course, please **pray** that doors would open for us to be able to come back and visit all of you before too long!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Communion Service TODAY, Sunday, May 3 at 6PM. Let's gather together for a special online Communion Service, in our homes. We are planning to broadcast this online service *privately* in our [Facebook Group](#) and [YouTube](#). This means you will need to be a member of our Facebook Group or **use the YouTube link that was emailed to you from the Church Office.**

As you prepare for this Communion Service, it's not necessary to make an extra trip out to get the elements for communion. You can use whatever you have on your shelf or in your refrigerator. Our devoted time of remembering Christ's broken body, shed blood, and death on the cross for us is what makes communion meaningful. Not the small cups of grape juice and the saltines, so please use what you have at home.

Please join our [WSBC Facebook Group](#) at: www.facebook.com/groups/WesternSpringsBaptistChurch and join our [Email List](#) so that you will get all of our up to date information. If you're not on [Facebook](#) then create an account and join our online community.

WSBC Coffee and Fellowship on ZOOM.

Do you miss seeing and fellowshiping with your church family? Joel and Rhonda Sisson are hosting a Zoom Coffee and Fellowship hour for WSBC, [following the online Sunday Worship at 10:30AM.](#)

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89209377927?pwd=SmFtN1dkRGdnV0RoUi9JQUdLaE5pZz09>
- Meeting ID: 892 0937 7927
- Password: WSBC0ff33

VBS 2020 is Cancelled.

Due to ongoing concerns for the safety of our community and volunteers, and the seriousness of the COVID-19 Pandemic, WSBC sadly announces that we are CANCELLING VBS for 2020. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Women's Prayer Gathering on ZOOM, on Mondays at 8PM for a needed time devoted to prayer. [\(Please note new day and time\)](#)

- Join the Women's Prayer Gathering on ZOOM

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82189085852?pwd=VWIKV VdmdktsYmExYlZqOGhmb2lUZz09>
- Meeting ID: 821 8908 5852
- Password: 053601

Men's Prayer Gathering on ZOOM, on Fridays at 7AM for a time to pray together.

- Join the Men's Prayer Gathering on Zoom
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593958805?pwd=YW55Z 09xK1lBS0g0NVd0RmsxbmlTZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 825 9395 8805
 - Password: WSBC-Men

Staying Connected

Please plan to regularly visit our church website: wsbc.info/home and use our social media during these weeks in order to stay connected with one another, receive updates from our staff, and to continue your stewardship of giving. If you have spiritual or physical needs please communicate with us by calling the church office at: 708.246.1530, or by email at wsbc@wsbc.info or Pastor Dean at: dean@wsbc.info. I pray that you all are doing well in these strange and difficult times. "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning..." (Lamentations 3: 22,23a).

Families with WSBC KIDS ... be sure to visit <https://wsbc.info/online-stream/> each week. We are posting Bible story and worship videos for you as well as an @Home guide for Family Discipleship. There are a couple ways for you to connect. You are invited to join our Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WSBCFamilies/> and our texting service through
Remind: <https://www.remind.com/join/wsbcfams>

Core Class ... while the Core Class is not able to gather for lectures on Sunday mornings, all content will continue as planned throughout the semester. You can find the CC audio page [here](#), or by typing <https://wsbc.info/core-class/> into your web browser. To be added to the Core Class email list, which will provide weekly content connected to the class, please email Timothy Abbatacola at timothy@wsbc.info.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Pew Hymnal #8

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yes so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

This We Know

You are who You say You are
You'll do what You say You'll do
You'll be who You've always been to us, Jesus

And our hope is in You alone
Our strength in Your mighty name
Our peace in the darkest day remains, Jesus

This we know, we will see the enemy run
This we know, we will see the victory come
We hold on to ev'ry promise You ever made
Jesus, You are unfailing

Our Guide through the wilderness
Our joy in the heaviness
Our way when it seems there is no way, Jesus

This we know, we will see the enemy run
This we know, we will see the victory come
We hold on to ev'ry promise You ever made
Jesus, You are unfailing

We trust You, we trust You
Your ways are higher than our own
We trust You, We trust You
Your ways are higher than our own

Yes, this we know, we will see the enemy run
This we know, we will see the victory come
We hold on to ev'ry promise You ever made
Jesus, You are unfailing

Jesus, You are unfailing

So we trust You, we trust You
Your ways are higher than our own
We trust You, We trust You
Your ways are higher than our own

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Lord I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
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