



Freedom In Christ Church

Newsletter



Son, Go Get My Children

Are you ready for the Rapture of the Church? Are you looking to the sky? He is coming back for His church and He is coming back soon! That should excite you! It should have put a huge smile on your face, the thought of Jesus coming back to take you out of this troubled world.

But did it?

I would like to tell you a story from the Bible. I'm of course going to be paraphrasing but I will share the scripture in context at the end.

Jesus told His disciples a story;

There was a man who owned a large field. This man knew his field very well, every acre, every spring, every place that needed work. He worked on his field day and night, a true labor of love. He learned that he must go away to take care of business elsewhere, so he hired two men to tend his fields so the fields would not be neglected in his absence.

Both men received the very same interview and both agreed to the terms of the job. Both men went through the same orientation and gained the same understanding of the job they were tasked to do.

In the beginning, the employer worked alongside his employees, teaching and guiding them how his fields are to be taken care of while he is away. After all, a true leader leads by example. Both men got to work on their own and the employer was pleased.

It was time. The employer sat the men down and gave them the rundown and his final set of instructions and promised to pay them when he returned. He ended the conversation with, "I'm trusting you" ... Both men responded with "you can count on us!"

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The employer then went away. He trusted his employees were taught well and were capable of tending to his fields with the same love and hard work that he himself had tended with. The men got back to work. Working hard, plowing the fields. Day in and day out. Some days had passed and the employer had not yet returned.

One of the men woke and went straight to work doing as he knew to do. The other woke, drank some coffee out on the deck and flipped the TV on. It didn't take long for the one already breaking a sweat in the morning sun to notice he was alone. After several more hours of being alone he decided to check on his co-worker.

When he reached the homestead, he saw his co-worker passed out on the couch with potato chips on his shirt, and empty snack bags trashed the living room. He woke him saying "we have work to do!" The sleepy co-worker glared through one opened eye as he let out a yawn, "relax! We have plenty of time!"

With a roll of the eyes, he went back to work. Even with the high sun beating down on his back and the weight of extra work on his shoulders, he never stopped working. He could hear a hoot and a shout coming from the homestead, fearing something had happened to his co-worker, he ran as fast as he could following the sound.

As he approached, he could smell the grill was fired up and saw his co-worker doing cannonballs into their boss's pool. "What are you doing?! We have work to do!" He asked, this time a little more frustrated than the last.

"Relax! We have plenty of time!" The co-worker said as he cracked open a beer to offer. Turning away, he shook off the frustration and went back to work. A few hours had passed and he was still alone working in the field.

He heard footsteps behind him and said "finally! I could really use your help!" He turned to find not his co-worker but his employer.

"I hired two men for this job, where is the other?" To which the man who had been working in the field all alone all this time shrugged his shoulders. The employer headed straight for the homestead and the man followed close behind.

When they approached, they found the house trashed. Empty beer cans tossed carelessly in the lawn, scorched food on the grill, displaced water from the pool covered every inch of the deck. The employer was shocked! Disappointment filled his face. He went in search of the man he had hired to do a job.

When he found this man, he was passed out, drunk, on the employer's bed. "Hypocrite!" The employer yelled in a thunderous shout. The man jumped out of bed and said "Sir! You are home! I didn't expect you back so soon..."

The employer tossed him out of his house and paid him nothing. He turned to his faithful employee and paid him twice what he was owed and gave him charge over all his land.

Matthew 24:48-51

We have all been given a job to do while we await the return of Jesus. We are called to reach the lost and to live a life that imitates that of Christ while He was on the earth. The scripture lays out our job description, that of an employee handbook or guide, in the Bible.

What will you be doing when He comes back? Like a thief in the night, in the twinkling of an eye, no man knows the hour. Will you be living for Christ? Doing the great work, you have been assigned?

Or will you be living for the world. Doing the great work of Satan, the master of this world? Sin is like a shackle. A shackle that is cemented to the ground on Earth. When Jesus comes back, will you fly free or will you be shackled to the ground?

Jesus is the key to every shackle! We don't have to be in bondage. Make the decision to reach down and unlock the shackles of sin with the key you've been given the day Jesus died on the cross long ago.

Let's go up, up and away! The great union in the sky. It is truly saddening to think of the children of God being shackled to this Earth and unable to fly when the trumpet blows. Come with me! His way is better! I can promise you; you do not want to live in the world that will be left behind.

Sister Leah Hockenberry

To the One Who is Searching:

Hello there, I pray you are receptive to what God has laid on my heart. If you are reading this, it's because God wants you to hear from Him.

It's up to you what happens from here on out. You have a decision to make... if you are tired of feeling the way you are, give God one year and see what He does in your life. Talk to Him daily. Read the Bible (stay in the New Testament for now) Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. Or you can read Psalms & Proverbs too. It's just, the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) are all about the life of Jesus when He was here on this earth as a man. He is the exact likeness of God the Father. Get to know Him as your best friend!

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We know that if you give your heart to God, He will make something beautiful out of you! He will heal your broken heart. He loves you, because He loves you, because He loves you, because His word tells us that! Fall in love with Him and His ways, and you will be a miracle- I promise! He can fill that empty spot in your heart. Did you know it's a God shaped hole, waiting for you to ask Him in and He will fill it?

Our church is praying for people in your shoes. You have a church family here for you if you want to come in. I love our church because we all have a story or a past. We don't judge anyone because we don't forget where we came from. We have so many lives in our church that have been changed and we are miracles. You can be a miracle too and then; you'll be able to share your story and help someone else. Just remember, when you are at your weakest, God is at His strongest! His grace is sufficient for you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He formed you in your mother's womb and He created you for fellowship with Him. He just wants you to communicate with Him about everything going on in your life. May as well, He knows it anyhow. You ARE wonderfully & fearfully made by God. He made you unique. There is nowhere else in this world where there is another "you". We are all unique. No one else has our finger prints. He made us all special and He loves us. He wants what's best for us.

God wants the best for us and the devil wants the worst for us. God wishes we would prosper, even as our soul prospers. The more "Word" you get into you, the more you will prosper in your spirit. My suggestion to you would be, listen to our messages online, if you can. Download the Bible app on your phone "You Version" Some translations will even read the Bible to you. My husband and I like to fall asleep at night with the Word playing.

Well, my friend, I wanted to share this with you in hopes that you might land on this nugget and know that God is wanting you to find Him. He already knows everything about you and He is trying His best to get your attention. I am anxious to hear & hopefully see what God is going to do in your life. Don't be too hard on yourself. Do the things that are in your control to do. You can talk to the Father anytime... you can read His word. Use your time wisely and keep your mind on good things. Don't dwell on depressing thoughts.

Change your worries into prayers. Have a dream... keep the vision alive... ask God to help you lose desires for old habits that may be harmful to you. Remember, His grace is sufficient for you. He will help you. He says, "come as you are". We are all in need of Him. Our church would love to meet you and we will welcome you in just as you are. You will learn to be an overcomer!!! You are a child of God!!!

May God bless you and keep you.

Your friend at Freedom In Christ Church,

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Building for the Harvest

“Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it...” Psalms 127:1

As we near the completion of our new gymnasium/fellowship center I would like to thank the Lord for providing for all of our needs. The word of God says that “God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory” (Philippines 4:19). We have said all along that our building is for the harvest. In this day of uncertainty that we are living, we know that the harvest is beginning to come in. People are turning to God like never before and we will be prepared for them. This summer will be our third year for summer camps for children. Pastor Dane and Sister Inayah Pogue have another exciting summer planned. We are excited that the summer camp children will be able to enjoy our new gymnasium/fellowship center. Basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer and many more activities will be enjoyed in our new building. Passion Youth Group will be joining our Kidz Igniting children in our new building on Wednesday evenings, and Sunday mornings children’s church will all be held in our new gymnasium. We are excited about the prospect of an exciting and growing children’s and youth ministries. We are excited and proud to serve our heavenly Father and to be a light in our community. I would like to thank all those who believed along with us and supported us in our effort to build our gymnasium/fellowship center. Many people have given generously towards this project and many have also supported us in prayer. You can be confident that God will reward each and every one of you for your faithfulness. As I often say, “if you take care of God’s house, He will take care of yours.”

Be blessed,
Pastor John

KIDZ KORNER

FREEDOM IN CHRIST CHURCH OFFERS FIRST CLASS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES! BABY SPARKZ NURSERY: CHILDREN AGES NEWBORN TO 3 YEARS OF AGE - BABY SPARKZ NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR SUNDAY MORNING AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES AND INCLUDES A TODDLER CLASS FOR AGES 4-5 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. BOTH AGE GROUPS OF LITTLE ONES WILL BE TAUGHT THE BASIC FUNDAMENTALS OF KNOWING AND LOVING GOD THROUGH CREATIVE AND FUN WAYS DESIGNED TO KEEP THE CHILDREN'S ATTENTION AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT. ALL WHILE EXPERIENCING AN ATMOSPHERE OF CHRIST LIKE LOVE AND A SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE. NURSERY DIRECTOR: SISTER INAYAH POGUE PROGRAM FOR AGES 4-5: SISTER LISA DAYWALT

KIDZ IGNITING: SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES PROVIDE THE AMAZING KIDZ IGNITING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-12. PASTOR DANE POGUE USES THE CREATIVE AND EXCITING PROGRAM, KID NATION, TO CAPTIVATE OUR CHILDREN'S MINDS AND TEACH THEM THE POWERFUL WORD OF GOD. KIDZ IGNITING SERVICES FEATURE A KEYNOTE PRESENTATION, SKITS, GAMES AND TICKET INCENTIVES WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN PRIZES EVERY WEEK. KIDZ IGNITING IS ALSO AVAILABLE DURING OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE. OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDZ IGNITING PROGRAM IS TAUGHT BY A TEAM OF FOUR TEACHERS. CHILDREN'S PASTOR: PASTOR DANE POGUE WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEACHERS: SISTER MARSHA WILLIAMS, BROTHER RANDY AND SISTER SHERRY MILLER, AND SISTER DEBBIE BEST

PASSION YOUTH GROUP: HOSTED IN THE UPSTAIRS PORTION OF PASTOR JOHN AND SISTER LESLIE'S HOME FOR AGES 13-18. PASSION YOUTH GROUP OFFERS A SMALLER SETTING WITH A WARM AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE AIR HOCKEY AND FOOSBALL TABLES AND A HANGOUT AREA TO RELAX AND FELLOWSHIP. PASTOR DANE PREACHES THE TRUTH IN LOVE TO OUR YOUTH AND TACKLES THE BIGGEST AND MOST CHALLENGING ISSUES WE FACE TODAY. PASTOR DANE'S APPROACH OF NOT HOLDING BACK HAS CHANGED THE LIVES OF MANY YOUTH OVER THE YEARS. PASSIONATE, POWERFUL, ENLIGHTENING AND LIFE CHANGING SERVICES, WEEK AFTER WEEK. ABOVE ALL ELSE, PASTOR DANE IS DEDICATED TO TEACHING THE WORD OF GOD AND HOW TO KNOW GOD, LOVE GOD AND EXPERIENCE GOD.

YOUTH PASTOR: PASTOR DANE POGUE

AS FREEDOM IN CHRIST CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW, SO DOES KIDZ IGNITING, PRAISE THE LORD! WE ARE BUILDING A TEAM OF SUPPORT STAFF FOR BOTH KIDZ IGNITING AND OUR BABY SPARKZ. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS INCREDIBLE TEAM, CONTACT PASTOR DANE OR SISTER INAYAH.

Name that Hymn:

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

WAYS TO GIVE:

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GIVE, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE. YOUR GIFT WILL RETURN TO YOU IN FULL-PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER TO MAKE ROOM FOR MORE, RUNNING OVER, AND POURED INTO YOUR LAP. THE AMOUNT YOU GIVE WILL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT YOU GET BACK.

LUKE 6:38

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Upcoming events

Pantry of Hope

Food and loose change Sunday

First Sunday of every month

First Friday Fellowship

June 4th 7 - 8:30pm

Speakers

Men: Brother Lowell Carey

Women: Sister Brook Garrett



Answer:

Here I Am, Lord

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You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

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