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JUST A LITTLE *Reminder* THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study
via ZOOM
More Information to follow

WEDNESDAY

NO Worship Team Practice

6:30 **Virtual** Youth Group **and their**
parents through
Video Conferencing
Contact Chris for details

NO Ladies Bible Studies or
Men's Small Group
All Men's activities have been
cancelled until further notice

NO Saturday Morning Walk

PRAYER

changes things

Continue to pray for
Carl Volgarino
Barbara Van Arman
Karen Gupton
Jimmy Morrison
Lynn Lindsey
Doug Wight

And Lord, during this time may your
Church be a sign of hope, comfort and
love to all.

*there is wonder
even in darkness
and silence*

A Message from Pastor Derrick

Jehovah Rapha Restores Elijah's Story for Our Times #3 1 Kings 19:15-21

Here's How:

- (1) Jehovah Rapha Commanded Elijah to Return to the Very Place He Veered Off Course (15a)
15 The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus.

Principles from the Text:

- (a) God often took the saints of the Bible back to the place they veered (Ex. Abraham; John Mark)
- (b) In order to make them triumphant in areas where they previously knew great defeat (Isaiah 61:1-3)
- (c) The first step in restoration is developing the courage to retrace where you veered.

- (2) Jehovah Rapha Commanded Elijah to Begin the Peacemaking Process by Making Difficult, But Right, Decisions (15b-17)

When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. 17 Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu.

Principles from the Text:

- (a) Peace Enforcers - Big personalities that silence honorable people. (Diotrephes)
 - (b) Peace Keepers - Avoid conflict though conflict is the honorable course. (Pilate)
 - (c) Peace Makers - Sow "shalom" right in the midst of conflict (Elijah; Jesus)
- (3) Jehovah Rapha Fired Elijah from Divine Optometry and Hired Himself (18)

18 Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

Principles from the Text:

- (a) One of the fundamental flaws of Elijah was that he thought he was a Lone Ranger for all things right, noble, and spiritual. He was wrong (1 Kgs 19:10, 14).

- (b) Key components of Elijah's restoration were: learning to rely on God's assessment instead of his own, and realizing he wasn't alone.

- (4) Jehovah Rapha Gifted Elijah with Fellowship (19:19-21)

19 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him... Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

Principles from the Text:

- (a) God knew that His presence alone wasn't enough to sustain a flawed prophet like Elijah. So he sent him a like-minded pupil.

- (b) The ultimate goal of God in restoring Elijah was so that he would invest in Elisha. That's called making a disciple. Sound familiar?

- (c) Any restoration and healing God performs in your life demands investment in someone else who needs to experience what you did.

LOVE



Due to the community restrictions caused by the Coronavirus situation, Libby has had to cut back on some of the organized activities for the youth involved with Youth for Christ. Consequently, they are looking for something productive to do, You could be the recipient of the gift of their time if you need assistance with running errands or other small jobs. They would appreciate the opportunity to give back to the churches that support them. Please call Libby Sanderson for more information at 910-985-0079.



Pray for church leaders as we are in the process of designing Drive-In Services **beginning April 26** while maintaining our present format for those more comfortable at home during this pandemic.

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(Share link with your family & friends)

ATTENTION: PARENTS & YOUTH

Chris is planning a Video Conference Meeting that will include the Parents and the Youth for this coming Wednesday.

Please call Chris for further details.
He is looking forward to meeting with everyone.

we are practicing
**SOCIAL
DISTANCING**

One More Thing

And he shall bring it to pass (Ps. 37:5).

I once thought that after I prayed that it was my duty to do everything that I could do to bring the answer to pass. He taught me a better way, and showed that my self-effort always hindered His working, and that when I prayed and definitely believed Him for anything, He wanted me to wait in the spirit of praise, and only do what He bade me. It seems so unsafe to just sit still, and do nothing but trust the Lord; and the temptation to take the battle into our own hands is often tremendous.

We all know how impossible it is to rescue a drowning man who tries to help his rescuer, and it is equally impossible for the Lord to fight our battles for us when we insist upon trying to fight them ourselves. It is not that He will not, but He cannot. Our interference hinders His working.

--C.H.P.

Spiritual forces cannot work while earthly forces are active.

It takes God time to answer prayer. We often fail to give God a chance in this respect. It takes time for God to paint a rose. It takes time for God to grow an oak. It takes time for God to make bread from wheat fields. He takes the earth. He pulverizes. He softens. He enriches. He wets with showers and dews. He warms with life. He gives the blade, the stock, the amber grain, and then at last the bread for the hungry.

All this takes time. Therefore we sow, and till, and wait, and trust, until all God's purpose has been wrought out. We give God a chance in this matter of time. We need to learn this same lesson in our prayer life. It takes God time to answer prayer.

--J. H. M. From Streams in the Desert