



THE LINK

LINKING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE, EACH TO THE
OTHER, TO CHRIST JESUS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD

PASTOR'S NOTES

PASTOR JAMES W. CARLSON

My precious sheep:

Have you heard the expression "Quarantine 15?" It refers to the fact that some people are gaining weight while being forced to stay at home more due to Covid-19. The more people stay at home, and the more stress and anxiety they experience, the more they turn to comfort food. People are depressed and exercising less. Many people are concerned that they are out of shape physically. But I want to ask: Are you out of shape spiritually? Let's consider this. The Apostle Paul compares the Christian life to that of an athlete. In his day (in the first century AD) throughout the Roman Empire the major cities had gymnasiums where they held athletic contests. Think of the ancient Olympics which started in Greece. Evidently, Paul attended some of these events and through them he saw a metaphor for the Christian journey. The main passage here is 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. It reads, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." Notice some of the phrases in this wonderful paragraph. Paul admonishes us to go into "strict training." He says that we do not run "aimlessly," but with determined purpose. Paul indicates that he struck a blow to his body and that he made his body "my slave." All of this talk is intense. This is someone who is serious about his relationship with Christ. Let me ask by way of comparison: Have you ever exercised this intensely physically?

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THE MISSION OF CCC:

"WORSHIPING GOD, GROWING,
SPIRITUALLY, SERVING OTHERS,
INVITING FRIENDS"

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I did in high school when I ran cross country. I ran cross country all four years of high school. I had practice every day after school and ran on the weekends too. Consequently, I was in top shape and was a competitor in many races (I was All-Conference my senior year). To be in top shape spiritually requires the same kind of dedication. It requires that we exercise our spiritual muscles daily through prayer and study of the Word of God. I say this as a reminder to you all – because I know we all tend to stop exercising spiritually over time. I came across this quote last week, “It’s hard to get in shape spiritually if you only work out on Sunday.” That’s true! Let me encourage you to a robust commitment to your devotional life. People in our culture can get so serious about their physical exercise (even fanatical) – but what of their spiritual health? Back in 1 Cor 9:25 it reminds us that those in the Olympic Games “do it to get a crown that will not last,” but in our spiritual effort “we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” And in 1 Timothy 4:8 it says, “For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” One more metaphor on the devotional life – it comes directly from the lips of Jesus and it’s concerning the vine and the branches. In John 15:5 Jesus teaches, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.” Are you bearing fruit in the Christian life? If not, it’s because you are not remaining in Jesus the Vine. What is the fruit of the Christian life? Primary, I think it’s the FRUIT of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). If these things are absent in your life, or seldom seen throughout the day in your interactions with others, it’s because you are not praying and studying the Word of God – you’re disconnected from the Vine. We all want these virtues in our life; other people want to see them too.



"The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1

Let's make a fresh commitment to fresh fruit in our daily walk with Jesus throughout this month of October 2020. This fruit will ripen in us through a disciplined Christian life. Below is a picture of fresh grapes attached to a vine (taken from the backyard of our very own Richard Axmann, Pastor Emeritus). The grapes look lush because the vine and the branches are lush! Where there's connection, there's fruit. Let this be a visible illustration for us spiritually.

Grace and peace,
Pastor James



First Impressions

The smile on his face is welcome
The expression of body language allows hope
His extended hand in greeting is confirming
Can this bridge of humanity bear weight
Can his world of thought be inclusive and expansive
With independence of persona and
conformity of group accommodate
From which the essence of agreement lies
Where upon substrate sorrow and joy part
To be accountable is recognitions
of opportunities direction
For considering opposing views of difference
The beneficence for the common good stands
As the only ground for further accord

By Edward S Murphy

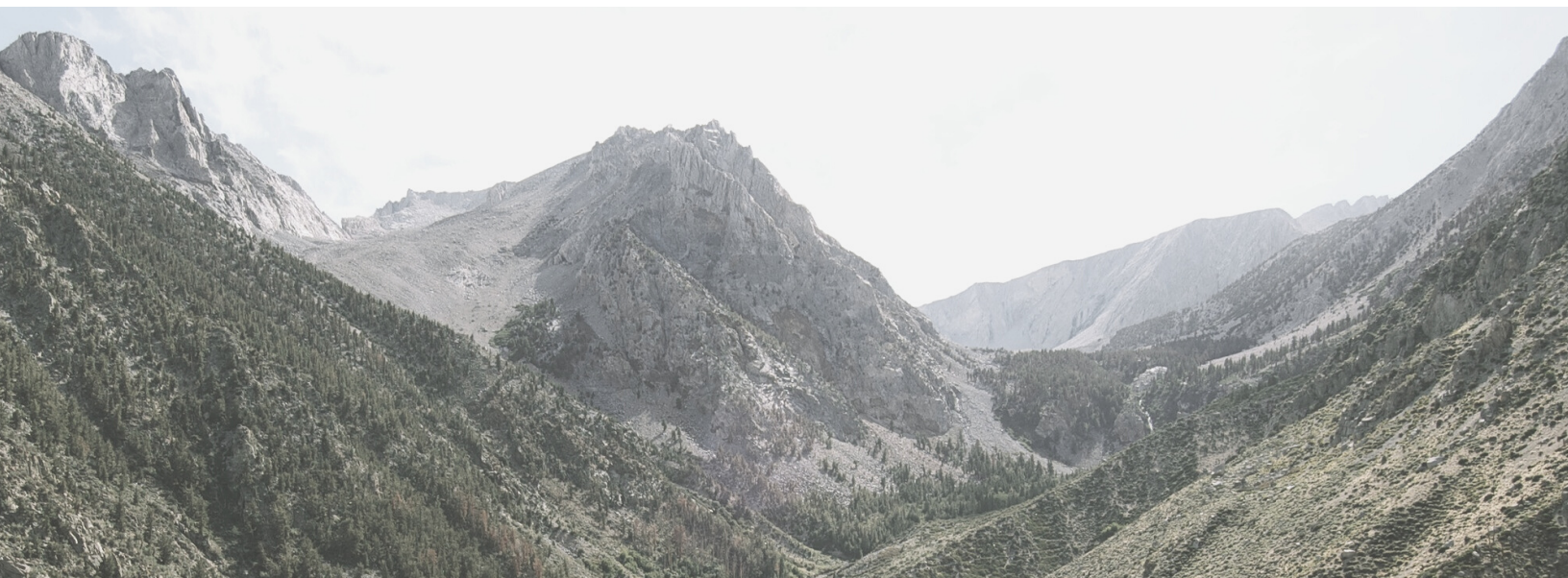
Your Life's Tapestry

Is your path chosen
Or is it random
Like the blowing wind...

Let not your heart be weary
Let Jesus be your friend
Allow Him to be the weaver of your tapestry
And as you weave through life's
toils and woes
He will be there by your side.

As you travel on life's dusty roads
He will be there to hold your hand
Comfort you on your journey
And lighten your load.

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HIS GATHERING PLACE CAFÉ

BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 3rd: Mel Carey
- Oct. 3rd: Sharon Rivera
- Oct. 4th: Linda Stanley
- Oct. 4th: Matt Marten
- Oct. 6th: Courtney Moulton
- Oct. 6th: Jamie Carlson
- Oct. 8th: Marsha Gooseberry
- Oct. 11th: Katie Carlson
- Oct. 12th: Ervin Herdt
- Oct. 17th: Edith Aleman
- Oct. 17th: Brandon Barnard
- Oct. 18th: Gerald Nichols,
- Oct. 21st: Cathy Nichols
- Oct. 23rd: Pat Zabel
- Oct. 23rd: Erin Fonoti
- Oct. 28th: Richard Fisher

CLASSES & STUDIES

Classes/Groups for Spring:

For the health and well-being of our congregants, classes held at the church building are postponed until further notice.

Remote studies, facilitated via ZOOM are as follows:

- **"Inexpressible: Hesus and the Mystery of God's Lovingkindness" by Michael Card** on Thursdays at 7pm. A men's group led by Chris Morin.
- A study through **"Becoming a Woman of Excellence"** (by Cynthia Heald) on Tuesday's at 7pm. A women's group led by Shari Boehmer.
- A study through the **book of James** on Wednesday's at 7pm. A group for everyone led by Pastor James (jamescarlsonsr@gmail.com). **This class is facilitated via the church's Facebook Page.*

Directions:

When you sign up to be part of a group, you will email the group leader. Then, they will send you an email inviting you to join their small group. This email will include a link that you press on and, voila- you can join. It will ask you to run the program on your computer, and after a couple clicks, you'll be in the chat room. If you have questions about how to use this, contact your group leader or Pastor James (626-476-5543) or the church office (801-825-1115).

HIS GATHERING PLACE CAFÉ

MINISTRY NEWS

- Rocky Mountain Care Center Ministry.

Please Come join us every Friday at 10:30 AM for a half hour of song and a message from the speaker that day with patients. **Canceled until further notice.*

Any questions you may contact Eileen or Dennis Richards 801/825-3471.

Call for nominations for 2021 officers and ministry teams

In the sanctuary there is a poster identifying various ministry positions that are available for next year. Please pray for the Lord's leading with regard to where each of you should serve.

To nominate other people please first consult them regarding their willingness to serve.

There are six offices and eight ministry teams. The offices are Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Church Clerk, and Youth Representative. The ministry teams are Education & Training, Outreach, Group, Worship, Membership Care, Stewardship & Finance, Missions and Facilities Management. Each ministry team needs a chairperson and team members. 1 Peter 4:10 says, Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's Grace in its various forms. Please pray and then sign up on the poster board or call Dennis Branham to have your name added to the poster board. If you have any questions in regard to the ministry teams, please contact Dennis Branham, (801) 682-6499, or Stacey Moyle, (801) 698-1575.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: CLEARFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH (CCC) IS SEEKING TO HIRE A WORSHIP LEADER. INTERESTED CANDIDATES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT CCC BY PHONE (801-825-1115). A COPY OF THE POSITION DESCRIPTION CAN BE PROVIDED BY EMAIL ADDRESS UPON REQUEST.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR AUNT, MARION BOSWORTH. SHE HAD A HEART ATTACK ON TOP OF PNEUMONIA AND COVID-19 POSITIVE. SHE IS IN A NURSING HOME AT THE PRESENT TIME IN LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS.

EILEEN & DENNIS RICHARDS

HIS GATHERING PLACE CAFÉ

PRAYER CONCERNS

September 2020

Ronald Branham, Kevin Branham, Sue Carlson,
Edith Warnshuis, Kaylin Terry, Kathy Knighton, Eric Palmer,
Lynn McCarthy, Pat Call, Linda Manning, Jamie Richards,
Stuart Simmons, Jean Varner, Bob Roberts, Mike Mann, Matt
Tobey, Travis Jeffery, Mark MacDonald, Edith Aleman, Barrett
Wellington, Ervin Herdt, Bill & Marte Hazelwood,
Evie Guzman, Dennis & Naomi DeGroot, Marilyn Simon,
Jessica Woeppel, Susan Woeppel, Angelika Bertrand,
Traudy Sanborn, Jean Moneymaker, Corey Maynard
George Ingle, Jane Kelting, Marion Bosworth

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: CLEARFIELD
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"Rejoice
always, pray
without
ceasing, give
thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is the
will of God in
Christ Jesus for
you."

1 Thess 5:16-18