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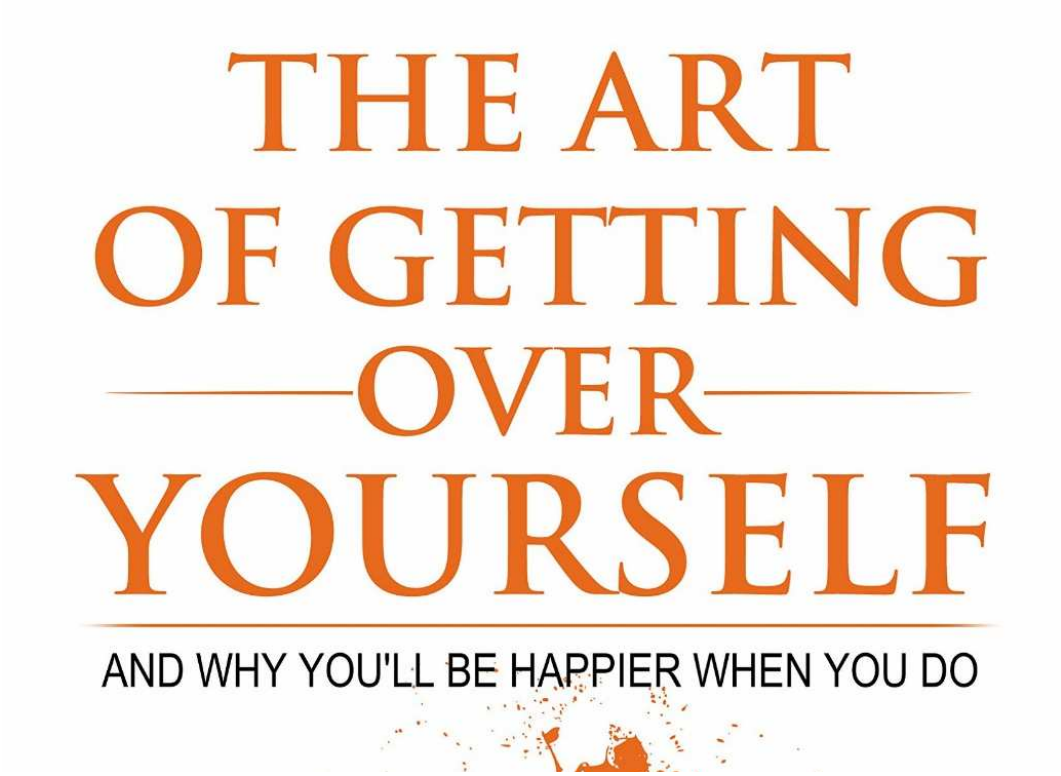

So often when we are following Christ, especially in the calling to ministry, there looms in front of us a gigantic mountain apparently blocking the road. It is called *"SELF."* It is an obstacle to every believer I know, and yet like so many other mountains we may encounter when we are following Christ, it is placed directly in our path to be overcome.

In dealing with this struggle, Jesus spoke repeatedly to His disciples about taking up their cross (an instrument of death) and following Him. He made it clear that if any would follow Him, they must deny themselves, which means giving up their lives—spiritually, symbolically, and even physically, if necessary. This was a prerequisite for being a follower of Christ, who proclaimed that trying to save our earthly lives would result in our losing our lives in the kingdom. But those who would give up their lives for His sake would find eternal life (Matthew 16:24–25; Mark 8:34–35). Indeed, Jesus even went so far as to say that those who are unwilling to sacrifice their lives for Him cannot be His disciples (Luke 14:27)

Yes, the challenge is a great one… But the reward of abundant and eternal life are far greater! Looking forward to sharing this message on Sunday!

Join us live at HBC, 10:00 am for this exciting new series…
"Deep Clean!" – Or tune into Facebook Live at
10:00 am and encourage others to join in with you!

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 17, 2021

Budget $1622.00

Alma Hunt Missions $10.00

Cash In Cash out Doors $50.00

Pure Water Pure Love $50.00

Total Deposit $1732.00

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Lock up/ Greeter

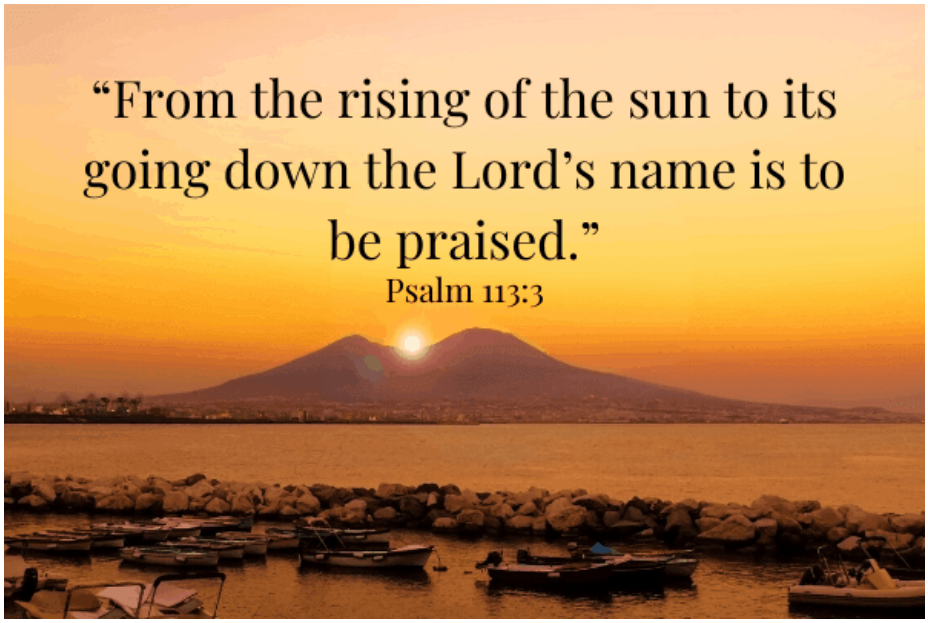
8/22 Stan Langdon

8/29 Joe Wircenske

Counter

8/23 Sue Monfalcone

8/30 Myrna Powell



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Kids- Kids will wear a mask at the discretion of their parents.

Calendar

Tuesday, August 17th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, August 18th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, August 19th

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, August 22nd

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, August 24th

1:00pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, August 25th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, August 26th

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

Friday, August 27th

5:30pm Community Dinner

Sunday, August 29th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Back to School Sunday

Pack the Pantry Sunday

Happy Birthday in August

8/19 Barry Surber

/30 Janice Harvey

8/30 Mark St. Ours

8/31 Pat Schell

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Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Just a few pictures from VBS. What an awesome time we had together.

Thanks to all the workers that came everyday and made VBS a great success.

Karen Simpson, Gloria Ammons, Margaret Upole, Pam Cooke, Jan Harvey, Denise Vassar, Kathy Caskie, Christy Kuhlne, Mary Ellis, Nadine Stephenson, Lisa Keller, Ellery Lapointe and Pastor Lynwood..

You ROCK!

Dreama

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

WMU *Focus*

WMU Missions Focus for August– Pure Water/ Pure Love

PWPL has three purposes : to supply missionaries with water filters, to provide the people they serve with wells that offer clean water and to supply missions teams with water filters for use on short-term missions trips. Monetary Donation are accepted

Food Pantry at HBC

HBC gives food away on Tuesdays and Thursday. See Sue Monfalcone

to volunteer and for more information on how you can help. Restock the pantry the last Sunday of every month. Drive Thru Food Donation is the first Wednesday of Every month 4pm-6pm in the back parking lot.

'*Pray for Our Missionaries*

Laurel Spiegel (American People) TH, SS (East Asian People) BH, LS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) BM (South Asian People) Jesse Jennings, SM (Southeast Asian People) Deborah Hoskins (Sub Saharan African People) Andre Norris (IA) Austin O Donald (MD) Jorge Santiago– Reyes (Puerto Rico) Charles Kuykendall (SC) Virgil Barton, John Quintero (TN)

Aluminum Cans

Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and place them in Prior Hall or the Church office.

Community Dinner

Friday, August 27th 5:30pm-6:30pm

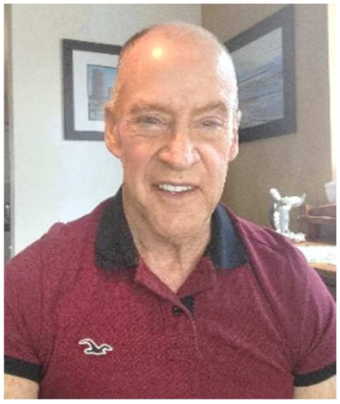
Come out and help! We need servers, greeters, set up and clean up! There is a place for everyone. See Dreama or Pam if you can help. Dreama will be cooking.

Sonshine Kids Happenings

Back to School Sunday, August 29th

During Kids Church

Fun Games and School Supplies



"The Secret Of Getting Over Yourself…"

"Get over yourself!" has become quite the popular saying in today's culture. 2000 years ago the same thought was expressed throughout the New Testament. It was used in terms of dying to the old ways of living and being reborn as a follower of Christ. Interestingly enough, the exact phrase "dying to self" is not found in the Bible, but there are many verses which refer to self-denial and the death of the flesh.

The Apostle Paul said of himself: *"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me"* (Galatians 2:20). And of believers, he said *"For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory"* (Colossians 3:3-5).

Dying to self does not mean we become emotionless or attempt to serve the church in ways that do not suit our natural God-given talent or temperament. Neither does it mean we redouble our efforts to obey the law or punish ourselves to become more spiritual,

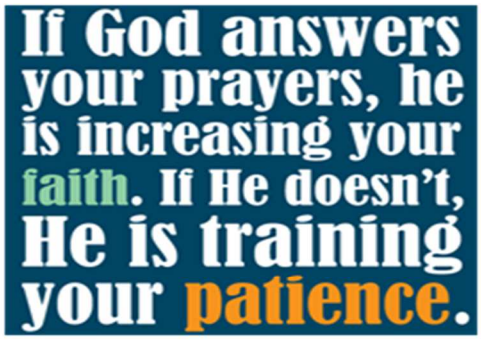
Dying to self is not about what we are not allowed to do, it is about what we are now freed to do in Christ. Before faith in Christ, every person is a slave to their self-effort towards salvation. After faith in Christ, we are safe and all that self-effort dies so that we can live a productive life, free from fear, doing beautiful things for God that will manifest for us eventually in His eternal kingdom and result in the salvation of others. This is what Paul means *by "your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory*" (Colossians 3:2-5). It means that all our efforts on this earth will not be futile, but instead will have heavenly, eternal and lasting effect (1 Corinthians 3:10-13).

Jesus said*, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"* (Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23). Several times, He said the following: *"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it"* (Mark 8:35).

This is the essence of what it means to, "Get over yourself!" as followers of Christ. We must deny our attempts to serve God in our own strength, and instead trust the cross and follow Christ. We must stop attempting to save ourselves and others in our own strength, and instead trust that His way is sufficient. We must be willing to give up our fleshly desires and instead follow Christ, trusting Him with our earthly lives and our eternal security.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Delays In Answered Prayer



Most of us pray often tend pray our prayers as David did:

"In the day when I call answer me speedily" (Psalm 102:2).
"I am in trouble: hear me speedily" (Psalm 69:17).

The Hebrew word for speedily suggests "right now, hurry up, in the very hour I call on you, do it!" David was saying, "Lord, I put my trust in you—but please hurry!"

God is in never in a hurry. He has never been one moment too early or one minute too late. In fact, we sometimes need to be reminded that God doesn't jump at our commands.

In fact, at times you may wonder if he will ever answer your most heartfelt and earnest prayers!

You cry out, weep, hope, and even give yourself over to fasting—but days go by, weeks, months, even years, and you don't receive even the slightest evidence that God is hearing you.

First you question yourself: "Something must be blocking my prayers."

You become perplexed, and over time your attitude toward God becomes something like this: "Lord, what do I have to do to get this prayer answered? You promised in your Word to give me an answer, and I prayed in faith. How many tears must I shed?"

Why does God sometimes delay answers to our sincere prayers? It certainly isn't because He lacks the power. And He is most willing for us to receive from Him.

No, the answer is found in this verse*: "He spake a parable unto them…that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).*

The Greek word for lose heart, or faint in the King James Version, means "relax, become weak or weary in faith, give up the struggle, no longer wait for completion." Galatians 6:9 says, *"Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."*

The Lord is seeking for a praying people who will not relax or grow weary of coming to Him, again and again. True prayer is not a few sentences simply uttered out in our times of need.

True prayer comes forth from an ongoing pursuit of God. These people will wait on the Lord, not giving up before his work is completed. And they will be found waiting when He brings the answer!

True Love

Did you know that the most searched phrase on Google is "what is love," according to the company itself in 2012?

The physicist says that "love is chemistry." The psychotherapist says that "love has many guises." The philosopher tells us that "love is a passionate commitment," while the romantic novelist tells us that "love drives all the great stories."

However, if you truly want to know what love is, you need to go to the source! What is love? In 1 John 4, we read that "God is love!" Further, we know that "this is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10)

While many claim to know what "true love" is, we can find the very definition of true love from God Himself. This comes only through faithful study of His Word!

God's Perfect Love

Perfect love desires communion, the sharing of life together, and so it cannot be expressed from a distance. God so perfectly loved the world that he came up close in Christ, stepping into the brokenness of our lives (1 John 1:1-3):

Into our emptiness, Jesus brings fullness and completion (Colossians 2:9-10).

Into our deficit, Jesus brings supply (Philippians 4:19).

Into our death, Jesus brings life (Ephesians 2:1, 5).

Into our separation, Jesus brings reconciliation (Romans 5:10-11).

Into our imperfect love, Jesus brings his perfect love (1 John 4:10).

When we know, and believe, that God is determined to love us perfectly, we can stop being self-absorbed and we can start being conformed to Christ (Romans 12:2). When we don't believe God is determined to love us perfectly, we end up living like our best choice is to take care of ourselves.

And then, we become so busy taking care of ourselves that we have little time for authentic, transparent, loving community with others.

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SURE I KNOW MY BODY IS A TEMPLE ...
I'M JUST A MEGA-CHURCH

Power Struggle – Your Crown Or His?

Hanging in the Louvre Museum in France is an enormous painting called "Coronation of Josephine." This painting represents the royal celebration of the crowning of both Josephine and Napoleon.

Adorned in velvet red robes, the ceremony called for Pope Pius VII to crown Napoleon as the emperor of France. However, rumors say that as the Pope held the crown to place it on the head of the new emperor, Napoleon grabbed the crown from the Pope's hands and crowned himself. It is believed Napoleon did this to show he would not be subservient to the church.

Often in our Christian lives we take the authority from God and crown ourselves as rulers of our own lives. Instead of putting God on the throne, we enthrone ourselves. Perhaps you report to church once a week, pray before meals, and sometimes sneak in a bedtime prayer before you fall asleep.

But is Jesus really the Lord of your life? Do you seek his strength in all you do, or is that an afterthought? Do you make a decision hoping the Lord is taking notes, or do you look to Him first, asking for His guidance? Do you know and appreciate the sweetness of surrender and submission?

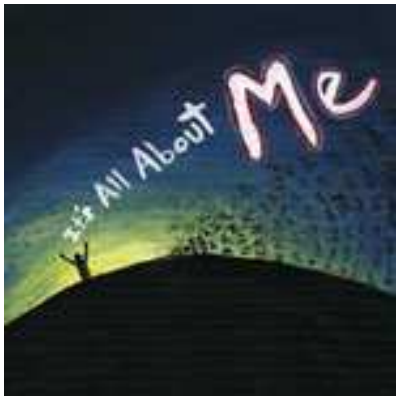
When you lose your focus on Christ and consider yourself the center of your universe, you are out of order. The stronger you think you are, the weaker you become. Don't be like Napoleon who pretended he was working with the Pope and then at the last minute snatched the authority and crowned himself.

It is imperative to be a servant of Christ, the greatest servant who ever lived, we must follow the Master through the surrender of ourselves to the cross. We think He uses only our strengths to accomplish His will and plans for His Kingdom. Often, however, the opposite is true. Only when our lives submitted fully and sacrificially can we know his full power.

When you offer yourself to God's and His service – Hold back nothing! Give Him your strength and relinquish control of your weaknesses as well – He'll use both!

As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, we have greater strength when we realize our weakness and rely on Christ. *"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:8)*

Spiritual Narcissism



The names say it all. YouTube. MySpace. And, of course, iPod, iTunes, iMac, and iPhone. If there is a theme to our day, it's that "it's all about me." The technical term is narcissism. In Greek mythology, Narcissus is the character who, upon passing his reflection in the water, becomes so enamored that he devotes the rest of his life to his reflection. From this we get our term "narcissism," the preoccupation with self.

The value of "narcissism" is the classic "I, me, mine" mentality that places personal pleasure and fulfillment at the forefront of concerns. Historian Christopher Lasch went so far as to christen ours "the culture of narcissism," calling it our new religion.

Now as Christians, this should be antithetical. We follow a Savior who said, "I did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many;" "Whoever wants to be first must become last;" "Whoever wants to be great among must become the slave of all;" and then bowed in submission to the Father and said, "Not my will, but yours." Yet a *spiritual* narcissism has invaded our thinking where the individual needs and desires of the believer become the center of attention.

Have you ever heard the way we talk? - "I want to go where I'm fed" or "I need to be ministered to" rolls off our tongues without even blushing. We walk out of a worship service and say, "I didn't get anything out of it" as if worship was about what we received rather than what we gave to God. And it's killing the church, blinding our vision, paralyzing our mission and muting our voice.

It's not really about whether you are fed, but more so whether or not you have learned to feed yourself and, best of all, feed others. Then it's not about whether you are ministered to, but whether you are, yourself, a minister to others. Then it's not about whether you got anything out of the service, but whether you gave God anything *of* service. The you re becoming part of a church that has died to itself enough to...*live*.

There comes a time when personal responsibility kicks in. The church exists to coalesce and enrich; to coordinate and inspire; to provide order and leadership. It exists to pull together the collective force and will of those who follow Christ in order to fulfill the Great Commission given it by Jesus Himself.

It’s not about you or me. Not about what we want, what turns us on, what feeds our desires. It’s about Him, and Him alone. Always has been. Always will be. Let’s remember that truth and share it with others in grace and love.

Choose Something Better

An article, "Cruise Ship Care: A Proposed Alternative to Assisted Living Facilities" by Lee A. Lindquist, M.D. and Robert M. Golub, M.D. appeared in the November 2004 issue of the Journal of American Geriatric Society. In it, the authors make a case that due to the high cost of assisted-living facilities, some seniors may actually fare better by choosing to move onto a cruise ship. There they can find many similar services to assisted-living care such as room and board, medical services, and exercise equipment while enjoying visits to exotic ports of call and all quite possibly for less money.

Apparently, the idea is not too far-fetched. Bea Muller, a retiree, has already opted for something she considers better than a retirement home: Cunard cruise line's Queen Elizabeth 2, where she has been a permanent resident since January, 2000. Following her husband's death, she sold her house and her possessions and booked herself on the ship where she has lived ever since. Muller said, "I've got full-time maid service, great dining rooms, doctors, a medical center (where she volunteers), a spa, beauty salon, computer center, entertainment, cultural activities and, best of all, dancing and bridge."

Opting for something better sounds like a good plan! Too often people live their lives with only this life in view: You're born, you live and you die. But, this life is not the end of the story.

The Bible certainly makes it clear that there is life after death and that there is both a real heaven and a real hell. Everyone ends up somewhere! And, much like Mrs. Muller, we have the choice to opt for that best of all accommodations: Heaven. Choices of faith – to believe in Jesus, to love Him, to follow Him – ensure that you are booked on that fantastic journey. Be sure that you choose something better! Don't miss the boat!

The Family Bible

Old brother Higgins built a shelf for the family Bible to rest itself: lest a sticky finger or grimy thumb, might injure the delicate pages some.

He cautioned his children to touch it not, and it rested there with never a blot, though the Higgins tribe were a troublesome lot.

His neighbor, Miggins, built a shelf, "Come children," he said, "and help yourself." His book is old and ragged and worn, with some of the choicest pages torn, where children have fingered, and thumbed and read. But of the Miggins tribe I've heard it said, each carries a Bible in their heart and head.

Three Nails

"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." – Galatians 2:20

It took three nails to crucify our Savior to the cross. God says that if we are to allow Christ to live through us then the old man must be crucified. We can each voluntarily crucify our flesh, but we often cannot complete the process by ourselves. It usually requires a third party to put the third nail into the old man that allows the work to be completed in us.

For Jesus, it was Judas.
For David, it was Absalom.
For Joseph, it was his brothers.

Betrayal is a nail that will either complete the death process, or we will linger in unforgiveness and bitterness that will result in an even worse state - partial death. This condition never allows you and me to experience true freedom.

When Jesus died He was freed to fulfill His mission on earth. He was resurrected from death to glory. When you and I die we are freed to become all God wants us to become in our lives before God. God gives us the cross to give us God and a new life in Christ.

Is someone in your life trying to put the third nail into your death process? Do not fight it. Allow God to complete His process.

The Last Impression…

A preacher prepared for Sunday morning service, but only one person, a farmer, was there. He asked the farmer, "What do you think we should do?"

The farmer replied with a drawl, "Well, if only one cow came into the barn, I'd feed it."

So the preacher mounted the pulpit and began to preach… and preach… and preach. After about two hours, he concluded.

Then he stepped down and said to the farmer, "So, what did you think?" The farmer replied, "Well, if only one cow came into the barn, I certainly wouldn't try to feed it all the hay