

**2021  
Stronger Than Ever**

**Finding Freedom-  
Luke 9:18-25**

Introduction- Sometimes we need to get away from everything and spend time alone with God. Jesus did this often. Jesus also said "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (vs. 23) If we make our life all about us then it can never be all about Him and we will never be what God wants us to be. To fix our eyes on Jesus we must first ask;

1. What is Our Reality?

- A. Selfishness- we all catch a bad case now and then.
- B. Selfish in the Garden- Did God really say? Genesis chapter 3
- C. God warns against being selfish- James 3:16

2. What are our Reasons?

- A. Made in the image of God- but are we like our Father?
- B. I Want!
- C. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." – John 10:10
- D. The Devil only want us to think we are happy, not actually be happy.

Conclusion- In order to hear what we can do to fix this come back tonight!

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**SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Ladies Prayer Service 12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.

**ELDERS AND STAFF**

**Elders**

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Bible Hour  
Shannon Cottam

ELDER FOR May Eric Bliss  
LADIES COMMITTEE FOR May Ethel Johnson

**WEEK OF MAY 9TH**

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| Bible Class | AM Worship | PM Worship | Wed. Class | Offering |
| 30          | 60         | 18         | 20         | \$2223   |



**MAY 16TH, 2021**

**Order Of Worship**

Song Leader: Ryan Bliss

Welcome.....Eric Bliss

274 I Have Found A Friend In Jesus  
843 As The Deer

Prayer.....Kevin Thompson

190 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Lord's Supper.....Russell Capshaw

499 O To Be Like Thee

Offering.....Bob Murray

275 I Love To Tell The Story

Scripture Reading.....Mike Cottam

Morning Service....."Finding Freedom".....David House

351 Jesus Is Coming Soon  
842 A Common Love

Closing Prayer.....Jimmy Williams

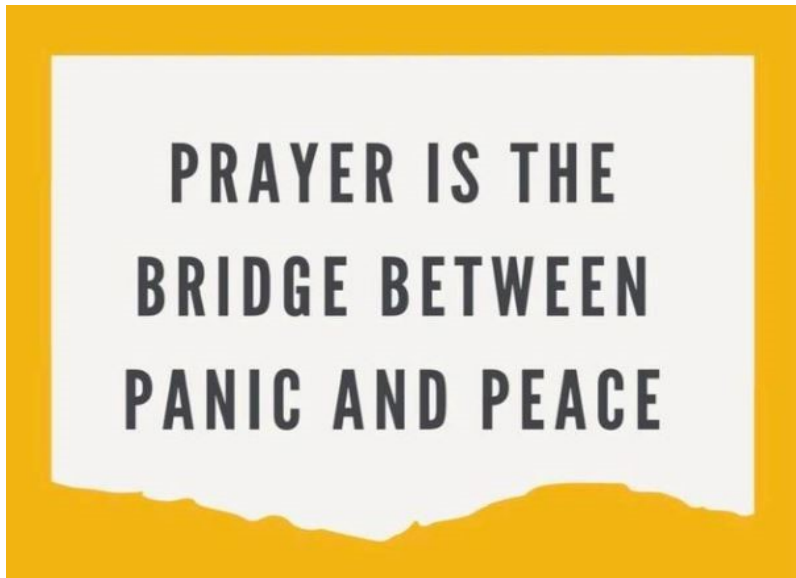
PM Service.....5PM

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**May 16th** Morning Class @ 9:30  
Worship @ 10:30 AM  
19th Wednesday evening class @ 6:30PM  
22nd Men's breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30

***MEN'S RETREAT***

The annual Men's Retreat is September 2nd-5th. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Make sure to check it out~ spaces are limited. Any questions, please contact David Senior.



***THOUGHT FOR TODAY***

Let us be kind. The way is long and lonely and human hearts are asking for this only—that we be kind. We cannot know the grief that men may borrow. We cannot see the souls storm swept by sorry, BUT love can shine the way today, tomorrow - Let us be kind. ~ *W. Lomax Childress*

***SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY***

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.  
~ **Ephesians 4:32**

***PRAYER IS IMPORTANT***

-Prayers for the 2 fallen **Police officers** from **San Luis Obispo** this week killed in the line of duty. Please keep their families & loved ones in your prayers as well.  
-**Mike Darnton** had a terrible motorcycle accident last week. He broke several bones in his leg but is home now. Thank God he had his buddies from church with him that got him to safety. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.  
-**Lynn Nothstein's** daughter-in-law **Kelsey's** grandpa **Jack** is in UCLA in critical care not doing well. Please keep him & the family in your prayers.  
-**Jan Hayes** asked for prayers for her husband **Jerry**. He received a new pacemaker this past Monday. Please keep him in your prayers while he recovers & **Jan** as she continues to take care of him.  
-Please continue to keep **Dorothy & Bill Cunningham** in your prayers. She has been working through several appts these past weeks and is hopeful she is getting closer to a transplant.  
-**Diane Hemeon** is still waiting for doctor's approval for the surgery she needs Please keep her & the family in your prayers.  
-**Kim Bower** asked for prayers for a dear friend of hers that was just diagnosed with a brain tumor & 2 spots on his lungs. The prognosis is not good. Please remember this man & his family~ God knows his name & their needs.  
-**Jimmy Williams** asked for prayers for **Tim Ezzell**. His family were members her in the 70's. He suffered a serious health crisis this past week. Please keep him in your prayers.  
-**Alora Cottam** continues prayer requests for her son **Rick**, as he waits for approval to have shoulder surgery. He is in a lot of pain. Please remember him in your prayers.  
-**Lynn & Shelli** have a coworker that was diagnosed with cancer but had surgery and was deemed cancer free. Prayers were answered! God is good!  
-Prayers of thanksgiving the **Jerry Hopkins** is doing well after his surgery. **Sandy** had wrist surgery this past Wednesday and is recovering also.  
-Please keep **Jerry Kendall & Judy** in your prayers through their health challenges.  
-Please continue to pray for **our nation** with all the **random acts of violence**.

***ENCOURAGING WORDS***

***I'm In My Father's House!***

If someone who knows you was looking for you on Sunday, where would they look? Would they wonder where to look? That brings up two questions: Where are you on Sundays, and are your friends' and family aware of your Sunday practice?

In Luke 2, young Jesus (at 12 years of age) went with His family to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, as they did "every year" (**Luke 2:41-42**). When the family left, after the feast was over, "Boy Jesus stayed behind" (2:43). Once His parents realized He was not in their traveling group, they returned to Jerusalem, "seeking Him" (2:45). If your friends and family were searching for you on a Sunday, where would they look? Would you be in the same place as Jesus?

"After three days they found Him in the temple (2:46). This 12-year-old was "sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions" (2:46). Jesus was where He wanted to be about His Father's business!

With the dawning of each first day of the week, where is it that you "choose" to be? Where is it that you "want" to be? Where is it that you "must" be? Where is it that your friends or family might know to find you?

Each Sunday, your ATTENDANCE in the presence of your Father in His house is a must. That does not have to be a "compulsion" thing—God would rather that be a "choice" thing.

Each Sunday, your ACTION in the presence of your Father in His house is a must. Attendance is not sufficient. Worship is a verb! It requires action! Don't just be in the pew! Actively participate in the worship!

Each Sunday, your ATTITUDE in the presence of your Father in His house is a must. Attendance and Action alone are not sufficient. Your attitude must be right! Your heart must be engaged! Worship without the heart is vain (**Matt. 15:8-9**).

The devil tries many things to keep us from our Father's house on Sunday! Let us triumph over his efforts and tell him, "**I must be in my Father's house!**"

R. Senior