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“Alone Time”

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Surrender to the Father’s plan is placing our decision-making into the hands of an all-knowing, all-loving, all-powerful God. He alone holds the past, present, and future in His control. Even in staggering trials, as believers we can move forward with courage and power that will glorify our loving Father.

This is no blind leap into the future with no knowledge or expectation of the outcome. He has revealed Himself to us. We can know God’s heart and mind when we are in the habit of regularly spending “alone time” with Him. Then as difficult decisions come, the child of God is better prepared to discern His will.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus wrestled with the knowledge that He would die on the cross, bearing the weight of our sin and being spiritually separated from the Father. But, Jesus sought “alone time” with His Father. He cried

out to Him. He drew closer to the singular source of strength and comfort in trying times. When He left that garden of despair, He walked out with calm resolve.

Jesus would still drink the cup of suffering and separation, but He knew that in the end, He would triumph, *Hebrews 12:2*. He faced the cross, the beatings, and the humiliation resolutely. When Jesus was confronted the arresting party, He was ready. His confidence disquieted the Pharisees and soldiers so that they “drew back and fell to the ground,” *John 18:6*. But, He allowed them to arrest Him, determined to do His Father’s will. His “alone time” provided renewed courage.

Are you seeking “alone time” with your Father? Are you internalizing both His revelation about Himself and His will for you as a believer? Only there will you find the quiet confidence to move forward into trial. □

Daylight & Deep Water

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Jesus was standing at the water’s edge on the western side of the Sea of Galilee which Luke calls the Lake of Gennesaret. (Twice John calls it the Sea of Tiberius – *John 6:1; 21:1*). A very large crowd had assembled who probably had already heard of the healing of Simon’s mother-in-law and may have even witnessed the healing by Jesus of all those who were sick with various diseases.

The crowd was pressing around Jesus listening to the word of God as He preached the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God. Jesus saw two boats at the edge of the Lake and got into one of them which happened to be Simon’s. He had already told His disciples to have a boat on stand-by in case He was crowded too much by the people who wanted to touch Him – *Mk 3:9-10*. After Simon put his boat out a little from the land, Jesus sat down and began teaching the people from the boat.

Jesus Tests Simon’s Faith

It must have been around noon after He had finished teaching twice, and He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” This request of Jesus must have been a shock to the ears of Simon who was a professional fisherman. A carpenter telling a professional fisherman about how to fish!

First of all, the kind of fishing Simon experienced was done better at night (v 6) and close to the shore – *John 21:1-6*. The fisherman would lower their nets to the bottom in shallow water; the fish would swim into the nets; then be drawn up into the boat. Lowering the nets in deep water would allow the fish to swim under the nets. But Jesus was asking Simon to launch out in daylight and deep water!

Peter almost reneged, but he uses a term in addressing Jesus that only Luke records. He said: “Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless,

at thy word I will let down the nets” (KJV). The Greek word for ‘Master,’ is epistates. “It is used by the disciples in addressing the Lord, in recognition of His authority rather than His instruction.” W. E. Vine, p. 396.

Christ’s instruction to Simon was contrary to everything he had ever learned about fishing. To obey the Lord, he would have to release all claim on what he had been taught or what the majority or people might think.

Lessons to Glean!

Genuine faith in Christ, our Master, is always taking Him at His word whether we agree with Him or not. Learning obedience will involve personal sacrifice – *Heb. 5:8-9*. It may even involve our occupation! It was Simon’s boat and net (probably torn) that Jesus used. He did not ask Simon to get a bigger boat and a new and larger net. We use what is available to us when we serve the Master!

Remember, we are saved to serve! Jesus said “come” – *Matt. 11:26*; then He said “go” – *Matt. 28:29*. There must always be expectancy in our service to the Master, for expectancy it has been said is the eye of faith. Sometimes we may hesitate to invite others to our periods of worship and Bible study for fear it will not do any good and they probably will not even come. But it was Jesus who said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep.” It was the fishermen’s initial lack of faith that caused them to be so amazed at the results – v. 9. But someone might ask, “But where is the deep?” The deep is anywhere there are people who have never heard the good tidings of the kingdom of God.

The church building is not the deep – it is the shore. Just to hang around the shoreline is not the way we become fishers of men – *5:10*. We must launch out into the deep to bring precious souls to the Master. □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

Louis Caudle, Wes' mom, underwent her second round of Chemo last week. Please keep Louise and her family in the forefront of your daily petitions. Ask for her comfort during the hard, painful days.

Little Levi Caudle is growing and doing well. We are all waiting on pins and needles to get to meet him. **Cooper** will be excited to introduce him.

Ann McDaniel suffered a fall last week after arriving home from a trip. It was determined that she had two brain bleeds and a broken vertebrae in her neck. Ann has been moved to **Huntsville Hospital Hospice Family Care, 10000 Serenity Lane, Huntsville.** **Guy** is by her side. They can receive visitors at any time. Feel free to go by and visit.

The Hagewood Family remains in our prayers following the loss of **Charlotte.** Please remember them to the Lord as you pray.

Baby Olivia Jimison was released to go home to her temporary quarters with her parents **Jared & Amanda** on Friday. Now they wait for the state of Arizona to clear them to leave. The state of Alabama will then be required to authorize their return before they will be allowed to travel home. We are hoping this will take place sometime this week or next. **Gwyn** is still in Phoenix helping the Jimison's get settled. **Mike** will be traveling to Phoenix late tonight. Lord willing they will return to Huntsville together on Thursday afternoon.

Riley Monroe continues to do well following his knee replacement surgery. We are praying that his rehab will have him back to

100% soon. Say his name to the Lord as you pray. Also, remember **Peggy.** She seems to be thriving at her new place.

We are praying daily for **Becky Hill** as she undergoes her Chemo regimen. She is doing well. It was great medicine for her to host her family for Thanksgiving last week. **Tommy** worried about her overdoing it a bit, but we know she enjoyed having the strength to get everything ready. Pray for **the Hills.**

Remember **Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister, in your daily prayers.

Your prayers are appreciated for **Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, as she awaits her trip to Stanford, California for this surgery, scheduled Jan 25-Feb 8, 2023.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Bill McCord, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette & Betty Dubose.**

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** is continuing his study "What Can I Do?" from the book of Acts. This is a great study. Come be a part.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike** will continue his series "The Judgment Parables." Today Mike will discuss "The Sheep and the Goats" from **Matthew 25:31-46.**

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in a devotional. Let's all attend.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** will be away. We will continue our study of **The Compassionate Christ.** ☐

Think About It...

Adapted

I wish you could know how it feels "to run" with all your heart and lose – horribly.

I wish that you could achieve some great good for the souls of men, but have nobody know about it except for you.

I wish you could find something (as the cause of Jesus) so worthwhile that you deem it worthy of investing your life wholly to it.

I hope you become frustrated and challenged enough to begin to push back against the very barriers of your own personal limitations.

I hope you make a stupid mistake and get caught red-handed and are big enough to say those magic words, "I was wrong!"

I hope you give so much of yourself that some days you wonder if it's worth all the effort. Jesus will be.

I wish for you a magnificent obsession (as living the Christian life) that will give you reason for living and purpose and direction and life.

I wish for you the worst kind of everything you do, because that makes you fight to achieve beyond what you normally would.

I wish for you the experience of leading! These make the children of God strong and teaches them to rely on Him. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly 6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes 7:00 pm

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Kirk Hatcher **David Jacks**
Hill Roberts **Collis Terry**
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, November 27

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Opening Prayer: **WD Patrick**
Lord's Table Lead: **Marty Hunt**
Matthew 25:31-46
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
The Sheep & the Goats
Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

Sunday, December 4

Tommy Hill
David Jacks
Ed Dill
Phil Furlough
Luke 2:1-21
Mike McLemore
Hope Has Arrived
Searcy Hall

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Opening Prayer: **Phil Furlough**
Closing Prayer: **Wes Caudle**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
David Jacks
Will Starks
Dwight Ivey

Wednesday, November 30

Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Collis Terry**

Wednesday, December 7

Hill Roberts
Mike McLemore
Ron Harmon

2022 Lectures Cancelled

Quarterly Adult Classes

October – December 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

"What Can I Do?"

Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Compassionate Christ

Mike McLemore

Serving in December

Serving on the Lord's Table AM & PM
** Overseer

** **Phil Furlough (12-4), Bill Thompson (12-11), Collis Terry (12-18), Tommy Hill (12-25)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

TBA

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



12-2	Ryan Patrick	12-4	Steve Hagewood
12-4	Tommy Hill	12-4	Gwyn McLemore
12-6	Kenneth Cavender	12-6	John Patrick
12-12	Ali Ambrose	12-13	Joanne Abernathy

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