

Helping The Hurting

09:55 am 5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO

10:00 am **LIVE Worship –

10:25 am **LIVE In House Welcome –

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

***Online Connect Card * -> RightNow Media**

***Opening Prayer* - Blessing of Contributions -**

10:30 AM **Announcements Video - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

Having Communion Today - Be ready...

Introduce Ethan Cruz: @ True North Youth Ranch set up the video....

***Ethan's VIDEO**

10:35am LIVE SHOT:

Eunice & I returning from a minister's retreat at Lake Pleasant... I begin to get messages of a terrible car accident.

Spend the next night into the morning at Westchester Medical Trauma with the families...

This Critical Incident Affected me hard.... I'm working my way through it... But this hit HOME...

I'd like to give a special thank you to Pastor John @ Faith Bible Church where The Cruz family attends. Pastor Milton & Tammy @True North, Nick who was the 1st First

Responder to arrive and begin to work. He also happens to be friends with Ethan *and immediately we begin to see God working in this situation.* All the Deputies, Putnam Valley Fire Dept. Heli-Vac, Medi-vac, & ALL those whole worked so hard to keep them alive. **YOU ARE PRAYED FOR!!!**

As I met with the members of Faith Bible Church, especially the Next -Gen... They're nothing short of amazing..

Two concerns keep circulating...

The 1st:

Where Is God in Tragedies?

I did a series not too long ago.... Ever Wonder where I addressed this a little. **HOWEVER: I really wasn't "*as real*" as it is now...**

This is where God is stretching me.... Reminding me of what desperate prayer feels like...

This is something I KNOW TO BE TRUE!!!

- **THE LORD IS CLOSE.**

Ps 34:18 NLT

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Maybe you may not be Grieving from this specifically... But, maybe it's something unrelated. WE GRIEVE!!!

Loss of a relationship / Divorce, loss of a job / source of income / insecurities, someone hurt you / BROKE Trust / offense.

Your situation has personally made you feel alone, isolated, even: Brokenhearted—*the Lord is close. He's here.*

He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps 46:1

When we can center ourselves & “Stand Firm” -

When the neurologist came to give the news of the initial CAT scan of Ethans brain...

Michelle (Ethan's mom) & Carmen her mom received the news... & IT WAS NOT GOOD... *Ever feel you'r legs go weak hearing bad news?*

Carmen recalls feeling the Holy Spirit whisper in her ear, "STAND FIRM".

Immediately she stood at attention and whispered into her daughter's ear..... STAND FIRM!! God is Greater..

& again..... I see God's Hand moving on our behalf.

After having Stood!!!

Reassured, Faith Filled, Recalling the God of Israel & ALL that He has ALREADY done... Won't He do this?

SO WE BELIEVE

& then... we confront the 2nd concern:

What Can I Do To Help?

1. PRAY

James 5: 13-15 NKJV

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

What is the suffering you see around you? What are the things you are grieving?

God tells us to PRAY!!

Ephesians 6:13,14a, 18

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

Prayer Moves The Hand of GOD

2. ACT

Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous. Ps 112:4 NLT

The Abrahamic Covenant is that

Genesis 12:1-3.

“Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Maybe.... Just maybe, YOU are the answer to someone else's prayers...

Ask yourself, How can I be God's Hand extended in this person's life?

I may not have much, But perhaps I can bring them some food...

Hungry – EAT. (people forget to eat - need nutrition)

Thirsty - DRINK. (Hydration - water)

Stanger - INVITE (shelter - open home)

Hospital / Prison - VISIT (ministry of Presence)

These are practical & physical things but can also be translated into spiritual things.

HUNGRY - Word of god Thirsty - His Presence (Worship)

Stanger - Hospital - Prison - Care prayers - or send: (tissues, wet-wipes, snacks, charging cables)

Matthew 25:40

The King will reply, *‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*

3. GIVE

2 Cor 9:11 NLT

Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

Part of the transformative POWER that the Church of Christ has is the collective good.

For a young small church we make a HUGE Impact.

Through your tithes, contributions, gifts, & seeds sown, many of which are directly channeled to specific ministries. When you give online, there is a drop down menu that will give you options. All the money that is given for that cause, goes to that cause. It's also how the overall function of what we do is sustained... Rent, chaplaincy, digital platforms, multimedia, advertisements & marketing.,, the list goes on... YOU are the business partner of what we do when you GIVE.

I want to take this opportunity to THANK... Genuinely thank all those who do contribute to the ministry. Whether it's \$5.00 or \$500.00, your collective contributions is what makes all this possible... & I pray we can grow more so we can do more Amen?

But specifically, regarding The Cruz & Quinn families...

***GoFundMe* Plug 2 pages in support of the 2 families have been created.**

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ethan-cruzs-medical-expenses>



Donations for Ethan Cruz

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/donations-for-the-quinn-family>

Donations for the Quinn Family



I would like to encourage you to consider contributing to these families directly, & of course... to continue to support this church.

As the families allow us to update everyone, we will. Praying very specifically as we walk these preme-steps with them. 1 miracle after the other we will continue to PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME.

If you haven't done it already... download our app as we have a prayer chat room there, where you can be a part of our daily prayer teams.

As we conclude today's Service, let's be reminded of the instructions Paul left us regarding Communion.

Communion

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Today IS The DAY of Salvation... Dont let this moment pass you by...

Right there where you are... right here in person... build an altar before the Lord... AT HOME watching online.. Has God revealed Himself to you in a deeper way? Do you NOW see the FULLness of Christ?

As you close your eyes & bow your heads.... Is God moving you to an action? Do you sense that God is speaking to YOU??

As we close in prayer... and you want this prayer to include YOU.... would you quickly raise your hand...

If this was the 1st time that you really dedicated yourself to Jesus... Recognize Him as NOT only your Savior.... But also, your KING...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us..... @thepeakcc.com Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

Perhaps you stumbled across this post online by accident. Or someone invited you out of the blue..

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

***“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”***

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

Next week we'll begin our next sermon series