



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony will be speaking to us today from
Joshua 1:1-9

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to the Celebration!



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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Pastoral Ponderings

These Worn Hands

It is always interesting to me to find out how often the Lord moves us in directions that are vastly different from the starting point from which we took our first steps. As a young boy I would often sit and watch my grandfather talk with my sister about basketball and I distinctly remember a feeling of jealousy as he taught her how to grip the ball correctly. I would look at his hands and watch the white take over his fingertips as he would grip the ball in a specific way on each black line so as to get the perfect amount of rotation when shooting a free throw. I would often wonder why he couldn't just call me over to stand on the other side to learn as well. Long story short, my jealousy of their relationship hindered my ability to experience his love for my sister, which would years later mean more to her than likely anyone other than our Heavenly Father will ever know.

You see, much like my original plans for this Pondering, the Lord has brought me to a far different place than my initial footsteps in my childhood with regard to my relationship with my grandfather. Recently, those same hands that so eloquently taught how to grip a basketball were being held in my own hands. As I sat next to my grandfather listening to him talk about being keenly aware of his own mortality, I could not take my eyes off of his hands. They were worn, tired, uncertain, and yet they held on to me with a love that only those who have held onto the hands of a dying loved one would be able to recognize. Perhaps I was especially attuned to this because my 9-year-old daughter was on her knees next to me with her hand on my knee admiring and cherishing her great grandfather trying to piece together his uncertainty. As a little boy, I did not know that I would someday sit next to such a strong man and ask him, "Grandpa, do you believe that you are going to heaven?"

When I asked him, his grip tightened on my hands revealing that familiar whiteness in his fingertips and he said, "You know, I am trying to be certain and make up for some of those things now." Nobody needed to ask him about the things he was referring to, because we all have those things. I was, however, confronted with a responsibility that never crossed my mind. At that moment, I was presented with the responsibility to be a witness of Christ's death on the cross to my own grandfather. As such, with a heavy heart and obedience overwhelmed by love, I told my grandfather that he could be certain, as we all can! I gripped his worn hand, read various pieces of the Word with him, and I ended with this:

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This Week's Calendar:

May 21 Men's Bible Study
The Book of Acts
6:30 a.m. at NLCC building

May 21 Young Men's Bible Study
Moral Revolution (for 13-18 YRS)
6:00 p.m. at NLCC building

Sunday Nursery: (Infants - Preschool)

May 17 Faith G, Sandy M, Aisha G, Jasmine
May 24 Sandy E, Chris V, Beth V, Lily H

Because we are under construction there will not be a fellowship meal today after the service

Check out New Life Online

newlifechristiancommunity.org

Our website is full of information about who we are, what we believe, and up-to-date information about what's going on at New Life.

Find Links to:

- Events • Sermons Online • Set Lists • The Table • & More

May Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures." (ESV)

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Peter 1: 3-5)

As I ended with the last piece of scripture, he looked at me, squeezed my hand, and said, "Yeah...I want to go to heaven." At that time I asked him if we could pray with him and with tears in his eyes he said, "Okay." In all honesty, it was my daughter's prayer for her great grandfather that took us all to the feet of Christ and as she cried, her hand found rest on his worn hand...a worn hand which may soon know the warmth and renewal that only Christ can guarantee.

Your brother in Christ, Zack Fugate

Announcements:



If you are unable to make it to the building on a Sunday morning you can still join us **LIVE** through our website; newlifechristiancommunity.org (under the Sermons tab). The broadcast starts at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.



Festival Theater in St. Croix Falls is in need of housing for its summer interns. If you have a spare bedroom, want to share the love of Christ and are willing to share your home (approximately mid-May through mid-September) with a young actor or actress, contact Sara Gallagher before June 1st and she will fill you in on the details.

Ministry Directory:

Building & Grounds Ministry

contact Jim Nelson 651.283.2132 his email: lynnjimmnelson@gmail.com

Children's Church Ministry

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You are encouraged by our pastors and elders to reach out to others in the congregation and commit to meeting together over the summer for a time of fellowship and the study of God's Word. Let's not take the summer off. Let's use our time to build up and invest in the body of Christ.



Please take a minute to get your picture taken today after the service for the 2015 directory. (Between the Nursery and the Green Room.)

Events to take Note of:



This is a Bible study held at the building focused on moral purity that will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. This is a study for young men who are between 13 and 18 years. Fathers are encouraged to attend with their sons. The book that we will be going through is called "Moral revolution: the Naked Truth about Sexual Purity". If you are still interested in attending please contact William Beeves or Conall Gallagher.



"Caring and Sharing through Food"
Home & Away Ministries Ctr, 210 Park Ave E, Luck
Tuesday, May 19th 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

\$20 cash donation

IMPORTANT: Bring 2 laundry baskets/boxes to carry food.



Mark your calendars for June 5th and 6th, for Joyful Noise 2015 at the National Sports Center in Blaine! Tickets are on sale now at the Northwestern University Ticket Office: <https://unwtickets.com/ktis/Online/>