



Today's Passage:  
Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,  
Mark 1:2-8

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 Pondering

Being Nathan ...

If you are not familiar with 2 Samuel 12:1-15, please stop and take a moment to read 2 Samuel 11, then get up out of your seat and look in the mirror. Once you have completed that task, go back to the Word and read 2 Samuel 12:1-15. I would ask you, which would you rather be? Anyone in their right mind would rather be Nathan...but consider the implications of what Nathan was tasked with in this instance. On the heels of David breaking the tenth, seventh, and sixth commandments, Nathan was sent to him to rebuke him in the name of the Lord. Consider the weight of his approach. He begins by telling David...King David, a parable of a rich man who stole a poor man's lamb to feed a traveler because he was unwilling to take one from his own flock. David, immediately angered by the injustice states in verses 5 and 6, *"As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."* And while the very last sounds trickled out of David's mouth Nathan states in verse 7, *"You are the man!"* You see, David was correct; the man did deserve to die according to the law...as did he.

Nathan, a prophet of the Lord, was given the task of verbally holding David accountable for the dark and terrible things that he had done. Moreover, he was instructed to tell David that his sins would result in evil coming out of his house, in the public loss of his wives, and that his very own sons would die. Are you still wishing to be Nathan? Better yet, do you realize that you are David? that I am David...that if scripture parallels our own lives, we are all "the man"? Would you be willing to also consider that because of the grace and love of our heavenly Father, we are Nathan? You might be thinking, "Hmmm, okay, how can this be? How can we be a man who deserves to die as a result of our sins, but also be a messenger of God tasked with presenting those in our lives with message of rebuke and salvation?" Yes, perhaps you missed it when reading through the verses in 2 Samuel 12:1-15, but Nathan also delivers a message of salvation; it was in the midst of his rebuke. *"And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die." 2 Samuel 12:13*

Sometimes as believers, we are stuck in the mindset that it is our job, our place even, to be like Nathan and rebuke fellow believers, rebuke unbelievers...to look in on the lives of others and determine their standing with the Lord. We can often forget, however, that we need to focus on hearing that message ourselves. The Lord sent his son, Jesus Christ, to the cross to pay for the sins of mankind so that we might have eternal life with Him. The gospel is twofold, just like Nathan's message to David, the gospel of Jesus Christ carries two messages, a message of rebuke and a message of salvation. As such, brothers and sisters, let us be ready when the Lord presents us with an opportunity to be Nathan, but let us also continue to be molded by the grace and love that we receive as a result of our salvation in Christ Jesus.

When you find yourself at the feet of Jesus, take time this week to open scripture to

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Please check a box below:

- This may be added to our congregation prayer wall
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If you would like someone to pray with you today, you may come to the front of the church immediately following the service.

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### This Week's Schedule of Events:

**May 11** Wednesday Nature Walk  
6:30 p.m. Lion's Park

**May 12** Men's Bible Study  
Book of Acts  
6:30 a.m. at NLCC Building

**May 12** Women's Bible Study  
Book of Hebrews  
9:30 a.m. at NLCC Building

**May 12** Evening GriefShare Mtg.  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Green Room at NLCC Building

### Upcoming Potlucks & Meal Teams:

May 8 Meal Team #1  
May 15 Meal Team #2  
May 22 Meal Team #3  
May 29 Meal Team #4

Fellowship follows our service every Sunday, along with a great meal.



*Please stay and join us!*

### May Memory Verse: 1 Mark 1:6-8

"Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'" (ESV)

### Pastoral Pondering

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Psalm 51 and examine the words reflective of David's heart. Please be praying the following with me, *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."* Psalm 51:10

Your Brother in Christ, Zach Fugate

### A Poem for Mothers Raising Children

By Pastor Chandler

You should know, at times  
Your heart will seem to crumble  
As if, clouded in darkness  
Your feet may slip and stumble

The flesh, though defeated  
Will grasp and come up for air  
Our enemy, already conquered  
Still he placed traps to ensnare

However, godly mother  
Your war is not for perfection  
That fight's already done  
Won in the death and resurrection

Your calling, a gift from God  
Is to lie down, the mother sheep  
And be a light, a guide  
Leading our lamb's precious feet

Find the Good Shepherd  
Lead them to seek and to savor  
To find joy, and life  
In the blinding light of the Savior

Though there is failure  
Wading in the result of the fall  
That's never who you are  
The flesh doesn't define you at all

It's the Gospel truth  
That the favor you need for security  
Came down in a man  
He did what you can't do, lived in purity

Don't pretend or hide  
Make it loud and to our children it known  
Being constantly weak  
Proclaims the Gospel like a megaphone

Though shrouded in sin  
God does not count that against  
He looks to the Son  
And the kingdom treasure to you presents

So be the mother who's weak  
So our children won't seek  
Salvation in works and deeds  
They won't get lost in the weeds

So they find the true King in display  
And rest in the life, the truth, the way

A night of **IMPROV** is THIS Friday night, May 13th at New Life at 7:30 p.m. If you can't make it Friday, then scoot on up to Crosswalk Community Church in Frederic on Saturday, May 14th to catch the action at 7:00 p.m. *This event is a free will donation fundraiser for CEF's summer ministries.*

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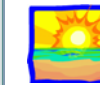
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## Announcements/Upcoming Events:

### Wednesday Night Activities



Although our Immerse program has come to a close, you won't be without an opportunity to give glory to our great God alongside your brothers-and-sisters-in-Christ. We have some spring and summer Wednesday evening activities planned. Every Wednesday this spring, the entire family is invited to join us on nature walks throughout the St. Croix Valley region. Our time will be spent learning more about and worshiping our Creator as we study His handiwork and caring for it along the way. Please join us this Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 pm at the Lion's Park on HWY 87 North in St. Croix Falls. No special knowledge, skills or equipment is needed, but a heart ready to love the Lord and perhaps a pair of comfortable shoes is encouraged.



Once the weather warms up this summer the Erickson's and Nelson's have once again graciously offered for the New Life family to gather at their beach on Sand Lake. At that time, we'll do the Nature Walks and Beach Nights on alternate Wednesdays. See Sara Gallagher or Julie Minell with questions.



As many of you know, we have a group going to Tapestries of Life Ministries this July. They will be helping with construction of the cafeteria and participating in the Mercy Ministry, delivering food and necessities to the people of the region. So, what does our Mission team and coffee have to do with each other? We are raising funds in 2 ways:

1) Coffee Beanery: Order forms/brochures are available near the coffee at the entry of the building, which include coffee, tea and gourmet cocoa. They even have gift sets! Sales will continue for 2 weeks only, ending May 15th so product will be here by the end of the month.

2) Donate funds directly through our YOUCARING website. To donate, as well as read more about our trip and our mission, go to:

<https://www.youcaring.com/new-life-comm-church-tapestries-mission-trip-2016-565303>

We are also asking for your prayers for Tapestries of Life mission! Please pray:

- God's Will for our mission to be accomplished
- The people we serve will not only be physically fed, but be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Our travels to and from this mission will be safe