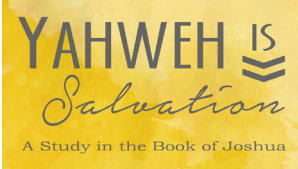


## Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be continuing in the Book of Joshua.  
Our passage for today is Joshua 15:1-63.

## Sermon Notes



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## pastoral ponderings

### The True Son

*John 8:12 – Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

I was at a seminar awhile back and one of the keynote speakers was Jerry Linenger. Jerry is an astronaut that spent five months on the Mir Space Station. It was a very fascinating talk. He went through the launching of the space shuttle, the weightlessness of space, and all the other things that come to mind when you think about an astronaut.

Several times on the space station Jerry almost lost his life. The Mir Space Station was a piece of equipment that was past its life expectancy and there were major alarms daily and a lot of them were serious in nature. One of the alarms that was life threatening was when they lost control of the solar panels and could not line them up to the sun to charge their batteries. Without that power, the systems would shut down including the oxygen system. They shutdown all unnecessary equipment and entered the dark side of the earth. Jerry mentioned he had never experienced that kind of darkness in his life.

While he was going into detail about what their plan was going to be when they got to the light side of the earth, I kept thinking how it is like us and God. When I lose my sight of the true Son, that feeling is dark and crushing. Not until I realign myself with God, do my batteries get recharged. Just as when Jerry went around to the dark side of the earth he knew that the sun would be coming up. I know that if I lose sight of God I can find Him right where he has always been, I just need to make that move. It is a great feeling to know I can leave the dark and enter the light.

As you may have guessed since Jerry was talking to us, they were able to get the solar panels realigned and charge the batteries. I ask you today to get realigned with God to charge your batteries.

May God be your Light,  
Paul Gilbertson

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Laurysa and Lorraine Milner are hosting an IF:Gathering for Women. Initially, this will be a private gathering in their home (205 S. Adams Street, Saint Croix Falls, WI 54024) to see how this gathering is received. If received well, we as a church can sponsor one next year. The website can be visited @ ifgathering.com (we are the Thompson House gathering).

Because the space is limited to the first 15 women to sign-up, we want you to know the Alliance church is also open to registration. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance table of the church. There is no registration fee; a donation will be taken for their chosen cause. May God bless your decision. This event will be held Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> @ the Milner's home with live simulcast. Sessions start @ 2:00-5:30 & 5:30 -9(?) pm on Friday and sessions resuming on Saturday morning at 9:00 am for 2 sessions. Saturday lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Bring blanket/pillow and wear comfy clothes.



"Hey, All you creative and tech people! The New Life video crew will be meeting on Saturday, February 13 at 10:30 at the New Life Building. If you are currently serving on this ministry or have interest in serving on this ministry - please make every effort to be there.

Following our time at the building, we will be enjoying lunch together at the Village Pizzeria.

Thank you for all who are involved in this very important ministry!"



Bring your favorite dish to share, then stay and fellowship!

January Memory Verse

**Colossians 1:15-16**

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him."



If you are unable to make it to the building on a Sunday morning you can still join us LIVE through our website (under the Sermons tab).

## upcoming [events]

- Feb. 3 Afternoon GriefShare Mtg.  
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
Green Room at NLCC Building
- Feb. 3 Immerse (family worship),  
6:30 pm @ the building
- Feb. 4 *Men's Bible Study,*  
*Book of Acts,*  
6:30 a.m. @ the building
- Feb. 4 *Women's Bible Study,*  
*Book of Hebrews,*  
9:30 am @ the building
- Feb. 4 Evening GriefShare Mtg.  
6:30-8 pm  
@ (green room, the building)



Teens registered for CYIA winter retreat, see Erika Rice about rides or call her at 715-928-0835. If you haven't yet registered for the retreat but want to, it's not too late. Register online and pay at the door.



Do you know someone that needs encouragement, support, or celebration? Please remember that New Life has a ministry just for that! Contact Lynn with your request via email: [lynnjimnelson@gmail.com](mailto:lynnjimnelson@gmail.com) or call her cell at 651-373-1426.

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