

Today's Passage:  
Pastor Tony will be speaking to us today from  
Joshua 1:10-18

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

### Seasons of Life

*Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:"*

In my personal studies, I am in 1 Kings going through the story of Elijah, one of my favorites. I like this story because it reminds me that we will have highs and lows even when we know God is right beside us. The seasons in Elijah's life are constantly changing just like ours. Elijah goes from a high in seeing God's great work in defeating the prophets of Baal, to a low after his human nature gets in the way after Jezebel threatens to take his life. God comes along side Elijah and comforts him at his weakest hour.

As we all can see and feel the seasons are changing. Some of them are beautiful and some are not, depending on what you like and what you like to do. When traveling around the country at different times of the year, I am always glad to come back home to whatever season it is to be back home with my family. Living somewhere where the seasons are the same would be unbearable for me.

As nature has its seasons, so do our lives. Some are very enjoyable and pleasant, and some are very hard and painful. What we experience in nature is very much like what we experience in our own lives. There are seasons for growth and for relaxation, and there are seasons for renewal that we all have experienced. Looking back on my own life, I can see the different seasons I went through. During seasons that were pleasant, I felt like I was on top of the world, while the hard ones seemed to never end. During both seasons, but especially the difficult ones, the knowledge of Jesus and His sacrifice for me is what kept me going. I have had some pretty down times in my life only to have the comfort of Jesus there when I did not know if I could go on.

I can look back at the hard times and be assured that Jesus was at my side at all times, otherwise I am not sure if I would have made it out. I can also look back at the good seasons and I am blessed to know that I was walking with Jesus by my side then as well. To know that Jesus is alive within me is the greatest joy there is. I am so blessed that each week Pastor Tony reminds me of the sacrifice that Jesus made for me, and I can

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## Visitor Card

We'd like to get to know you. Please take a moment to fill out this card then drop it in the wooden offering box near the back of the room.

- First-Time Visitor
- Returning Visitor

Name:

Date:

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### How to access the sermon archives:

If you would like a copy of an audio (CD) or video (DVD) of a sermon from our archives (\$2 per copy), please complete the following and drop this card in the wooden offering box near the back of the room. Your order will be available for pick-up at the video booth the following week.

Name:

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## Prayer Card

If you are in need of prayer or would like to share a praise report, please share it below then drop this card in the wooden offering box near the back of the room.

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### This Week's Calendar:

May 28 Men's Bible Study  
 The Book of Acts  
 6:30 a.m. at NLCC building  
 May 28 Young Men's Bible Study  
 Moral Revolution (for 13-18 YRS)  
 6:00 p.m. at NLCC building

Sunday Nursery: (Infants - Preschool)  
 May 24 Sandy E, Chris V, Beth V, Lily H  
 May 31 Matt & Naomi M, Devyn L, Seth S

*Please stay and join us for a fellowship meal today after the service*

Checkout New Life Online  
[newlifechristiancommunity.org](http://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.

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### 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)

Please check a box below:

- This may be added to our congregation prayer wall
- Share this only with the pastor and elders

Optional:

Name:

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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.

### Pastoral Ponderings

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count on that as joy knowing that someday I will be in a place that all the seasons are joyful. Just as God stood beside Elijah in a time he needed Him the most, God is beside us if we desire Him to be there. He sends fellow brothers and sisters to be by our side. May God bless you in whatever season you are in right now.

Blessings, Paul Gilbertson

### 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and she will fill you in on the details.



The Erickson's and Nelson's have extended an invitation for our New Life family to join them Wednesday evenings at their beach on Sand Lake, starting this Wednesday through the end of the summer. The whole family is invited to come any time after 5:30 pm. You may park in Roger and Sandy's driveway (1131 190th St, Dresser). Feel free to bring your dinner, sand toys, lawn chairs, what have you. Looking forward to spending casual Wednesday evenings there with you.

## Ministry Directory:

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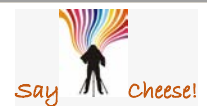
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You are encouraged by our pastors and elders to reach out to others in the congregation and commit to meeting together over the summer for a time of fellowship and the study of God's Word. Let's not take the summer off. Let's use our time to build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

Due to ongoing construction this summer, we will only be serving a meal following our service every other Sunday. On those weekends we don't serve, we encourage you to fellowship with someone from church by sharing a meal at each other's home or at a local restaurant or have a picnic at the park. **We are serving food today.**

### 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.



Mark your calendars for June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 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/>