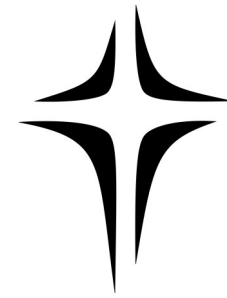


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Westview Church of Christ Greeley, Colorado

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# The Purpose

From here to heaven... Following God wherever He leads us.

## Commentary from a common Terry *That's good enough, right?*

I am blessed to be a part of two Bible studies each week at different apartment buildings in town. Both are textual studies. In last Wednesday's study at one of the buildings, we covered the fall of King Saul from God's good favor.

Saul was the first king of Israel. The Hebrews had demanded a king, one who would go out and fight their battles and allow them to be "...like all the nations..." 1 Samuel 8:19-20 While God was displeased with their demand, He did not stop it. He sent Samuel to anoint Saul, the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin. He was an obscure choice, probably not making anyone's top 25 list of potential kings. But he was strong and handsome and a head taller than everyone around him. He cut a striking figure and fit the bill.

He started well, leading the people to victory in battle and showing some restraint and wisdom in how he dealt with his critics. He seemed, initially, to be led by a strong sense of humility and self-awareness. For a while, after being anointed and announced, he continued to work in his father's fields. Hardly the action of a newly minted king, wouldn't you say?

Saul grew into the role and accepted the serious responsibility of being a king to this nation that was still finding its way among the nations that populated the lands around them. It seemed that there was one battle after another to fight. As he grew into his identity as king, he also grew impetuous, impatient, and impulsive.

In 1 Samuel 13, Saul led the troops in battle against the Philistines (they would be a thorn in his side throughout his reign). Samuel, the man and prophet of God, had given him specific instructions to wait until he arrived and offered the burnt offerings before going into battle. When Samuel was delayed, Saul himself assumed the role of Samuel and offered the sacrifices.

"You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God....," Samuel told him. 1 Samuel 13:13 And from that time on, he was destined to lose his kingdom. Had he been faithful and obedient, his family could have ruled for generations to come. But, because of his sin (and some still to come), Jonathan, his son, would never be king. Instead, some kid named David

would become the heir apparent to the throne, stealing it as far as Saul was concerned.

It's quite an insight into how a man can deceive himself as we continue to study Saul. In 1 Samuel 15, he was instructed by God through Samuel to utterly destroy the Amalekites. *Utterly destroy*. No people left. No possessions left. No flocks and herds to survive. This was a severe punishment God had reserved for the descendants of Amalek because of the way they treated the wandering Jews in the wilderness way back in Exodus 17. Because of their refusal to treat Israel kindly as they left Egypt, God vowed His punishment on them. It was time for that promise to be fulfilled. It fell to Saul to carry out God's intentions.

But he didn't. He kept some of the herds. He set aside the finest of the sheep, oxen, calves, and lambs. Instead of killing King Agag of the Amalekites, he took him prisoner. Saul even set up a monument *to himself* at Carmel. You can read the details in 1 Samuel 15.

When Samuel arrived, he asked why he was hearing the bleating of sheep and the lowing of the oxen. Saul's answer is both shocking and yet, in some ways, typical.

- "I have performed the commandment of the Lord." verse 13
- He blamed the people—"the people spared the best of..." verse 15
- Even when Samuel explained it to him, he replied, "I have obeyed the voice of the Lord..." verse 20
- And a second time, "But the people took of the spoil..." verse 20

It was only when Samuel told him he was now rejected by God as king that he showed any kind of realization or understanding. Too late.

There's a lot here to chew on. Are we capable of not only defying God's will, but then convincing ourselves we're doing God's will? Is it possible to become blind to sin and lose sight of what is important and matters to God?

We should do more with this next week.

*Love one another,*

*Terry*

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are thankful you are with us today as we worship our God and Savior. Our prayer is that you will encounter Him today.

A nursery for small children is available in the east hall off the lobby.

### What will you experience at Westview?

- **Praise through song.** It is the tradition of our heritage to sing a cappella (without instruments) as we encourage everyone to be involved in uplifting praise.
- We value the **Bible**. You will hear God's Word read and all sermons will give the utmost respect and priority to Scripture.
- We share the **Lord's Supper** every week remembering Christ's sacrifice that provides us forgiveness as we celebrate our salvation through Him.
- **We do not expect our guests to give financially** to our work. We depend on the generous and godly giving of all Westview members to provide the funds needed to implement God's plans for this church.

We invite you to stay for Bible classes following our worship time. We hope you have been blessed today!

## Women's Bible Study group on Tuesday

The *Women's Bible Study* group will meet this coming Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10 a.m. in the home of Barb Henderson. The address is 4902 29<sup>th</sup> St., #6B. All the ladies are encouraged to join us.

## Families' Discovery Group meets next Sunday

Families that have children at home are encouraged to join the group next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the building in the fellowship room at 5 p.m. The menu is a sandwich bar. You will receive more information about food this week. Contact Cory for more details.

## Today's Order of Worship

*Mighty Is Our God  
Let Ev'ry Heart Rejoice and Sing*

### Meet & Greet

### Announcements & Reminders

### Prayer

*Firm Foundation*

*My God and I*

### We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

### Contribution Collected

*No Not One*

### Elder blessing/prayer

*He Leadeth Me*

### Scripture Reading:

**Psalm 91:1-6**

### Sermon

### The Invasion:

*God's Church God's Way (7)*

*Rock...Fortress...Protector*

*Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

### Unison Reading:

**Hebrews 13:20-21**

*On Zion's Glorious summit*

## Events, opportunities, and reminders:



Mark your calendars:

We will have a congregational burgers and dogs cookout on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, in the west shelter at Bittersweet Park. We will start at 5:30 p.m. More details and info to come.

**Singing/Worship on Tuesday nights** Each Tuesday evening, the worship leaders get together to work on songs. Beginning Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (the Tuesday *after* camp week), we are inviting all who wish to join us. We learn new songs, rediscover old songs, and learn specific parts. It is from 7 to 8 p.m. (This is not a song leader / worship leader program. It is a time to enjoy the gift of song and worship.)

**The Kitchen** is a ministry to the homeless. We cook burritos on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and then take them to the homeless shelter. You can help cook, deliver, or both. It varies from week to week if we're meeting. **This week, on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Kitchen is OPEN.**

**The kids' worship handout is on the table at the back of the auditorium.**

**CAMP BEGINS TODAY! PRAY ALL WEEK FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CAMP AND FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CAMPERS AND STAFF!**

The **Wednesday night Bible study group** meets at 6:30 in the fellowship room. We are currently studying the book of *Galatians*.

**The JUNE Bible study plan guide handout is in the lobby on the table.**

**Lunch with EEM on Tuesday** Clyde Slimp of Eastern European Missions will be at the Westview building on Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, for lunch. We will have pizza for anyone who wants to join us and hear his presentation. We'll meet at noon in the fellowship room. If you are interested, let Terry know (and what kind of pizza you like!).

### Servers for Worship today (31<sup>st</sup>)

Scripture Reading Randy McCrain  
Prayer Tom Lininger  
Roy Moore (communion prayers)  
Taylor Hegarty (contribution prayers)  
Kim Hegarty  
Abner Morales  
Doug Schwartz  
Ian Sebold



**The Westview Men's Coffee is every Tuesday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship room.**

**The Westview Women's Coffee is every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship room.**

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

6/1 – Randy & Veta McCrain

6/1 – Leonard Thompson (89<sup>th</sup>)

6/4 – Rand Morgan



## Prayer reminders

**The two adult classes will be combined today into one class. We will meet in room #14 (Terry's class).**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

Philippians 4:6

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.