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The Purpose

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

Commentary from a common Terry

So what happened next?

I have no complaints about the Bible. I mean, how could I? It's God's perfect message to us, revealing a plan so comprehensive and beyond our imaginations that it is big enough to offer salvation to every person. The Bible gives us light in darkness, strength in weakness, and hope in despair.

So, this is not a complaint. It's a frustration that sometimes surfaces when I'm reading the wonderful narratives and considering the amazing men and women of the history of God's people.

What happened next? I'd like to know more.

There are so many true stories of people who encountered Jesus and interacted with His will. They came face to face with God on earth, forever sending them in one of two directions—rejection of His offer or acceptance of His grace. And then, they wandered off the stage never to be heard from again as we move to the next moment.

There's that Roman centurion, honored in both Matthew 8 and Luke 7. His servant was so sick he was near death. He came to Jesus and asked for a miracle. He didn't even ask the Messiah to come to his house. Just speak it. The centurion knew enough to know Jesus' word was enough. What did Jesus say about this man? "With no one in Israel have I found such faith." And the servant was healed that very moment.

What did the centurion do next? Did he defy Roman law and embrace the teachings of this fire-brand rural Rabbi from Nazareth? Did he risk his safety, his family's safety, and the safety of his servants, including the one who had been healed? Surely this gentile man of influence and action had more to accomplish in his story.

In Matthew 15 and Mark 7, we meet an unnamed Canaanite woman. Her daughter was demon possessed. Like the centurion, she was not "in the club." She was not a Hebrew. Jesus was first focused on the Jews. And yet, her persistence and humility provoked Him to action. She'd take whatever he could offer, like the family's pet dog waiting for crumbs to fall from the dinner table. "Whatever you give me, I will be grateful."

Jesus sent her home with a promise that her daughter was already healed. When she got to the

house, she found her daughter lying in bed, calm and demon-free.

Do you think she remained quiet? Do you think she said, "Let's keep this to ourselves. Some folks might not like us going to the Jewish healer for help."? Not a chance. What difference did (and her daughter) make after meeting the only One that could legitimately answer her prayers?

I have lots of curiosity about both Philemon and Onesimus. Philemon was a wealthy Christian who lived in Colossae, about a hundred miles from Ephesus. We glean a lot of information from Paul's personal letter to Philemon. Onesimus, one of Philemon's slaves, stole from his master and then fled to Rome, hopefully to be lost in the masses. Paul was imprisoned in Rome. Through miraculous, God-driven circumstances, Onesimus came in contact with the apostle, was converted to Christianity, and began to serve Paul.

But, Paul sent him back to Onesimus. You know, a thieving runaway slave in those days walked under a death sentence. Perhaps the last thing Onesimus wanted to do was go back to the scene of the crime. But Paul sent him back. Along with Tychicus, Onesimus brought back a letter from Paul to Philemon. They also, more than likely, brought letters to the churches in Ephesus (the book of Ephesians) and Colossae (the book of Colossians).

You can take about two minutes to read the letter. It's only 25 verses long. Paul instructed Philemon to change everything about his thoughts toward slaves, suppressing a possible desire to punish and extract understandable justice from his slave.

So what happened next? Did Paul make good on his hope to come see them? Just how much of a stir, both inside the church and outside it, was caused by Philemon's newly found way of treating slaves? Did he free Onesimus? How influential was Onesimus in the church?

I want to know more. There's always more to the story God writes through us.

Love one another,

Terry

Congregational church potluck meal next Sunday evening

We will have a Westview congregational potluck meal next Sunday evening. We'll begin at 5:30 in the fellowship room / kitchen area. It's potluck, so bring your favorite dishes—entrees, veggies, side dishes, salads, desserts, etc. Bring plenty and invite guests!

Fellowship room adult class study

Tom will be out of town for the next couple of weeks. He will resume his study of the book of John in April. During that break, Randy will teach a three-week class on the book of Philippians.

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!

Outside of Christ, I am only a sinner, but in Christ, I am saved. Outside of Christ, I am empty, but in Christ I am full. Outside of Christ, I am weak; in Christ, I am strong. Outside of Christ, I cannot; in Christ, I am more than able. Outside of Christ, I have been defeated; in Christ, I am already victorious.
How meaningful are the words, "In Christ!"

~~Watchman Nee~~

Today's Order of Worship

*Lord, I Lift Your Name On High
Hear, O Israel*

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

The Battle Belongs To the Lord

Prayer

A Mighty Fortress

Scripture Reading:

Romans 12:1-2

Sermon

The Invasion:

**"The Believer's Presence In the
Technology World"**

The Joy of the Lord

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

He Paid a Debt

Elder blessing and prayer

You're the One

Unison Reading:

Psalm 84:10

Servers for Worship today

Scripture Reading Taylor Wikum
Prayer Todd Zwetzig

Troy Wallace (communion prayers)
Karl Tankersley (contribution prayers)
Ian Sebold
Tyler Wade
Tyler Wallace
Dean Weber



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.

Next Sunday, the 29th

Scripture Reading: Taylor Hegarty
Prayer: Greg Hammer

Communion and contribution:

Doug Blount (communion prayers)
Tom Liningner (contribution prayers)
Tyler Blount
Zachary Blount
Ken Clark
Dan Esposito

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

The March Daily Bible Reading plan is in the lobby.

Registration for camp (NCCC) is now open.

Go to: www.meadowlarkchurch.org

Click on ministries.

Click on the camp link.

Click on the "register here!" link.

Check with Terry for more info.

The Wednesday night Bible study group meets each week at 6:30 in the fellowship room. All are invited to join us. We are studying the Gospel of Mark.

The Ladies' Prayer Group will not meet this week. We will announce the next meeting date soon.

The plan is for *The Kitchen* to be OPEN this coming Wednesday, preparing food and delivering it to the homeless. 11 a.m.

The MSCH spring food drive is underway

Details for the spring food drive for the Mountain States Children's Home is on the counter in the lobby. There is a list of specific needs, both food items and non-food items. There is also a list of items that MSCH *does not* need. You can leave your donation in the lobby in the collection bin just inside the front doors. Or, if you want, you can donate a gift card from WalMart, King Sooper, Safeway, etc. You can leave that card with Terry. This drive goes through April 26th.

Next Sunday will be the last day to donate a coat. As always, the Westview response has been generous. In this strange, "no-winter" type season, it is still important that we have done this. The coats will be available for next year.

National Federation of the Blind training seminar this Thursday, the 26th

The NFB Greeley chapter will host a training seminar at Westview on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is provided. This will be educational as well as practical for helping people who have vision challenges to develop skills that allow for continued independent living. Call 970-213-0898 to RSVP (for lunch planning).

Consider how precious a soul must be when both God and the devil are after it.

~~Charles Spurgeon~~



Prayer reminders

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

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.