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The Purpose

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

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Commentary from a common Terry

Happy New Year!

A close friend has been studying for and teaching a church history class down in Texas. We have communicated often back and forth as he has put together some outstanding material.

In the course of his study, he revisited the works of *Boethius*, a 6th century leading Christian theologian and writer. Boethius was a Roman senator, consul, and a high ranking administrative official in the Roman Empire. He was also a Christian philosopher and writer, exerting great influence in the early church.

Because of the conversations I had with Ken, I've revisited some material I have not looked at in years. So, I have been reading through *The Consolation of Philosophy* by Boethius. He wrote this book while in prison. Prison? Yes, he was thrown in jail because he earned some very strong enemies who didn't appreciate his denouncement of the corrupt government in which he served. *The Consolation of Philosophy* was a deep dive treatment of fate, fortune, death, power, and the contrast of the earthly vs. the spiritual. In the book, Boethius presented an imagined give-and-take with *Lady Philosophy*, who offers comfort in the detailed and deeply religious conversations.

Boethius taught that virtue was to be pursued, not power and riches. Contentment came when a person internalized the values of the spiritual more than the fleeting appeal of the earthly. The book validated the message of the Bible, illustrated more than once. It's a Biblical first principle.

Jesus said, "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" (Matthew 16:26)

Peter framed the same thought in the context of end times, the destruction of the old world, and the promise of a new heaven and earth. "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming." (II Peter 3:11-12a)

We can only consider our circumstance...in our circumstance. We live in the time of the moment. So, we are influenced by the 21st century world

and the value system of modern western civilization. Along with that comes the sin of the modern world as well. Yet, the questions we ask and need answers to are the same questions that were struggled with in the time of Jesus, in the early church, and in the 6th century, the time of Boethius.

At one point in the "dialogue" between the conversant and *Lady Philosophy*, she sheds light on the truth of stress and worry.

"We have made some progress, if you no longer find your fate totally a source of grief. But I can't bear your childish self-indulgence! You're so worried and sorrowful because something is lacking from your bliss.

"Now whose happiness is so complete that he can't complain about some aspect of his life? Man's condition produces anxiety; it never proves wholly satisfactory; it never lasts forever.

"One man piles up wealth, but his low birth causes him embarrassment. Another man is famous for his ancestry, but his poverty makes him wish to be unknown. Another abounds in both these gifts, but weeps over being unmarried, while still another man, happily wed but bereft of children, builds his estate to be passed on to an outsider. Yet another man has the joy of children, but sadly weeps over the sins of his son or daughter.

"And so, no one is easily satisfied with the state of his fortune. In all aspects of life there are things that strike terror in a man who has experienced them, but they have no effect on someone who has not."

The happiness offered by the world simply will not be happiness. There's always *something* that robs from us, stealing away our bliss. The only solution to this is to find complete satisfaction in our relationship with and our certainty assured through Jesus. This is found when we, "...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...." In other words, make God the center of life.

Love one another,

Terry

Another reminder about NCCC

The *Northern Colorado Christian Camp* this year is early. It will be May 31st—June 6th.

You need to get on the information email list now. Go to www.meadowlarkchurch.org/northern-colorado-christian-camp-2026.

Ages—going into 3rd through 10th grades.

The **cost** is \$350 per camper, with a \$50 discount for additional campers from the same family.

New location in the Snowy Mountain Range region west of Laramie—at the *Table In the Wilderness* Christian camp.

The theme is **SOAR: Flight School!** Based on Isaiah 40:30-31.

Potential staffers also need to get on the information list.

There is **scholarship assistance funding** available to campers.

Check with Terry for more info or if you have questions.

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!



This is a QR code that will take you to an information page on our newly designed website. Just point your cell phone camera at the code and then click on the "subsplash" link. ("Subsplash" is our site host.)

Today's Order of Worship

*Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
He Has Made Me Glad*

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Prayer

Sweet By and By

Sermon

The Invasion:

Everything good is from above

I Love You, Lord

Scripture Reading:

Romans 5:6-8

I Stand Amazed

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Elder blessing and prayer

Unison Reading:

Psalm 7:17

To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way

News & Upcoming Events

Grandparents congratulations!

Congratulations to Todd Zwetzig as they have a new grandson. **We will not put personal data in the online bulletin. You can see the full information in the printed bulletin at the building.**

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

Pick up the *updated* daily Bible reading plan in the lobby if you have not gotten one yet.

The Kitchen will be open on a week-to-week basis. We will send out a notice, open or closed, each week as soon as we know. If we are open, we'll begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday morning in the kitchen.

Servers for Worship today

Scripture Reading Tom Lininger
Prayer Greg Hammer

Randy McCrain (communion prayers)
Doug Blount (contribution prayers)
Tyler Blount
Zachary Blount
Ken Clark
Dan Esposito

Next Sunday, the 1st

Scripture Reading: James Pascoe
Prayer: Roy Moore

Communion and contribution:

Rand Morgan (communion prayers)
Tom Odle (contribution prayers)
Chad Goodwin
Kim Hegarty
Abner Morales
Doug Schwartz

If you would like to contribute to the Westview coat drive, you can leave your donation in the collection bin in the lobby. We will continue this through the end of March.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

We do not publish this information in the online bulletin.



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.

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.

Sunday morning classes: The fellowship room class is a verse-by-verse textual study, led by Randy and Tom. Right now, Tom is leading the class in a study of **John's gospel**.

Terry's class, which meets in room #14, is entitled *What Am I Supposed To Do?* What is our place in the Kingdom purpose God has prepared for every citizen of His Kingdom?

The Ladies' Prayer Group will not meet this Tuesday.



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.

Philippians 4:6

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