

Welcome to Faith

April 30, 2023

Church Family Night

Join us May 7 at 5pm at Faith East for Church Family Night. New member/update photos will be in Jeremy Vegter's office from 4:15-4:45pm.

Caleb's Kin

Senior adults - Join our monthly fellowship at 10am on Monday, May 1 at the Senior Living Clubhouse for an uplifting musical concert presented by Faith Christian School's Ministry Chorale and a delicious catered meal. The cost is \$5 for the meal, but first-time guests eat for free (as do any seniors for whom the cost is a hardship). Questions? Contact Alisha Vegter (765) 350-0919 or Roseanna Beecher (765) 337-1699.

Introduction to Faith

Intro to Faith is a great opportunity to get to know others in the church, connect with the pastors, learn key doctrine, and ask questions. Class continues this Wednesday, 6:30pm, at Faith East in the Music Suite.

Spring Women's Seminar

Ladies, we ourselves have experienced or we know of others who have experienced unjust suffering. Often, this trial challenges our minds and hearts when we try to reconcile how God allows this in His sovereignty. At the spring women's seminar, May 6, we will learn about the Hese love of Christ and how this helps us respond well to unjust suffering. All ladies are welcome to attend! Bring your Bible! Sign up online at faithlafayette.org/women, at a table in the foyer, or contact Lorri Wiegand at lbwiegand@comcast.net.

Children's Ministry

2^{YR} - 5TH grade

Pastor Trey and his friends will be uploading encouraging videos at faithlafayette.org/kidsvids.

You can find this week's online children's Sunday School lesson at blogs.faithlafayette.org/faithkids. You can use the ideas below to discuss the lesson as a family.

JESUS CALLS THE DISCIPLES

READ: Matthew 4:12-25

ASK YOUR CHILD:

- What did Jesus ask His disciples to do? *"Follow Me."*
- What did Jesus promise to make His disciples? *Fishers of men.*
- What was Jesus' message? *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

EMPHASIZE THIS PRINCIPLE: Jesus calls people to Himself.

Therefore, we should follow Him and urge others to do the same.

PRACTICE:

- Follow Jesus as Lord and obey His Word.
- Cultivate a relationship with Jesus through Bible study and prayer.
- Share the hope Jesus offers with others.

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK: Matthew 8:18, 23-34

MEMORIZE FOR APR 30-MAY 28: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:8-9 (ESV)***

*Preschool verse in bold

Last Week's Offering - \$112,797.12
Weekly Budget - \$74,195
Last Week Sunday Worship - 1,971

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Hope in Everyday Suffering

Living for the Lord's Will

1 Peter 4:1-6

Psalm 119:105 - *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

1 Peter 1:13 - *Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 1:22 - *Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.*

1 Peter 2:2 - *...like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.*

1 Peter 2:11-12 - *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

1 Peter 3:15 - *...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.*

3 ways to strengthen your determination to obey God's will when you suffer

I. _____ Yourself with the Same Purpose of Your Savior (v.1)

1 Peter 4:1 - *Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.*

John 8:28 - *So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me."*

Luke 22:42 - *...saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."*

A. _____ to follow Christ's suffering (v. 1a)

1 Peter 2:21 - *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps...*

B. _____ God's will over the temptation to sin (v. 1c)

1 Peter 4:1 - *Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.*

II. No Longer _____ for the Desires of Men but for the Will of God (vv. 2-4)

1 Peter 4:2-4

A. Because we _____ those desires long enough (v. 3)

1 Peter 4:3 - *For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.*

Philippians 1:18 - *What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice...*

Philippians 1:21 - *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

Philippians 1:29 - *For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake...*

Philippians 2:17-18 - *But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.*

B. Although some are surprised that we do not _____ them (v. 4)

1 Peter 4:4 - *In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you.*

III. _____ that Living for God's Will Results in Vindication (vv. 5-6)

1 Peter 4:5-6 - *...but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.*

A. Those who live for evil desires must receive God's _____

1 Peter 4:5 - *...but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*

Romans 12:19 - *Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.*

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9

B. Those who live for God's will enjoy eternal _____

1 Peter 4:6 - *For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.*

Titus 2:11-13 - *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and savior, Jesus Christ.*