

Auditorium-A Bible Survey-Perry Ramsey, Joe Miles, Johnny Garrett

Back Building-Spanish Speaking–Juan Moncada Grace House -All His, Be a Good Steward-James Martin

Back Building-The Holy Spirit — Jimmy Stegall



Bobby Ham #121

Military: Michael Butler, Trey Dreher, Thomas Rose, Darak Tate, Joshua Dominguez., Charles Brooks THE LOST SOULS IN THE WORLD

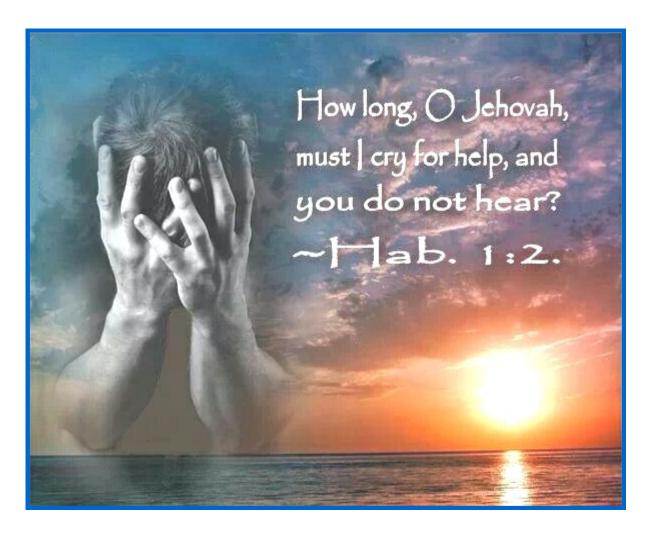


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In the Darkest Depths



Life upon this earth certainly has its challenges and often those challenges will test our faith in the Lord and His great love, power, and will for all creation. How do | choose to continue to praise Him even when | feel my life is in the pit?





April 28, 2024

MISSIONS	lt is the Sunday Morning,		Lord Christ who 04/28/24		m you serveCol Sunday Morning,			<u>3:24</u> 05/05/24	
	Announcements:		Spencer Martin		Announcements:			Matthew Bradshav	
FRENCH AFRICIAN CHRISTIAN ED. Benin, French West Africa	Opening Prayer:		Joe Miles		Opening Prayer:			David Tyer	
JUSTIN MENGA	Song Leade	r:	J.D. Martin		Song Leader:			J.D. Martin	
Chad LEONNEL ZOTOME	Lord's Table Prayer:		Glenn Cook		Lord's Table Prayer:		Keith Driskell		
Benin	Lord's Table Server:#1		Glenn Woodson		Lord's Table Server:#1			Jayden Gonzales	
DOTOU KIFFI DLEUDONNE M'PO GASTON KOUAGOU	#2		Danny Beard		#2			Travis Martin	
DAVID YEHOUENOU'NAINTEY FRANCIS	#3		Jerry Briscoe		#3			Ted Williams	
		#4	Charles Hyde		#4			Frank Cook	
LEYTE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE Philippines			Kohen Bird		Lord's Table Trainee			Brooks Driskell	
			Kanen Bird		Lord's Table Trainee			Quade McLaughlin	
SPECIAL DONATIONS CAN BE MADE	Lesson:		Jacob Dukes		Lesson:		Jimmy Stegall		
<u>TO:</u>					Closing Prayer:		Jim Patrick Bird		
Allyne Grau Scholarship College scholarships	Bible Time:				Bible Time:		J&C Martin		
					Nursery:		Cadence Commande		
Jacob Neal Scholarship for camps, LTC			Ruylee Martin		Communion Prep:		G&S Cook		
Chuck Schuh Blessing Fund acts of benevolence					PowerPoint		Nealy Cook		
	PowerPoint								
Grace Street Building Fund	Sound Board		Matthew Bradshaw				Roman Estrada		
Mother's Day Out	Video		Matthew Bradshaw		Video		Roman Estrada		
					EL-	D	EACONS		vangelist
MEN'S JAIL MINISTRY Ted Williams WOMEN'S JAIL MINISTRY Brenda Craycraft ,	Sun. AM Clas Sun. Worship Children's Bi	ble Time	/ICES 9:30 10:45	DERS Johnny Garner 936-544-8729 James Martin 713-530-0188		Case Craycraft Missions Charlie Wheeler Education Jason Wheeler Security Danny Beard Building & Ground		Jimmy Stegall 580-916-1074 Juan Moncada 325-280-4699 Youth /Family Minister Jacob Dukes	
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Wed. PM class & Bible Academy		6:00	Joe Miles					
ELDER'S READING:	Men's <u>Tuesday</u> Night Class			512-739-1949 David Tyer 936-546-4086 Jimmy Stegall		Contact Elder James Martin 713-530-0188		Secretary Pattie Tyer	
John 14:5-7			6:00pm						
SCRIPTURE READING:									
Habakkuk 1:2-4	Breakfast		Moosehead 8:00am	VIDEOS AND STREAM available on our w			Wi-Fi Grace Street Chu		
The Elders meet every 1st & 3rd Sunday at 1:30 and each Sunday morning at 9:00am. All are welcome at each	Men's <u>Thursday</u> Night Class	Building		graces & YouTube <u>Church of Cl</u> Like us on <u>F</u>	hrist Crocl	<u>eet</u>	Password needed-joanne2010 The Numbers for 4-21-2024		rs for 24
The MISSION and VISION statement for	Į			THE GOOD NEWS		ws	Sunday AM		170
the congregation can be found on our website and on printed brochures in	Ladies Bible Tues Study		Armor of God	MONDAY thru FR 7:20 AM		-	Rible Class		129
the front of the auditorium.		9:30		KIVY-1290AM - 92		2.7FM	Contributio	n	7997.00

I find solace in the areas of Scripture that reflect raw, human emotion. Yes, all Scripture is divinely inspired, meaning that God ordered and directed His Word with great intention, but too often we forget humanity's influence upon Scripture. That influence often appears in these moments of deep emotional expression, such as:

You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths. Your wrath lies heavily on me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves. You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them. I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief.

Job's story is unique in Scripture because of its lack of reasoning behind his suffering. Ancient Judaism often understood life in terms of Deuteronomistic law, meaning God curses the wicked and blesses the righteous. Therefore, Job's confusion at his situation is understandable through this lens and, in the end, God's reason for why He handed him over to Satan is His sovereignty. Psalm 88, unlike most other psalms of lament, does not end with praise but deep depression.

For those who struggle in their faith and often wonder how God could still be praised amidst great suffering in this world, these Scriptures and many others offer us a reflection of the human experience in God's Word. God understands our pain and sees our struggles, even when we feel He has turned a blind eye. Regardless of what we may face in life we should take great comfort in knowing that God is actively pursuing vindication for His people amidst their struggles with sin, temptation, and worldly suffering.

Throughout my life, in my deepest pain, I have echoed the words of Job and Psalm 88 blaming God for my position and wondering where light might shine amid ever-expanding darkness. Yet, now on the other side of it all, I take great comfort in the words of Job:

> My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

- Jacob Dukes, Youth and Family Minister

From the preacher's desk....

"How I long for the months gone by, for the days when God watched over me. when his lamp shone on my head and by his light I walked through darkness!

Job 29:2-3 NIV

Psalm 88:8-9 NIV

Job 42:5 NIV