

Suffering Through Trials

These are a few of the quotes from the book, "[A Bend in the Road](#)" by [Dr. David Jeremiah](#), that were meaningful to me:



- You can choose to lift up your eyes to the heavens, pour out your tears, grief and anger and say, "God, I have no clue what this is all about or where it is leading, but I resolve to trust you and praise you with all of my heart unconditionally."
- He will not abandon His work on you - of which your trial is a part (read [Isaiah 49:15-16](#)).
- There's no need for me and God to stay up all night. God will be awake anyway so I need to go to bed and get a good night's sleep. ([Psalm 121:3-4](#))
- You will be faced with a trial and God will give you two gifts - a Scripture for your mind and a song for your heart.
- There is nothing, no circumstance, no trouble, no testing that can ever touch me until, first of all, it has come past God, and past Christ, right through to me. If it has come that far it has come with a great purpose.
- "God, you have allowed this in my life. I don't understand it, but I know that it couldn't have happened to me unless it was filtered through your loving hands. So, this thing is from you."
- We become preoccupied with our circumstances but God is preoccupied with our character.
- My crisis is important to God. He is using it to make me a more valuable servant in His Kingdom. The only road that leads to the destination God desires for us has sharp bends.

Life is difficult but difficulty is the only path to wisdom. Everything that happens to us is for the eternal purposes of God. He is training us through the process. Like any worthy parent, He wants to teach us what we cannot learn any other way.

Are YOU Saved?

Many people struggle with the question, "*What does it mean to be saved?*" First of all, being saved is more than just having knowledge of who Jesus is, or accepting the fact that Jesus is alive, or that God sent him into the world to die for our sins.

You cannot be saved until you first confess (agree with God) that you are a sinner, lost, on your way to hell, and you are in need of a Savior.

Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Salvation takes place the very moment that you accept or embrace Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, totally trusting in the complete and finished work of Jesus as full payment for your past, present, and future sins. **Romans 10:9-10**.

What does it mean to be saved?

- To be **forgiven** of your sins.
- To be **justified** by God through faith in Jesus (declared righteous, not guilty).
- To **receive the free gift** of eternal life offered to us through Jesus Christ.
- To **experience the new birth** (ye **must be born again**, become a child of God).
- To have a **personal**, intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus.
- To be **delivered** from the penalty of sin (which is death, eternal separation from God).
- To be **taken out** of the kingdom of darkness and **put into** the kingdom of His light.
- To **have a hope** that goes beyond the grave, (because He lives, I too will live with Him for all eternity).

My Friend, Are YOU Saved?



*Winning the Lost,
Discipling the Saved!*

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VISITORS



Welcome!

We are **delighted** to have you in our services today. If you are visiting for the first time, **please** fill out the visitor's card and place it in the offering plate.

Today:

"I'll Fly Away"

Welcome / Announcements / Offering

Verse Memorization Challenge

"In The Garden"

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

"He Leadeth Me"

"How Great Thou Art"

Sermon – Pastor Laine

"When We All Get to Heaven"

If God is tugging at your heart please don't put Him off. Make whatever decision He is leading you to make. We are here to direct you to the only One Who is able. Please seek out our Pastor or one of the Elders for any questions, concerns, or assistance you may need. It is our heartfelt desire to serve you in Jesus' Name.

Pastor Laine: 250-9327 Jim Gallagher: 577-2723
Gary Leopold: 480-7507 Perry Stevens: 423-2105

ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

None

February Greeter:

Karen Leopold

March Greeter: Sandy Wilder

Nursery Schedule:

Today

Sandy Wilder

Next Sunday

Karen Leopold

Fellowship Treats:

Next Sunday - Frank & Elaine Stutsman

Ushers This Week:

Jim Gallagher, John Wissink, Chuck Bloss

Ushers Next Week:

Gary Leopold, Bill Amsberry, Dave Stromberg



Will be meeting **TODAY** after Church at **11:45 AM** in the **Fellowship Room**

Corn Bread Chefs Wanted



Saturday, March 10

Volunteers from local area Churches have been asked to help in a community "soup/ chili supper" at Saint John's The Apostle Catholic Church on Saturday **March 10th**, from 5:30PM until 7:30 PM.

Proceeds from this event go to the Norwalk Ministerial Association Food Bank which is housed at New Life Lutheran Church.

If **you** would like to **help**, we have been asked to provide **75 servings** of cornbread. Please let us know if **you** can **help** us meet this goal. **PTL!**

Mark Your Calendars

Morning Worship 10 AM

- **Thursday:** Choir practice – 6:30 PM
- **Saturday:** Church Workday 8 AM



General Fund Offering

\$625.00

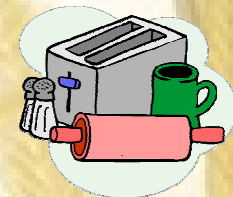
Special Offering for Mike

\$1000.00

This Weeks Bible Readings

Mark 8 - Mark 12

Ps. 22-24; Prov. 8; Is. 29-32; Ex. 21-30



Help Build Our Kitchen!

Would **YOU** like to contribute to the kitchen remodel in some way? **No Problem!** Keep watching upcoming bulletins for more details on how **YOU** can help complete the new Harvest Church Kitchen!

This Weeks Memory Verse

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

2 Peter 1:3

