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LIVING WHAT WE BELIEVE

FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

What a GREAT weekend!

How to LISTEN Again!



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By Dan Jenkins

Seeing By Faith, Not By Sight

Paul's description of how saints see the world explains so much about how differently we look at all that is happening when compared to most of those around us. He said, "We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18). We are truly different from those in the world.

There is so much change in all that is happening. Because our citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20), we view the world and political situations in a different way. The contrast between Daniel and King Nebuchadnezzar is so striking. While the king thought he was so important, Daniel told him, "The Most High rules in the affairs of men..." (Dan. 4:17). Our citizenship is in heaven, and God is in charge of all things.

We look at our workplace in a way the world will not understand. The world says, "Get a great job, make your career the most important aspect of life and enjoy life." That view of life was expressed by the man who said to himself, "Soul, you have many goods laid out for many years; take your ease; eat, drink and be merry" (Luke 12:19). Read this story, meditate on it and you will understand why Jesus said that this view of life is the view of those who are fools.

There are two ways of living and dying—without faith or by faith

The world says, "Labor with your hands that you may have." God commands us to work for a far different reason. He says, "Labor with your hands that you may have something to give him who has need" (Eph. 4:28). The judgment scene describes those who failed to help Jesus who lived in their world and was a stranger, naked, unclothed, sick and in prison. Jesus said that the way they treated the least of His brethren was the way they were treating Him. (Matt. 25:31-41).

Finally, we look at life, especially as we approach death, so differently. Look first at the ungodly who watched Stephen as he was dying. They were hurling stones at him and were glad to see him taking his last breath. Paul was there and shared the hearts of those who were happy to see it happen (Acts 7:54-60). They were so wrong.

Now look at how Stephen viewed his death. He saw Jesus standing in heaven and watching as he was crying out to God, "Lord Jesus, receive my soul." While we may not die as martyrs, we can view our death in this same way, with hearts that do not walk by sight, but by faith. The world views death as an end. We do not see it as the end, but as the beginning of what we have lived for every day.

Thank God that He helps us see the world in a far different way! We truly walk by faith and not by sight.



By David Sproule

I Thank God in Hard Times and for Hard Times

If there was ever a Christian who faced hard times in his life, the apostle Paul would surely be at the top of that list. He listed many of the sufferings that he endured as a disciple of Christ (in 2 Cor. 11:23-28), among which was, "in prisons more frequently." When Paul wrote about frequently being in prison, that was before he was arrested and imprisoned in Jerusalem and for two years in Caesarea, and it was about five years before he was imprisoned in Rome for two years.

If you had spent as many nights (even years) as Paul had in prison, what would your attitude be toward God? Would you be angry with God? Would you be blaming God? Would you tell others to be wary of God? Read the book of Philippians. Paul writes this epistle while a prisoner in Rome. Do you want to see what he thinks about God after all that he had endured? He wanted that church to have a clear picture of the God that he served and for whom he was in prison.

Paul begins by saying, "I thank my God" (Phil. 1:3). Would you do that? Do you thank God for your trials (cf. Jas. 1:2-4)? For what did Paul have to be thankful to God?

God will complete His work in you (1:6). You are a piece of clay in the Potter's hand (Isa. 64:8). Trust Him.

Do you thank God for your trials?

God has saved you (1:28). Others want to harm or discourage you, but God has delivered you (Psa. 34:17-19).

God humbled Himself and died on the cross for you (Phil. 2:6-8). The one who existed as God from the beginning "emptied Himself" to "the point of death...on a cross." There is no greater demonstration of His love (John 15:13).

God works in you (2:12-13). God expects you to "work out your own salvation," but He does not leave you to do that on your own. His strength (Eph. 6:10) and direction (Psa. 119:105) are ever with you.

God calls you to heaven (3:14). We must give up much for Him (3:3-13; Rom. 12:1), but it is His "upward call" that provides the motivation (3:20-21).

God gives you His peace (4:6-7). When you put your anxiety aside and lay your burdens on Him, His peace (John 14:27) soothes the soul (Psa. 46).

God will be with you (4:9). While others may abandon you (Mark 14:50), God never will (Heb. 13:5). His ever-abiding presence gives you strength and courage (Josh. 1:5-9).

God will supply all your need (4:19). He cares for the birds and the flowers, and He cares even more for you (Matt. 6:25-34). You "shall not lack any good thing" (Psa. 34:10).

No wonder Paul ends the letter by saying, "Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever" (4:20).



By Robert Lupo

Living Paycheck to Paycheck...with God

It is hard to get ahead these days. The cost of living continues to rise and wages aren't keeping up. For many Americans, they are barely getting by.

Today, it is being reported that one in four Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. This is an unsustainable way of living. If you drain your bank account between every pay period, you will have no funds for emergencies. What if your car breaks down? What if you lose your job? What if you are hospitalized? If you are living paycheck to paycheck, you could be one unexpected expense away from being ruined.

Many Christians today are in a similar situation when it comes to their spiritual life. Every Sunday they get their weekly deposit of Christian teaching and forgiveness, and then they cash it all out during the week on the same sins they always do. When Sunday rolls around again, they breathe a sigh of relief as they receive another deposit of grace to keep the cycle going.

This is also an unsustainable way of living. But, the consequences of abusing the grace of God are far worse than falling behind on rent. If we treat God's forgiveness as transactional, then we make a mockery of His mercy.

The Bible has a lot to tell us about what happens

when we take God for granted. In Romans 6:1-14, Paul explains that Christians must be dead to sin. He tells us that we cannot continue in sin (vv. 1-2), and we must walk in newness of life (v. 4). We must crucify our old man and no longer be slaves of sin (v. 6). When we become a Christian, we are to no longer "...let sin reign in [our] mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts..." (v. 12). Sin is incompatible with the Christian life.

Will God keep on forgiving us so long as we keep coming to church?

But what if we do keep on sinning? Will God keep on forgiving us so long as we keep coming to church? Absolutely not! In Hebrews 10:26-27, the Bible says, "For if we sin willfully after we received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation..." Going to church doesn't buy us extra sinning rights. We cannot earn God's forgiveness. We are saved by God's grace and not by works (cf. Eph 2:8-9). We are saved because Jesus suffered the agony of the cross. And, if we fall back into the life of sin, Hebrews 6:6 tells us that we crucify again the Son of God.

Have you been treating your Christian walk as transactional? Are you abusing the grace of God so you can keep indulging in the sins you were washed of? We are one unexpected accident away from eternity. If we keep living paycheck to paycheck with God, we are going to find ourselves in ruin.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Which sport are you playing?

Not many folks have ever played a sport out of spite, regret or disinterest. Most play a sport because they find a thrill, joy and true pleasure in doing so. How interesting that God uses the word "sport" in the book of Proverbs in a similar way—to describe something in which a person finds thrill, joy and true pleasure.

God says, "To do evil is like a sport to a fool" (Prov. 10:23). Who treats "evil" or "wickedness" (NASB) or "doing wrong" (ESV) as a sport to be enjoyed? Is there any time that such could describe me? God says that person is a "fool"!

But, consider the second part of the verse. Hebrew parallelism often uses contrast to make a point. The NASB captures this by saying, "And so is wisdom to a person of understanding." To a fool, sin is a thrill, joy and pleasure (like a sport). But, to a person of understanding, the pursuit of true "wisdom" is a thrill, joy and pleasure (like a sport). Do I ever treat the wisdom of God like a thrilling sport that captivates me? —DS



Not a word failed

The Bible makes it very plain that there are no promises that God made to the Jews that are yet unfulfilled. God is not going to restore the Jews to any land now or in the future, for the promise that He made to Abraham regarding that land (Gen. 12:1; 13:14-16; 15:18-21) has been fulfilled (Josh. 23:14; 1 Kgs. 4:20-21; Neh. 9:7-8). "So the Lord gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers" (Josh. 21:43). "All" means all. But then take this to heart: "Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken...All came to pass" (Josh. 21:45). God gave Israel all the land that He promised to give.

But read that in application to yourself: When God makes a promise to you, "NOT A WORD" will fail of "any good thing" that the Lord promises you! "All" will come "to pass," just as He said, for He "cannot lie" (Tit. 1:2). Put your full trust in Him! Stop "leaning" on your "own understanding" and expectations (Prov. 3:5-6). While people will fail us, "He never fails" (Zech. 3:5)! —DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Paul Davidson	struggling with several health issues
Terietta Frazier	undergoing medical tests
Patricia Hackshaw	dealing with severe pain and ongoing health issues
Dianne Halenda	blood clot in her leg causing pain and swelling
Bonnie Quigley	awaiting surgery on her broken wrist
Jim Rogers	now home from the hospital
Jackie Stout	Gardens Court, rehab for broken leg
Amy West	had an angiogram on both her legs



Anthioda Charles, upon the passing of her brother, Monique Alexis, last week.

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Kasandra Jones
Gloria Boyd	Leigh Puckett
Josie Dawson	Don Seay
Zula Garrett	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Samuel Williams

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, dealing with chest pain
Kate Jones	Robert & Norma Mariano's daughter, surgery on Nov 14
Adrain Patterson	Debora Lynch's mother, under Hospice Care
Marion Vanderwende	Karen Lester's mother, Jupiter Rehabilitation Center





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 16

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 17

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, November 18

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Thursday, November 20

- ♦ **"Digging Deep" Women's Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Misty Hayes or Lisa Metzkes for more details.

Saturday, November 22

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, November 23

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Tuesday, November 25

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

Wednesday, November 26

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 30

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, November 16

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.

Monday, December 1

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Sunday, November 30

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Study** at 9:00 a.m. in Adult 3. All young adults are encouraged to join as we continue our study on *"Fundamentals of the Faith."*

Friday, December 12

- ♦ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, November 16

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring drinks and desserts to share.

Wednesday, November 19

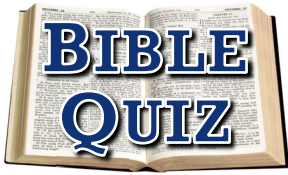
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project** after Bible Study. We will assemble Thanksgiving baskets that we will deliver on Sunday, November 23.

Sunday, November 23

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring money for lunch and a change of clothes (if you want). Meet in the Family Room after worship. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Parents, please let Robert Lupo know if you can help by being a driver for this.

Sunday, November 30

- ♦ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services.** See Robert Lupo for details.



Can You Name These Women?

1. What woman was suspected of drunkenness as she prayed to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:13-14)? _____
2. Who was King David's first wife (1 Samuel 18:27)? _____
3. Who was stricken with leprosy for speaking out against her brother (Numbers 12)? _____
4. What well-known Old Testament woman was married to Lapidoth (Judges 4:4)? _____
5. What was Moses' mother's name (Exodus 6:20)? _____
6. What Midianite woman married Moses (Exodus 2:21)? _____
7. Who was brought in to warm the cold bones of old King David (1 Kings 1:3, 15)? _____
8. What woman of dubious character hid Israelite spies under piles of flax (Joshua 2:6)? _____
9. What woman of an idol-worshiping nation became an ancestor of Christ (Ruth 4:17)? _____
10. Who sought to make peace between David and her foolish husband (1 Samuel 25:23-35)? _____
11. What son of David is often called "the son of Haggith" (1 Kings 1:11)? _____
12. Who sought Jesus' help at the wedding of Cana (John 2:3)? _____
13. What queen of Israel ordered the extermination of the prophets of the Lord (1 Kings 18:4)? _____
14. Who was killed by being thrown from a window by eunuchs (2 Kings 9:32-33)? _____
15. What woman, associated with Elijah, was mentioned by Jesus (Luke 4:25-26)? _____
16. Who was the first woman to ask the Lord for help (Genesis 25:22)? _____
17. Who was Jesus speaking of when He said, "Behold your mother" (John 19:27)? _____
18. What servant of David was desired as a prize by his son, Adonijah (1 Kings 2:17)? _____
19. What woman broke the king's law by order of the king himself (1 Samuel 28:7-25)? _____
20. What wife of David ensured the throne for her son (1 Kings 1)? _____

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
November 9

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, November 16th

Katie Goodale

Monday, November 17th

Cristian & Lisa Suarez (Ann.)
Kelly Sproule

Tuesday, November 18th

Diane Leslie
Natalie Reeves

Wednesday, November 19th

Buzz & Kathy Nelson (Ann.)

Thursday, November 20th

Freddie Gadson
Leonard Williams
Matthew Jones

Friday, November 21st

Shelley Nesbitt
Trevin Roman

Saturday, November 22nd

Elizabeth Carter
Rosemarie Joseph

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Helen Knight; Miss Sheryl Lewis; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; Mrs. Joanne Spalding; Mr. Arlington Spencer; Mrs. Carrie Washington; Mr. Bobby Washington; Mr. Trevor Wellington; Ms. Derweshia Young; and Ms. Staci Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Danny & Jessica Boggs, Neosho, MO; Mrs. Hollie Crotts, St. Augustine, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Kim Higginbotham, Knoxville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Elizabeth Hill, Orange Park, FL; Mr. Richard Melson, Dayton, OH; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mrs. Andrea Poggi, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David & Cathy Powell, Henderson, TN; Mr. Al Washington, Austin, TX; Mrs. Shantay Williams, Hialeah, FL; and Mr. Justin Yeung, Weston, FL.

 **Thank You** notes

I want to thank all the saints who prayed on my behalf and recovery from the small stroke that came upon me without notice. I feel that your prayer and concern helped in my recovery. I have prayed for good spirits on your behalf for thinking of us.

Jim & Amelia Rogers

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at **9:50 a.m.***

*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.***

Sunday Morning, November 16

Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper Robert Mariano
Singing
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Taylor Reeves
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Victor Colage

Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins	Steward Lynch
Jack Holoman	Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon	Bret Nesbitt
Orlando Lolo	Lawrence Williams

Sunday Evening, November 16

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Tom Garrison
Scripture Reading Andres Fernandez
Singing
Lord's Supper Stephen Beliech
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Joe Maloney

Serve at Table:

Todd Juckett Trevin Roman

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, November 19

Singing Chuck Reeves
Invitation Troy Alberga
Family Prayer Dion Hayes

Our Record

Attendance	Nov 9	Oct Avg
Sun. Bible Study	210	146
Sun. AM Worship	242	247
Sun. PM Worship	107	87
Wed. Bible Study	118	121
Contribution	\$18,814	\$16,303

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,058

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

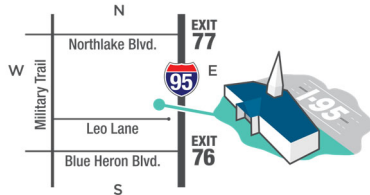
Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Ricky Smith
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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*Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.*



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.



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