

Welcome as We Celebrate the Glory of Jesus!



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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OH LORD, HOW WE NEED A KING!

"But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen."

~1 Timothy 6:11-16

If you have been a part of the studies on Wednesday nights, you will relate to how powerful the teachings and discussion have been. In fact, I had already prepared a pondering for this week, but the last Wednesday night study session struck me so much so that I was led to change directions. D.A. Carson made a statement during the lesson that struck me. He stated, *"Oh, Lord, how we need a King."* He then went on to discuss various items regarding kingship and how everything ultimately leads mankind to one place, and that place is as a subject in the kingdom of Jesus Christ, the one and only true King.

The Lord continued to instruct my heart and I began processing the fact that our King does not want to hold lordship over the things in life of which we choose to grant him lordship. His desire is for us to recognize that he wants, and ultimately, has lordship over **every detail** of every one of our lives. On the heels of that thought was another reminder from the teaching, *"We can choose to bend the knee now and follow our King in loving relationship, or we will bend the knee later."* If you are responding with a heart that is saying, *"Well that is a power trip and my god would never..."* I would challenge that such a response is an ultimate example of our deep and innate need for a King. Brothers and sisters, I would also tell you that I am not ignorant of the fact that all of us, each and every one has faced, is facing, or will face such an internal battle. But be rest assured that the battle has already been won, and our King reigns!

Hebrews 4 verses 14-16 state, *"Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we might receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

Let that be the cry of our hearts when we wake, as we walk through our days, and as we

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fall asleep. We are truly loved by a great and awesome King!

Your brother in Christ, Zack Fugate

OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 40:9

"Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'" (ESV)

MEXICO MINISTRY UPDATE

God is my Refuge and Strength

In one of the most intense and stressful weeks of my life, Psalm 46 has been a comfort to me. In a week where at times the earth seems to be failing under my feet, I am thankful for the God of all comfort who calls us to be still and know that He is in control.

This newsletter will be a bit different, and will be mainly about the day of the earthquake and the response afterwards, as opposed to highlighting ministry that has happened here in the last couple months. I have written this many times, and in different ways, but none it seems to do it justice. My hope is to not sensationalize nor downplay the effect that this earthquake had on me and on Mexico City as a whole.

The Day That Shook Me

On September 19th, Mexico City was hit by an earthquake that will probably change a lot of the ministry that will be done here. We recently had the EFCA leader of Crisis Response here and he told our team that people will measure time by this. I have already experienced that, people often ask me, where were you during the earthquake, or what were you doing when it hit?

I was in a training meeting with Avance and the one and two year-term missionaries, some of whom have been here for only a couple of days or weeks. In this meeting's agenda was a talk on how to minister effectively in Mexico as well as an earthquake safety training. There was also a city-wide earthquake drill because it was the anniversary of an earthquake devastated Mexico City in 1985.

I was the one who gave the earthquake safety talk to all the Avancistas. In this talk I went over all the things that we should do in an earthquake, but to help calm an anxiousness that I felt in the room I said it would be unlikely that we would have to use these techniques (I was completely wrong on that one).

The earthquake hit about 1:15pm. When we were just finishing up our meeting. All of the sudden we realized that the earth was shaking under us and we needed to put in to practice what we just learned. We got out of the building because we were on the first floor and waited in the street until the ground stopped moving.

I had no concept for how strong or how this earthquake would affect the city at that point. I only could see what was immediately around me and the fear on the faces. We immediately stopped and prayed as a group. It was only just moments after we prayed together that the news started flowing in. Only after texting people and receiving messages from friends around the city did I realize that what we had just gone through was something that will shape the city for a while to come. My church's group chat was going off nonstop telling of people that needed help and buildings that had fallen. It got to the point where I dreaded my phone going off again, thinking that it could only be bad news. I prayed a lot that day, it was a strange mixture of gratefulness for safety, and sadness for my city that was hurting so badly.

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Our Response to a City in Crisis

From that day on, we realized that our ministry was going to change for the foreseeable future. The goal and vision of our ministry would be the same, but context would change. We had to understand that we were now in a city dealing with crisis; that for the next week, the city would not function normally, and for the awhile after that, we all would be affected as a whole city.

Last Monday (September 25th), the head of Crisis Response team, Mark Lewis, came down to help us learn how to do ministry after a crisis. What impacted me most was the fact that we often think of ministry after a crisis as providing for physical needs; we should remove rubble, rebuild buildings, give food, clothing and money to those who lost it... and those are all great things to do. But most often we forget about the emotional, mental, spiritual and relational toll that crisis takes on people. He told us to use this time as an opportunity to build relationships and provide for the whole person.

So even though our main vision stays the same, to make disciples, the forms change a bit. We will look to use even this horrible disaster to show Christ to all people. We will look to provide for people, just as Christ has done for us, and we will look to show how God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. But more than that, I am realizing that, we have to explain the hope that we have; that even the ground points us to something that is to come. The earth itself is groaning and waiting to be renewed, and we ought to be looking forward to that day when God does renew it all.

Jared Anderson

UPCOMING EVENTS

CEF VERSE-A-THON

You are invited to participate with CEF in their 5th annual Verse-A-Thon on Saturday, **November 11th**. The idea behind Verse- A-Thon is that each participant will find people to sponsor them by the verse. Upon registering, you will receive a sponsor sheet along with the official Verse-A-Thon Bible memorization sheet, from which to begin memorizing verses. The sponsor will pay by the verse quoted accurately at the Verse-A-Thon. Contact Erika Rice for more info.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

VIDEO MINISTRY

This is an opportunity to serve those who are unable to join us physically to worship Jesus Christ and to study God's Word on Sunday morning. New Life video ministry is looking for camera operators. You can sit with one of the camera operators to see what is involved, talk to anyone on the team about the ministry, or contact Jim Mabee @ 651-470-4172.

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Oct 8 **Forge Ministry** (9th-12th Grade)
 6:30 - 8:00 pm at NLCC

Oct 11 **Immerse** (all ages)
 6:15 - 7:30 pm at NLCC

Oct 12 **Men's Bible Study**
 6:30 am at NLCC

Oct 12 **Women's Bible Study**
 9:30 am at NLCC

Oct 12 **GriefShare Evening Meeting**
 6:30 pm NLCC Lg Classroom

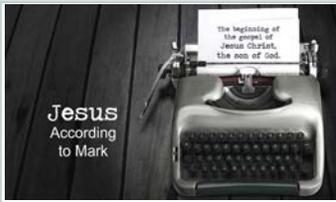
Upcoming Potluck/Meal Team:

Oct 15 Meal Team #1

Oct 22 Meal Team #2

Oct 29 Meal Team #3

Join us for Fellowship and a
 Meal after our service today!



Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
[Mark 14:26-31](#)

Sermon Notes:

