



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
Mark 2:13-17

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to the Celebration!



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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Pastoral Pondering

*Hosea 6:1(ESV) "Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up."*

Why do we seek blessing from the LORD and not accept that He is the one that strikes us down? Whenever there is insult or injury in our lives we blame our enemy or we blame ourselves. We think that God only does what we like (We call it good) and all the stuff we don't like (we call it evil) Satan is responsible for. I would submit that all things come from the hand of the Father and are pre-designed to work for our best which is to bring us to a true knowledge of Him and an accurate view of ourselves. In this, to bring us to repentance and thus restore us to a right relationship to Him. And through it all bringing more and more glory to Him.

Additionally, I think the word "relationship" has fallen on hard times. In our current narcissistic culture, we look at a word and think "What's in it for me?" We look at relationship and think how are we in a relationship with God. Is He my Father, my Buddy, my Savior.....etc.? Relationship properly understood would be "How do I relate to God?" What position am I in when it comes to the Creator of the universe? "Relatively" speaking then, *who am I* and more importantly *who is God?*

As soon as we have a correct view of these two things we are awestruck and driven to our knees. In truth our feeble minds can't fully comprehend it. This is a blessing because I believe if we saw the true picture of our depravity (the heart is deceitfully wicked beyond all cure, who can know it?) and of God's greatness we would not just fall on our knees we would fall down dead. Of course the wages of sin (any sin) is death and rightly so. We are only protected for a time by the blindness of our own understanding. The gracious God, slowly allows us to see the depth of our own position by giving us sickness (do we do well at comforting the sick?), poverty (do we do well at attending the poor?), greed (do we do well at giving all we can?). The list can go on and on.

As He peels back our misunderstanding, we sink lower and lower. At the same time, He graciously gives us increasing glimpses of His magnitude. We begin to

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Please check a box below:

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Jul 28 Men's Bible Study
Book of Acts
6:30 a.m. at NLCC Building

Jul 28 Evening GriefShare Mtg.
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Green Room at NLCC Building

Jul 30 Faster Pastor Race
Cedar Lake Speedway,
New Richmond

Upcoming Potlucks & Meal Teams:

Jul 24 Meal Team #3
Jul 31 Meal Team #4
Aug 7 Potluck Team #2
Aug 14 Meal Team #5

Fellowship follows our service every Sunday, along with a great meal.



Please stay and join us!

July Memory Verse: John 17:20-21

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (ESV)

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understand the vastness of the universe, the complexity of life and the mercy of Him who see us correctly and sustains our life beyond reason anyway. As we see the two more and more accurately, and the gulf that is between them, we cannot help but sink into a helpless depressed state. Who can salvage us from such a position? We are so far off the mark.

Thanks be to God, He sent His Son to remove the difference between us and Him. The God man that is able to be all that the great and glorious God is and also, all that man is minus the depravity. How He does it, I have no clue. That He offers it to each one of us, I have no doubt. Both are faith from beginning to end. Likewise, by faith I can believe that the gulf can and has been crossed and I am rescued from my helpless state and raised to a position of freedom and power. I am no longer wallowing in doubt and self-pity because of my weak and sin-filled life, but through no action of my own, I am positioned beside The Creator and Ruler of it all with all His resources at my disposal to carry on this very same work of restoration for others caught in that position, that they too by faith in this work of Jesus Christ be raised from death to life everlasting. Amen

Solamente Por La Gloria De Dios
(Only for the glory of God), Rene Milner

Faster Pastor Race

Race day is this Saturday evening, July 30th at Cedar Lake Speedway in New Richmond, which means *today* is your last opportunity to help New Life benefit from the sale of tickets for the Faster Pastor Race! You can always buy tickets at the race but half of the proceeds of what Julie Minell sells comes back to New Life, so without delay see Julie! Children 5-under are free. Ages 6-16 are \$6. Ages 17+ are \$12. Plan to come on out and have a grand ol' time cheering on Pastor Tony as he seeks to reclaim the title of the Faster Pastor.

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Announcements & Events:

Prayer Ministry

Become a part of our prayer ministry and join us for prayer each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the large classroom across from the kitchen.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is August 10-12 from 6-8 p.m. here at New Life. That's only 2½ weeks away! If you volunteered to help, specific info will be coming to you soon via e-mail.

Any child who is 4-12 years is welcome to come, so be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Invitations for one and all to hand out are now available on the Welcome table in the entrance. Join Erika Rice at the building Tuesday, August 9 at 6 p.m. to canvass the Dresser area to invite kids to VBS.

Please continue praying for God to move in the hearts of children and their families and to prepare us as a church body to minister to them at VBS and beyond.

6th Annual 5K for Life

Hope Church is hosting the Options for Women 5K run/walk fundraiser. All runners, walkers, stroller pushers, and cheerers are encouraged to participate!

Saturday, August 6, 2016
933 248th St., Osceola, WI

Race starts and ends at Hope Evangelical Free Church. Registration is \$20/person or \$45/family. Visit www.osecolatlcc.org, call 715-755-2229, or pick up a form at Hope Church to register. The route takes participants through a scenic rural area.



Opening Sunday, August 28th