



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony's message is from the New Testament book,
Mark 5:1-20

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

How Should We Relate with Our Lord?

So we have been wrestling this last couple of weeks with our relationship with Jesus. It seems that the church today puts a tremendous focus on this "relationship". As we listened to explanations about the Kingdom of God and how it is as if the seed sprouts and grows not because of the man but indeed, despite him, it seemed to beg the question, was our activity, our striving even needed for the Kingdom of God to grow? If not, what does that mean for our relationship with Jesus? When we tell someone they must have a personal relationship with Jesus, what are we really saying?

We think of our relationship with others in our life like our parents, our children or our friends. Relationship here would be seen as sharing feelings for each other, giving or taking, having conversation and even rebuking or correcting each other. Is it proper to apply this kind of understanding in the context of our relationship with God? The fear would be that by doing this we could be missing the point and relating to God in an irreverent manner. It is true that we often talk about walking and talking with Jesus. We ask of Him. He speaks to us in His word. It would seem from these concepts that this truly does fit our paradigm of a relationship.

Let me suggest to you that there are many kinds of relationship. We can have a relationship with a friend that we know intimately or a relationship with a police officer that we hardly know at all. The one may make my life more pleasant while the other may make my life possible. The depth of my understanding of them or walking with them does not affect their ability to have significant impact on my life. Put in this way, does my relationship with Jesus determine my salvation? Yes, and No.

The dictionary definition of relationship is; *"a connection, association or involvement with another"*. In that way, my connection with Christ and His blood sacrifice is my salvation. That was done by Him more than 2000 years ago. I might as well have been asleep when it happened. It happened long before I chose to agree with it. After I have become aware of what God has done in my life, what should my relationship with Him look like? It could be said it should be no different than it was before, or even no different than it was 1999 years ago. The point being, my relationship with Him is that I am the undeserving recipient of His marvelous grace. My relationship with God is by definition, how I relate to Him. I relate to my earthly father by being His obedient son, I relate to my son by being his sacrificial father, I relate to my employer by being their faithful employee. I relate to the all-powerful creator and ruler of everything in all time and space by being His willingly insignificant recipient of His grace. No amount

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This Week's Schedule of Events:

Oct 19 **Afternoon GriefShare Mtg.**
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Green Room @ NLCC Building

Oct 19 **IMMERSE Classes**
6:30-7:45 p.m. @ NLCC Bldg.

Oct 20 **Men's Bible Study**
Book of Ezra
6:30 a.m. @ NLCC Building

Oct 20 **Women's Bible Study**
The Beatitudes
9:30 a.m. @ NLCC Building

Oct 20 **Evening GriefShare Mtg.**
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Green Room @ NLCC Building

Upcoming Potlucks & Meal Teams:

Oct 23 Meal Team #6
Oct 30 Meal Team #7
Nov 6 POTLUCK Team #1

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



Please stay and join us!

October Memory Verse:

Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (ESV)

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of getting to know Him, preparing my heart, or trying to love Him more will change that. The relationship is defined by the position and not by the performance. To have a personal relationship with Jesus then is to personally come to understand His position as supreme and all powerful (truly beyond human understanding) and my position as infinitely insignificant and weak. This then is how I relate to Him. When I first begin to understand this relationship and its meaning it causes me to have eyes and ears to begin to see God in a proper perspective. From this the seed grows, the vine stretches forth and the fruit develops.

Then what about the walking and talking and seeking and asking? These are not how we relate to God. They are the result of knowing who God is and who we really are. They are the result of understanding how we relate to Him. As those undeserving recipients we give praise and thanks, plead for mercy, and intercede for things we have no ability in. We strive to do what we can to share the revelation with others, knowing that we have no power to give them eyes or ears. We do everything in our power not to hide this light that the world so desperately needs to see Him by. All the while knowing that these things are not the kingdom but merely the activities in a kingdom where people understand Who their King truly is.

Seeking to be with Christ with you, Rene Milner

Announcements & Events:

TAPESTRIES OF LIFE

Anyone able or wanting to learn to sew straight lines, we are gathering at the church every second Wednesday, starting October 19th at 1:00 pm-4:00 pm to sew food bags for Mercy Ministry Day, in a day of Tapestries of Life Ministry. You can come and cut fabric or sew. All are welcome to help.

Ruby's Food Pantry Distribution "Sharing and Caring through Food"

Home & Away Ministries Ctr, 210 Park Ave E, Luck
Tuesday, October 18th 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
\$20 cash donation

IMPORTANT: Bring 2 laundry baskets/boxes to carry food.
Please consider helping someone who can't drive but would benefit from this opportunity to restock their own pantry.

Ministry Directory:

Building & Grounds Ministry - Jim Nelson 651.283.2132 his email: lynnjimnelson@gmail.com

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GriefShare Ministry - Connie Bayle: 715.557.1431 her email: conjoh1@gmail.com

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More Announcements & Events:

TANZANIA



Ben and Lauren Snyder, are currently serving as missionaries in varying capacities at a Christian school in Tanzania. They are in need of some help. Below, you'll see their short descriptions of the help they are looking for. If the Holy Spirit leads

you to pursue either or both of these options, the Snyders and their community would be greatly blessed and you'd have the opportunity to serve the Lord alongside some of our great friends and brothers-and sisters in Christ.

- HOPAC needs a one-month substitute teacher to cover PE lessons from mid-November to mid-December. We recruited a new PE teacher this year who decided in September not to come at all, so we scrambled and found a replacement. However, our new teacher has to be away for that one month at the end of our first term. Would you consider coming and helping out for a really short teaching stint at the best school in Tanzania?!? We have an open room in our house...
- Want to try a short 1-2-week mission trip over the Christmas break? We're planning a grand opening of our new library on January 9, which means we'll need help between December 28 and January 8 getting it all set up and ready! You could arrive anywhere between December 28 and 30, and leave any time you need to. The only thing we ask is that you help us out by committing at least one of your suitcases to bringing supplies with you (that we will arrange to order online). You'll have to arrange your own airfare, but nearly all of your expenses on this side will be covered.



Verse-A-Thon (VAT) registration continues through the month of October. This fun event is a way to be involved in local missions while actively hiding God's Word in your heart. VAT takes place November 12, from 2-4 pm at the New Life building.

NEW LIFE BAGS

If you haven't yet picked up your free New Life reusable bag from the box in the entryway, please do so today and use it often.