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The King Did Not See Me

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The king had become depressed and was very anxious that no one had recently come to praise him with honors. His advisors determined to plan and organize a magnificent one-year celebration of the greatness of his majesty. The event that would be the grand start of the celebration was a month-long parade to take the king from border to border of his kingdom. In this way, the commonwealth might bestow great words of praise upon their monarch.

Efforts were made to show the grandeur and majesty of the king and multitudes of citizens lined the roads throughout the realm just to get a glimpse at their king. In one small hamlet a group of school children greeted him and sang a song that had been written particularly for the celebration. With great delight, the king watched and listened as praises for him filled the air. Following the presentation, he returned to his coach and proceeded with the parade. As the king vanished in the distance a teacher saw a little girl crying.

“Why are you crying? Did you not see the king?”

“Yes ma’am,” the little girl sobbed. “But the king did not see me.”

How different is King Jesus? He did not come to this earth to be glorified but that man in Him might be glorified: “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer

with him, that we may be also glorified together” (Rom. 8:17). King Jesus did not come demonstrating power that He might be considered praiseworthy but that in Him man might be found worthy of praise by God: “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ” (1 Pt. 1:7). King Jesus did not come to this earth simply to be seen of men but because He saw the state of man: “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Lk. 19:10); “he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd” (Mt. 9:36). King Jesus did not come to earth to make for himself a reputation of greatness but rather to suffer that man through Him might find redemption and wear a name more grand than any other: “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” (Isa. 53:4-5; cf. Acts 11:26; James 2:7; 1 Pt. 4:16).

We may not have yet seen King Jesus, but we know that He has seen us!

How To Be A Mentally Strong Christian

At times, anxiety can be overwhelming and if we are not careful it may consume us. This is why Solomon said, "keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). Consider a few suggestions for developing the mental strength necessary to ensure we stay focused.

Trust God. The key to being mentally strong is to realize that our strength does not come from within us, it comes from God. "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my strength in whom I will trust..." (Ps. 18:2). No matter what happens, put your faith in God and trust that He will take care of you.

Win Over Worry. We do ourselves a great disservice whenever we worry about things that either do not matter, or are beyond our control, or both. Paul wrote, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6). We are to cast all of our care upon God because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Do not worry about tomorrow (Matt. 6:34). Trust God, live faithfully, and let Him do the rest.

Be Self-Motivated. We should never fall into the trap of waiting around on everyone else to do what they are going to do, so that we can do whatever it is that we need to do. Paul mentioned His self-motivation in Philippians 4:13 when he said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." People will let you down and not everyone will be on board with doing what is right. While that breaks our heart, it cannot discourage us from doing what we know needs to be done.

Develop Self-Control. The fact is that we cannot control anyone other than ourselves—our thoughts, behavior, words, etc. God wants self-control to be a part of our Christian arsenal (2 Peter 1:6). He does not want us to lash out in anger or give ourselves over to the desires of the flesh (Eph. 2:3). His will for us is that we bring our-

selves under His control, and we do not allow our weaknesses to get the best of us during difficult times.

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God's Faithfulness

Joshua teaches us that God is faithful. There are many themes which run through the book, but this is one of the primary ones.

The book begins and ends with emphasis on God's faithfulness. In chapter one God tells Joshua that all the land that his foot treads on will be given to him, just as he had promised to Moses (1:3).

In the last chapter of the book where Joshua gives his famous, "Choose for yourselves this day" sermon, Joshua calls the people to be faithful to God primarily because God had been faithful to them. He highlights God's faithfulness to their forefathers (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), to their own fathers whom God brought out of Egypt, and then to them in their own day as God had given them the land, just as he had promised (24:1-13).

In the same way, God has been faithful to us. The story of ancient Israel is our story. God was being faithful to us when he fulfilled the promises in the Old Testament, and ultimately, the story of Joshua is a foreshadowing of the story of Jesus. The names "Joshua" and "Jesus" have the same meaning: "Jehovah Saves!" Jehovah has been faithful to his promise to us. Jehovah has saved us in our Joshua (Jesus).

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Week of June 14, 2020

subject to change

Sunday Morning:

Announcements: Jeff Harris
Scripture Reading: Fred Scherffius

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread: James Cammock
Fruit of the Vine: James Cammock
Offering: Bryce Dolan

Prayer

A.M. Opening: Bryant Siegel
A.M. Closing: Doug Jobs

Song Leaders:

Sun. A.M.: Doug Jobs
Ushers: Allen Clifton

Open/Close Building:

Sound System: Will Burleson

****The Junior/Senior High Students will no longer be meeting in the fellowship hall for Wednesday Bible Class. They will be joining the adult Bible Class in the big auditorium.**

Beginning this Sunday morning, the Junior/Senior High Students will have a Bible Class in the fellowship hall at 9am.

As of right now, there are no younger children's classes on Sunday morning or Wednesday night and no Sunday evening Service.**

IN NEED OF PRAYERS:

Please pray for the country during this time of the Corona Virus Pandemic. Angy Hutt had knee replacement surgery last week. She is at home doing well. Chase Cleveland who deployed to Afghanistan this past Friday.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy Birthday: Jeff Harris (14); Ronnie Scherffius, James Cammock (17); Rosalba Barton (18); Emily Cammock (20)

Sunny Glen Children's Home is requesting the following items only: Cereal and napkins. Please place the items in the donation box in the hallway. The truck will be here to pick up August 18-20.

Sermons are available on our website www.midtowncoc.org under Resources.

MidTown's Sunday Morning Worship service at 10am can be viewed livestream on YouTube. Search Mid-Town church of Christ Victoria.

KEEP IN PRAYER

MIDTOWN MEMBERS:

Jeff Cannady
Les Daltry
Janice FitzSimmons
Dee Gilpatrick
Wayne Martin
Ann Pantel
Veronica Serenil
Clark Withers

SHUT-INS:

Faye Henderson
Charlie Mabe
Sandy Malone

If you would like to add or remove a name on the "Keep in Prayer" List, please see Nina Siegel.

MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Minister: Ronnie Scherffius
Secretary: Nina Siegel

TIMES OF SERVICES (TEMPORARILY)

Sunday Morning Bible Class— 9:00 AM
(Auditorium only)
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00AM
Wednesday Bible Class— 7:00 PM
(Jr. High/High School & Auditorium only)

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Week of June 7, 2020

A.M. Bible Class.....	42
A.M. Worship.....	74
Online views during worship.....	40
Wednesday Bible Class.....	55

Offering week of June 7, 2020.....\$3,783

Reading for this week:

And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I
will accept his prayer...
Job 42:8

SUPPORTED WORKS

India - Mani Pagidipalli
Bible Land Passages - John & Carla Moore
Southwest School of Bible Studies - William Pedigo

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