
PASTOR'S CORNER

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Book of the Month

The Fish Have Moved

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Scripture Readings:

The Church Body of Jesus Christ (Amplified Bible)

Week of May 7th
Ephesians 4:4-7

Week of May 14th
Matthew 28:18-20

Week of May 21st
1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Week of May 28th
Romans 8:1

The Hardest Simplest Thing To Do

(Many Members, One Body)

“First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. Ask God to help and bless them all, and tell God how thankful you are for each of them. Pray for kings and others in power, so we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honor God. This kind of prayer is good, and it pleases God our Savior. God wants everyone to be saved and to know the whole truth, which is – there is only one God, and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God. Jesus was truly human, and He gave himself to rescue all of us. God showed us this at the right time.”
---1 Timothy 2:1-6 (Contemporary English Version)

What makes living a life for Jesus so difficult? The matters of this lifetime are what they are and are what they will be. And stay tuned, *there is more to come!* Yet, even before Jesus arrived on the scene well over 2000 years ago, stuff was happening at that time in the world and with people that was of levels of frightening and unjust as is what we are experiencing in this present day and age. But God kept right on being God, and generations of humanity continued as well. If you really give thought to all the things (*both past and present*) that have occurred within our spiritual foundation, family foundation, social public/private structures, business and administrative public/private structures, faith-based foundation, military structure, global community/relational structures, and leadership (*local, state, national*) government structures -- there are good & great highs and the same in lows to make note of. But the profoundness of it all is that *God sought to save our souls anyhow*. Yes, He very well may have allowed some things to happen and others to be halted – but in all

our wrongdoing, *our actions never interrupted God's love for us and His belief in us to accept His Son, Jesus into our hearts.* Do you understand this? God and His Son, Jesus both pre-saw, see and saw our sins *and still chose us!*

Tell me, *“Why is it hard for still too many believers and too many nonbelievers to accept, believe, love and stay in intimate relationship with our Savior – especially when everything that we have ever heard, learned and come to know about Him is ‘all good’?” “Why can't we completely offer sincere love and service to each other and to momentary strangers with no rules, regulations, conditions and stipulations that limit us from effectively reaching the people of this world for Christ?”* While we cannot ignore or dismiss the matters of life that impact the welfare and wellbeing of ourselves and those around us, I do believe that we miss the mark each time we take what this world shows us to be the only way of seeing things. What the world says is *‘of this world’* and not of God's Kingdom. More often than not what we see is false. But we have spiritual vision given to us through our prayer life and the Word of God. And what God says keeps us aligned in Truth as God guides us through each challenge, success, loss, gain, setback, celebration, trial & tribulation, and victory.

God knows our sin, yet He still believes in our good. We know God's faithfulness, but we sway in the direction this world steers us in. We've got to make a change in our view of things. The *hardest simplest thing for each of us to do* to witness God's will being done in earth as it is in Heaven is to *keep God first in our life* with the conviction that our life belongs to and depends on Him - because *it does*. Now that you have a spiritual view of matters at hand, *will you join me in trusting God completely? Release the power of your prayer life.*

