

# PASTOR'S CORNER

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## Book of the Month



**What's Best Next: How the Gospel Transforms the Way You Get Things Done**

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**Scripture Readings  
Congrats, Graduates!**

**May 1-4, 2019**

**Jeremiah 29:11-13**

**May 5-11, 2019**

**Psalms 24:4**

**Proverbs 16:3**

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**Isaiah 43:19**

**2 Timothy 1:7**

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**Proverbs 3:5**

**Romans 12:2**

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**Proverbs 19:20-21**

## *Jesus Is Our Hero*

*(Many Members, One Body)*

25 Jesus said to her, “*I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?*” --- **John 11 (NIV)**

I will not deny that I am a fan of the DC and Marvel comic books series. I read the comics when I was growing up, and now my grandson and I are avid fans the *Black Panther* - “*Wakanda forever!*”

My childhood friends and I used to *imagine* we had superhero powers and were able to *catch and lock up* criminals, *rescue* people from harm, and *use our imaginary muscles and imaginary super gadgets to bring truth and justice to society*. However, when catching criminals became boring to us, we – *like the comic book superheroes* – sometimes *turned our superpowers against each other to prove who was ultimately the greatest hero*. It was only when we made up more evil villains that we would befriend each other again and join forces to *bring down* the culprit. All of this took place in our imaginations.

Today’s mastery of media technology produces candid vividness of what comic superheroes would be like...*if they really existed*. I don’t know about you, but – even though I *enjoy the entertainment superheroes bring to the movie screen* – I am so glad they are not real! Looking beyond the good of their intentions for mankind, they have *too many flaws* of their own that they *cannot do anything about, much less help anyone else* with. Yes...*even superheroes need a Hero*.

But, *thank God for the Good News!* We have a true and living Hero! He has *all power*, and He *reigns supreme!* His name is *Jesus*, and He is the *Savior for all people* Who has a plan of salvation for those who will receive Him. He *conquered all the wrong in the world*

in one sweep! He *voluntarily relinquished His Power, descended from His Heavenly home, and entered this earth in the form of an innocent baby. He abided by and obeyed the purpose of His calling to earth from God, the Father.*

*Yesterday, today, and forever Jesus serves a fruitful life of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control to all mankind. He demonstrated this for us to show us that - in Him, all things are possible – no matter what we see or experience in this world. Just as the Word prophesied, He destroyed the power of death and all life-stealing sins through His crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection. Through His teachings, people continually come to believe the absolute truth of our loving God, their opportunity to receive forgiveness of sins, and their gift of salvation to eternal life in heaven with the Father.*

*Jesus convicts and sets free the sinners, and He saves both believers and non-believers from hurt, harm and danger. Through the Word of God, He lifts up the lowly in spirit and gives hope to the downtrodden. He redeems souls, gives Light to this dying world, and builds His Kingdom in preparation for the day He returns to receive His Church – His people! He speaks with calm authority amidst the loudness of the world. He establishes intimate relationship with us, and He takes our torn and messed up lives and turns them into beauty for ashes.*

*And - Praise God – Jesus is never bored, boring, nor selfish! As a matter of fact, He empowers us through our belief and faith in Him, God's Holy Word, and the Holy Spirit that lives within us. He shapes, molds, builds, provides, equips, leads, sends, protects, strengthens, rests, blesses...and holds us in His Mighty Hand! He anoints us to feed the hungry (the Good News to nourish the hungry soul and food to restore the physical body), give drink to the thirsty, befriend a stranger, provide clothing to the naked, care for the sickly, and visit and encourage the imprisoned. He does a perfect work.*

*Jesus is Love, and He lives! He is Life! He is Mighty, and He is Marvelous! Because He sacrificed His life for us, we are redeemed! This is the Hero story that will be alive forever. Man has tried time and again to create this reality for the movie and television screens. Unfortunately, man's imagination of Jesus flaws the purity of our Savior's truth. Jesus has no flaws, and our flaws cannot hinder Him! There is nothing to imagine about the Alpha and the Omega. We have only to believe.*

What a privilege it is to kindle a flame in the hearts and minds of children and adults who may not yet know about Jesus Christ or have a personal relationship with Him. As His ambassadors, let us remember that our mission is daily, and His Word holds true:

*"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ---John 11:25-26*

In service to Christ,

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