

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

!Sermon for the Lord's Day
"Types of Christians. Which one are you?"



Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

Write and let us know if you would like an invitation.

Our Lord's Day Plan...

- Bible Class** -kerry
- Hymn**- Kerry
- Opening Prayer** -Nito
- Hymn**- Kerry
- Lord's Supper** - Jordan
- Morning Lesson** - Paul
- Hymn** - Kerry
- Closing Prayer** -Paul

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Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31-32 KJV

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We are praying for you!

Lisa McCollum (Matthew's wife) for negative cancer results from her thyroid which was surgically last week.

Arron Yaras - for healing and relief from paranoia and hallucinations.

Path Star - for a speedy repair and little anxiety from the house fire she suffered this past week.

Lenora Wilson - passed on Thursday evening and is at rest - she was a great Christian lady and will be missed by all who knew her. Prayers for the family.

Craving Perspective in the Valley

Andy Baker

People in the valley often have little perspective on how big the mountains really are, how long the range is, or what is waiting on the other side. Isn't it wonderful to know that whatever valleys life tries to shove us into, God has provided perspective we badly need, yes, even crave?

What really gets you down? Maybe economy, politics, sorrow, trouble, rumors, falsehood, families, wars, persecution or simply dread of the future? What valley are you walking through? The challenge in the valley is this: remembering that God is bigger than all those things and works His purposes despite (and often because of) those things being present (Romans 8:28). Consider how better to cultivate God's perspective in the valley:

Turn off or minimize messages that cause you to focus on the valleys. Want to get depressed really quickly? Look at news, newsfeeds, front page articles, conspiracy theories, etc. You will adopt a fearful, despairing, negative mentality pretty quickly. Minimize or eliminate the messages that will negatively affect your trust in God (Ps. 23:4; Matt. 14:28-33). Replace them with messages of trust and comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-7; Ps. 16).

Cry out to the God who hears and cares for us (1 Pet. 5:6-7). The psalmist cried out to God from the depths (lit. abyss, deep ditch) (Ps. 130:1). Peter cried out from the water rapidly engulfing him (Matt. 14:30). Many of us drown in sorrows created in our lives instead of turning our eyes upon the One who raises us to stand on higher ground! Consider that when we go through the valleys, it is a reminder that there is nothing we ourselves possess or call upon that can get us out of the valley (see Jer. 9:23-24). God wants us to cry out to Him. He hears. He cares. Where do you turn when you don't know where to turn (Jas. 4:8-10)?

Follow Jesus through the valley. God has not promised us that He will remove the valleys (Ps. 23:4), rather that He will be with us in the valley. Jesus faithfully followed God and it led Him to the cross. Yet, through His valley, He did not grumble or complain. He did not charge God falsely or lash out at others. Instead, He patiently bore the cross, and He compels us to do the same (Luke 9:23). In fact, He learned obedience through His suffering (Heb. 5:8). God is leading us to higher ground if we will be patient and follow Jesus faithfully through our valley (Phil. 3:8-14).

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Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. —

Romans 5:3-4

Thought

What are you living to produce in your life? Wealth, fame, status, significance, a legacy? How about character! Isn't having the character of God our real goal in life? So even in our worst of times, if we can be people of character, then nothing can steal from us our most desired goal, the character of God, given us in Jesus Christ.



After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened. But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.

Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

— Mark 16:9-20

Key Thought:

What an incredibly wonderful message. Jesus begins as a nobody in a little-regarded place working with insignificant people and changes the world. As powerful a story as this is, we must remember that the story and the power are not ended. Jesus is still looking for people, even those the world regards as insignificant, and uses them to change the world. How can he do this? Because he is the Christ, the Son of God, who chose to minister in Galilee and the surrounding area, to be crucified in Jerusalem, and to be raised from the dead and reign over all the earth. Let's commit to joining him in his work of transforming the world by God's grace.



'Madame Alfred Carriere'

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

Zoom Times...

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