

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

!Sermon for the Lord's Day
"The Church at Pergamum (1)"



Being A Difference-Maker
Bart Warren

Most of us are pretty good at making excuses and rationalizing as to why we are not more vocal in sharing the truth of the Gospel of Jesus with others.

"I don't know enough!" "I wasn't trained for this!" "That is someone else's job!"

The list goes on but you get the idea.

The prophet Amos had just that type of opportunity as well.

In Amos 7:10-17, the Holy Record tells us about a time false teachers were seeking to silence the truth of God's message. Amaziah was a priest in Bethel and stood against Amos and his mission. He demanded that Amos "go home" and cease preaching his message in Israel. The threat was that the king himself would get involved!

Amos did not back down.

Amos did not make excuses.

He admitted that he wasn't a prophet—that he had not trained for or even expected to be put in this position. He was merely a shepherd who also raised sycamore figs. He had plenty of excuses at his disposal.

But Amos trusted God.

This shepherd became a difference-making prophet of God because he stood with the Lord in spite of the threats and demands.

Like Amos, you and I can be difference-makers! Let us stand for and share the truth of the Gospel! It does not matter where we are from, listening to and following the Lord is the duty of us all.

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"Have thy tools ready, God will provide thee work."
— Charles Kingsley

Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

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

Bible Class -Jordan

Hymn- Kerry

Opening Prayer -Kerry

Hymn- Kerry

Lord's Supper -Jordan

Morning Lesson -Paul

Hymn - Kerry

Closing Prayer -Paul

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*And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
Revelation 2:12*

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We are praying for you!

- Lisa McCollum** -for successful treatment for her Thyroid cancer.
 - Rosemarie Johnson** -for her health and contentment.
 - Charles Barry** - for a strong desire to share God's Word and plan.
 - Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc.** - for continued help for those in need.
 - Preachers** - for strength, determination and enthusiasm to proclaim God's Word.
- We pray for all people to seek God and obey his commandments.**

Our Lord's Day Plan...

Ephesians 4:14

...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

To get the upper hand, men use trickery, cunning, and deceit to fool others into moving in the direction that they want them to go. Employing crafty and calculating “skills,” they deceive and misdirect the unaware down a path that they never intended to go. They may speak smooth words—what they propose sounds great—but the consequences are destructive. Not all is as it seems.

Appearances can be very deceiving. A piece of fruit may look delicious on the outside, but the inside may be rotten. Consider a lake, for instance, which can seem calm and peaceful from the solidity of the shore, but from a boat on the water, a person feels the power of the currents and the violence of the wind that seems to blow almost a gale. A sea may be tranquil, with gentle breezes and water as smooth as glass, yet suddenly, it can be whipped into a dangerous and violent storm.

Matthew 8:23-27 contains the story of Jesus and His disciples weathering such a storm on the Sea of Galilee:

Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

What did Jesus do while the small fishing boat pitched in the midst of a roaring storm? The winds whipped and churned the sea, and the waves crashed over the ship, creating intense fear in all aboard—except in Him. He was at peace—sleeping!—and His mind was at ease. Jesus’ faith was mature and strong, not able to be “tossed to and fro.” He knew how safe it was to be in God’s protective hands.

When He was awakened, He reprimanded the disciples by saying, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” They had allowed themselves to see only the terror of the storm, forgetting that their Creator—One who had power over all nature—was lying contentedly asleep. They did not reckon that God would not allow His Son to perish like this, since that would ruin His plan. All they saw was the storm. They could not see the malevolent spirit behind the storm and that the storm was intended to blow them off course, to weaken their faith, and to divert them from their planned destination.

What about us? Do we allow the fierce winds that blow around us to toss us violently about, as if we were sitting in a dinghy on a stormy ocean, bobbing on the waves like a cork? Just remember that, when sail is put to the wind, even a dinghy can be successfully steered to its intended destination.

— Gary Montgom-

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Zoom Times...

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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