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The Importance of the Resurrection

Have you ever sat down and read the accounts of the resurrection one after another? It's really interesting and, I have to admit, a little confusing sometimes. For one thing, each of the gospels indicate the time when people were at the tomb of Jesus. Matthew says, "toward the dawn." In Mark, we find "when the sun had risen." Luke tells us "at early dawn." John reports that it was "early, while it was still dark." Then there seems to be a lot of trips to the place where Jesus was buried, especially by Mary Magdalene, but also some of the other women. Also, Luke only mentions that Peter went to the tomb, while John says that the mysterious "disciple that Jesus loved" (it was John) was with him. Who and at what time there were encounters with the risen Savior are also tricky to decipher. I don't remember exactly how it all fits together. But a friend of mine wrote his doctoral thesis on how the four gospel accounts of what happened on the morning of the resurrection actually work with each other to give us a fuller picture of what took place on that first Easter Sunday.

There are some things that have to be worked through in order to make it all in a way that makes sense, but there is one part of the resurrection account that all four of the gospel writers all completely agree on. That is their absolute belief that the stone had been rolled away, the sepulcher was empty, and that Jesus was resurrected from the dead. How important is that? Without an historical, physical resurrection of Jesus, we are just wasting our time doing the whole "Church thing." Paul explains why that is in 1 Corinthians 15:12-19:

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

If Jesus did not rise from the grave, then He is still dead. And a dead God is no God at all! He died on the cross to pay for our sins, and resurrecting Jesus was God the Father's way of saying: "payment accepted, debt covered in full." We thank the Lord for our salvation through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In His Love,

Pastor Karl

2026 Camp Elkanah Spring Work Weekend

Friday, May 1st - Sunday, May 3rd - Meals and lodging are provided!

Join us for a camp work weekend to help Camp Elkanah get ready for our busy summer season. We will have a variety of projects ready that will keep volunteers of all ages and skill levels busy. There will also be plenty of opportunities to fellowship and have fun with friends.

I got this from Joe Wing from camp:

“We have a project in mind for you guys this year. We want to build a "stage" for the firepit area. It would be a simple framed deck with 2x6's on top for the surface with a large cross at the back. (see attached AI rendering) The total area 12x16' or so. The fire pit and benches are already there so all that is needed is the stage.”



So who would like to be part of the Calvary team to go up and build a stage? Or, if stage building isn't your thing, there are lots of other projects going on that you could be a part of. I'm planning on heading up Friday afternoon and coming home after dinner Saturday, but you can go for as long or as short as you would like. The Camp staff would love you to register at campelkanah.com/workweekend so they can prepare food and lodging for everyone. Got questions or want to get talked into going? See Pastor Karl, he can help with both.

**Our May Newsletter
deadline will be Tuesday,
April 29th, for Items you
wish to share with our
church family.**



**2nd Quarter Business
Meeting in the Worship Center
Sunday, April 29th,
after Morning Service.**



April Birthdays

10 Forrest Schroeder
11 Josiah Hoeffner
29 Derek Urquhart
(turns 16)

I want to let you know that I will be out of the office, Friday, April 3rd, to Saturday, April 18th, visiting Aunt Rosie in Louisiana. Danielle, Lloyd, Rayne and as our three grandsons will meet up with Crystal there. And the Oregon/Idaho folks will travel on to Disneyworld for a few days. (Sadly, Crystal doesn't have the time off to go this time.) Bob will be keeping an eye on things while we are gone. **Tamera**

Men of Calvary,

This 1-day conference about Biblical Manhood for the men of Eastern Oregon, Saturday, April 21st, from 9 am – 3:30 pm, in Richland, Oregon. In a culture warring against men, masculinity, and the God who designed them, I hope these powerful messages will stir you in the Upward Call of God and firmly plant you in His purposes and plans for you as a son, father, mentor, husband, and friend.

We'll be digging into four essential aspects of God's call on every man's life:

- The call to Sonship
- The call to the good fight
- The call to brotherhood
- The call to responsible manhood.

You'll hear from four dynamic national speakers from BetterMan Ministries,

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MEN'S CONFERENCE
Eastern Oregon Gathering

SESSIONS

- 1 The Upward Call of God Part 1
The Call to Sonship
- 2 The Upward Call of God Part 2
The Call to the Good Fight
- 3 The Upward Call of God Part 3
The Call to Brotherhood
- 4 The Upward Call of God Part 4
The Call to Responsible Manhood

SPEAKERS

- DR. BRYAN HURLBUTT
- COLBY CORSAUT
- DR. CHRIS HARPER
- JOSIAH JONES

APRIL 18TH
@ RICHLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9am-3:30pm • ALL MEN ages 13+

\$15/PERSON
Lunch & Refreshments Provided

REGISTER ONLINE

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share in worship, communion, and a family-style lunch. The conference is extremely affordable at just \$15 for each participant. Let's get as many of us together to help build each other up. Check with Pastor Karl for questions or more details.

God's Instruction Thomas Brewer

God often leads us to places we never expected to go. Sometimes it's to a new house or city, and other times it's to a new job or church. God's providence can be even more surprising when it comes to our trials. We may receive a bad medical diagnosis, seemingly out of the blue; family trouble may come at an unexpected moment; or financial calamity may strike without warning. In such times, it can be difficult to understand how God is directing our lives.

Psalms 25 is instructive when we find ourselves in surprising, difficult circumstances like these. Much of Psalm 25 consists of David's praying to the Lord for help, instruction, and forgiveness. He also praises the Lord *for who He is*. *Building on many of these requests and praises, David says in verse 12: "Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose."* This verse has deep significance, though perhaps it's easy for our eyes to skim over it.

Commentaries describe how the verse can be taken in two different ways. On the one hand, it could mean that "the man who fears the LORD" will be instructed in the way that he—the man—should choose. That is, because the man fears the Lord, whatever direction he chooses will prove instructive, because he fears the Lord and has made a God-fearing choice.

There's another way that this verse can be understood, however. It could mean that God will instruct "the man who fears the Lord" in the way that He—God—should choose. If we understand the verse in this way, we are prompted to consider the sovereignty of God. He directs all our circumstances such that they turn out for our good and His glory (Rom. 8:28). Did my house suddenly flood? Did I receive a cancer diagnosis? These circumstances are not outside His control, and though I may not completely understand them, I have His promise that He is instructing me in them. That means that my loving and gracious heavenly Father is intentionally at work in my life. His instruction is often filled with trials and suffering. But in the end, He gives joy (*Heb. 12:1–11*).

Admittedly, the two ways this verse can be understood are not entirely different. Whether it emphasizes the God-fearing man's choice or God's choice for the God-fearing man, God's sovereignty is still acknowledged as the primary cause for confidence. Matthew Henry points out this paradox in his commentary on this passage: "It comes all to one, for he that fears the Lord chooses the things that please him. If we choose the right way, he that directed our choice will direct our steps, and will lead us in it. If we choose wisely, God will give us grace to walk wisely." God is always instructing us, even as we make choices and encounter surprising—and sometimes difficult—circumstances, because His sovereignty extends over all things. That is cause for peace, rest, and hope.

(Submitted by F.S.)



Save the Date-- Our Second Annual Family Camp with Calvary Baptist in Cove, at Camp Elkanah will be on August 28-30 this year. Put it on your calendar and plan to join us for a great time teaching, food, fellowship, and fun in the great outdoors. More information to come.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5-6 pm Community Dinner <i>Chili/Hot Dogs!</i> 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	3 Good Friday 9am Ladies' First Friday Breakfast at Truck Corral	4
5 <u>At DeMastus'</u> 7 am He is Risen Service & Breakfast <u>At Church:</u> 9 am Prayer 10 am Worship	6 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm Men's Bible Study 7:07 pm YoungLife @ MFG	7 3-4 pm Ladies' Bible Study in Browning Hall	8	9 5-6 pm Community Dinner <i>Cooks'</i> <i>Choice!</i> 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	10	11
12 9 am Church Body Prayer 10 am Worship	13 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm Men's Bible Study 7:07 pm YoungLife @ MFG	14	15	16 5-6 pm Community Dinner <i>Spaghetti!</i> 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	17	18 9a 3:30p All Men's Conference at Richland Christian Church
19 9 am Church Body Prayer 10 am Worship	20 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm Men's Bible Study 7:07 pm YoungLife @ MFG	21 3-4 pm Ladies' Bible Study in Browning Hall	22	23 5-6 pm Community Dinner <i>Chicken Alfredo Salad!</i> 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	24	25
26 9 am Church Body Prayer 10 am Worship 2 nd Quarter Business Meeting	27 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm Men's Bible Study 7:07 pm YoungLife @ MFG	28	29	30 5-6 pm Community Dinner <i>Quintessential Cuisine!</i> 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	1 9 am Ladies' First Friday Breakfast at Truck Corral	2