

Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Upcoming Week

re:FORMING #7: "God's Word Forms & Reforms" 2 Kings 22:15-20

Opener: During the reign of the kings the Book of the Law had been lost; hidden from God's people for generations. When it was found, King Josiah led the people of Judah in a profound spiritual renewal. Share a time when God's Word impacted your life.

Go Deeper:

1. Read 2 Kings 22:1-3. King Josiah was 8 years old when he became king. Is there another Biblical king who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord? What, if any, similarities do the two kings share?
2. The Book of the Law was found in the temple during renovations. Josiah's advisor Shaphan brought the book to King Josiah and read it to him. Upon hearing God's Word King Josiah tore his robes in distress. Have you ever experienced a time when hearing God's Word affected your life in a similar way?
3. Read 2 Kings 23:1-3. King Josiah gathered the people together and read the Book of the Covenant (also the Book of the Law) to them. What reaction did the people have upon hearing God's Word?
4. Read 2 Kings 23:21-23. After King Josiah physically cleansed the land of false gods, he gathered the people together a second time. What feast did King Josiah order the people to celebrate? What was the significance in celebrating this feast?
5. Read Exodus 12. In verses 13, what was the significance of the blood being on the houses? What commandment did God give the people in verse 14? Why was it important for King Josiah and God's people to celebrate the Passover?

Live It:

1. The story of King Josiah and God's people teach us how important it is to be continually connected with God's Word that forms and reforms our faith and life. Has there ever been a time in your life when you were away from the preaching and teaching of God's Word? If so, how did it feel when your time in the Word was renewed?
2. When you come to worship and the Word of God is spoken and preached has your heart ever been moved in response to what you heard? If so, has God ever moved you to "tear down or destroy" some of the idols in your life? If so, what was that like for you?
3. King Josiah used his influence to gather people in his circle of influence together so they could also hear the Word of God. Have you ever been moved to gather people together to hear God's Word being taught or preached?
4. King Josiah brought God's people together to celebrate the Passover. We gather to celebrate Holy Communion. Read Luke 24:28-32. Take time to reflect on how you experience the presence of Jesus when participating in Holy Communion.

We would love to hear your story!

If you have a story to share of healing, praise, gratitude, serving in a mission or ministry at Victory, please send to hello@victorylutheran.com. (200-300 word limit)

Daily Bible Readings (Nov. 26-Dec. 2)

Sunday: 2 Kings 22:1-10
Monday: 2 Kings 22:11-20
Tuesday: 2 Kings 23:1-3
Wednesday: 2 Kings 23:4-6
Thursday: 2 Kings 23:21-25
Friday: 2 Kings 25:1-7
Saturday: 2 Kings 25:8-17

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar our sermon series is based on.

Sunday, November 26

7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC

Monday, November 27

9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, C4

Tuesday, November 28

8:30am-2:30pm Quilters Group
10:30am Christmas Decorating
1:30-3:00pm Book Club, B7
7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS

Wednesday, November 29

8:30am-12:30pm Quilters Group
9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
1pm Men's Bible Study, LR
1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC
8pm AA Meeting, FS

Thursday, November 30

10am Prayer Group, LR
11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS
2pm Foundation Meeting, B7

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

8am Men's Bible Study, FS
4pm Worship, WC
I-HELP Program, C4

CH = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room
LR = Luther Room
WC = Worship Center
C4 = Community Room

SAVE THE DATE!

12/7 - Prayer & Praise Worship Service, 10am
12/9 - Women's Ministry Luncheon, 11am
12/13 - Communion Advent Service, 4pm
12/17 - Christmas Concert, 3pm
12/12 - Christmas Bus Lights Tour, 5:30pm
12/14 - Christmas Bus Lights Tour, 5:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP • DEC. 24

8am, 9:30am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY • DEC. 25, 10am

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Connect with us!



**GOD TIME:
Helen Rackerby**

Psalm 118:24 says, "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." This Psalm is the favorite verse of our long-time member Helen Rackerby who currently worships with us from home through our on-line services.

Helen, who turned 98 this year, told me she has recited her favorite verse every morning for as long as she can remember. Helen shared that shortly after she wakes up each day, she walks to the window, looks up to the heavens and says, "Good morning, Lord, here I am, what do you have for me to do for you today?" Helen then shared that almost every day, she feels the Lord calling her to talk to someone who needs to be encouraged by God's love.

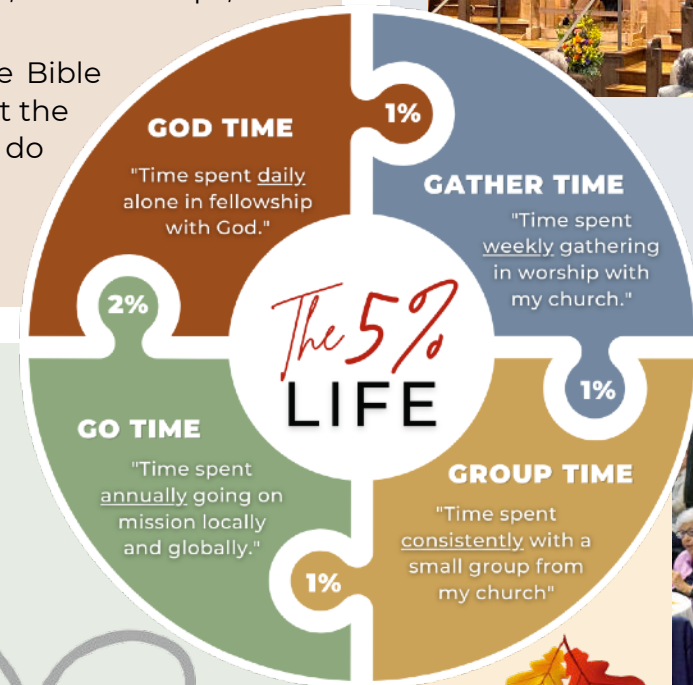
So, where did Helen learn this daily habit of greeting the day by talking to the Lord? Well, she learned it from her mother who taught Helen to love Jesus and the Bible. Helen also shared stories of the incredible strength and courage her mother had in raising 9 children, two who died at very young ages. Helen's mother taught her that, "Although life is filled with, lots of bumps, the Lord takes you through them if you let Him."

So, what about you? How do you greet the day, and do you have a favorite Bible verse you go to often for encouragement and strength? I encourage us to greet the day with a prayer like Helen's – "Lord, here we are, what do you have for us to do for you today?"

This is the Day the Lord Has Made



GATHER TIME: ORGAN CONCERT RECAP
"Notes from a Thankful Heart"



GO TIME: ANNUAL WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, December 9 @ 11am
Hosted by Women's Ministry

We are selling tickets for our December luncheon featuring Helen's Hope Chest before and after Saturday and Sunday services thru December 4th. Tickets \$10. Helen's Hope Chest was created to reduce the financial burden on foster and kinship families while creating a safe, welcoming and dignified space for the children in their care. They provide services in a shop-by-appointment storefront where foster youth come to pick out clothing, school supplies and other basic needs free of cost.

There will also be a special performance by PHX Barbershop Quartet that you won't want to miss!



PHX Barbershop Quartet



***We are collecting donations of hygiene items, beauty items, makeup, purses, hair styling items and gift cards. (Ages 12-18)**



GROUP TIME: THANKSGIVING EVE DINNER

218 grateful hearts filled the Fellowship Hall as we shared delicious food and cherished moments, expressing gratitude for the blessings that bind us together as a community.