

## Sermon Notes

## Life Notes

## Upcoming Week

# KINGDOM POWER & GLORY



February 3 & 4, 2024

“SENT WITH AUTHORITY”

Mark 6:6-13



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### Kingdom, Power & Glory #5: “Sent With Authority” February 3 & 4, 2024 Mark 6:6-13

#### Opener:

What does the term “authority” mean to you? Can it refer to making rules and having authority over people because of rules? Can it also refer to having authority because of serving and submitting to people and taking care of them? What does the Bible say about this and how did Jesus actually show His authority?

#### Go Deeper:

1. Read Luke 9:23. What kind of feelings do you have when you read when Jesus says to deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow Me?
2. In Mark 6:11, what does “shake the dust off your feet” mean?
3. Do you have a sense of what it means to say, “You do your truth and I’ll do my truth?” What about “Be the best version of yourself?”
4. Did you notice the two different reactions about Jesus from the people in His hometown? What do you think?
5. Were His disciples surprised or shocked when he told them to go out and witness 2 x 2 without taking anything along? Why 2 by 2?
6. So they healed people, drove out demons and anointed people. But their main mission was what? See Mark 6:12.
7. What do we say when we are confronted with our sin, our sinful nature, our weakness of our flesh?
8. What moves you to submit to God’s authority? What did Jesus do with the authority that was given to Him from His Father?

#### 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](mailto:hello@victorylutheran.com). (200-300 word limit)

#### Daily Bible Readings (February 4-10)

Sun: Mark 6:17-29 Death of John the Baptist  
Mon: Mark 6:30-34 Jesus Seeks Time Away  
Tues: Mark 6:35-44 Feeding the Multitudes  
Wed: Mark 6:45-56 Walking on Water  
Thurs: Psalm 89:5-11 Who Rules the Sea?  
Fri: Mark 8:22-26 Healing a Blind Man  
Sat: Mark 8:27-38 A Misunderstood Messiah

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

**Sunday, February 4**  
**Communion Weekend**  
**Mission & Ministry Fair**  
7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH  
8am Worship & Communion, WC  
9:30am Worship, WC  
11am Worship, WC  
**12:30pm Discovering Victory**  
**New Member Class 101, CH**



**Monday, February 5**  
9-11:30am Food Pantry  
9:30am Grandparenting Course, FH  
12:30pm GriefShare, C4  
5:30pm Grandparenting Course, FH

**Tuesday, February 6**  
8:30-2:30pm Quilters, FH  
7pm AA Men’s Meeting, FS

**Wednesday, February 7**  
8:30-12:30pm Quilters, FH  
9-11:30am Food Pantry  
9:30am Women’s Ministry Leadership, FS  
12:30pm AI-Anon, C4  
1pm Men’s Bible Study, LR  
1:30pm Women’s Life Group, B7  
**2pm Memorial for Jan Bjerke, WC**  
4pm I-HELP, C4  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC  
8pm AA Meeting, FS

**Thursday, February 8**  
10am Prayer Group, B7  
11am AI-Anon Meeting, FS  
4pm I-HELP, C4

**Friday, February 9**  
Office Closed

**Saturday, February 10**  
8am Men’s Bible Study, FS  
9am Stephen Ministry Training, B7  
4pm Worship, WC

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

#### SAVE THE DATE!

FEB 12: Estate & Planned Giving Seminar  
FEB 14: Ash Wednesday @ 4pm & 6pm  
FEB 15: Africa Information Meeting @ 2pm  
FEB 18: Talent Show @ 3:00pm

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**GOD TIME: When God Answers Your Prayer**  
**Mayelle Unglaub**

I grew up always hearing that we could be missionaries without ever going to another country. However, as someone who considers themselves shy, the idea of initiating conversations with strangers was not very appealing to me. I knew that, as a Christian, sharing the good news of Jesus was a task entrusted to me. 'And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation"' (Mark 16:15). I began praying to God, asking for help to overcome my limitations and become a local missionary. To my surprise, God responded on the very same day. While eating in a crowded restaurant, a woman approached and asked to join me. I welcomed her, and soon she inquired, "Sorry to bother you, but do you know anything about God?" This was my moment – I didn't need to initiate the conversation or feel uncomfortable. She had opened the door, and I shared as much as I could about God and His love. From that day on, I realized that God could always use me, as long as I allowed Him to work through me. Why don't you ask God to be a missionary today? You don't need to go overseas. You don't even need to initiate the conversation. You just need to be available to be used by God.



**GATHER TIME:**  
**Fulfilling the Mission Online**

Pastor David Palmquist recently shared how the Online Ministry has impacted people across the country, reaching as far as Washington State. He shared an encouraging story about a couple living in Spokane, WA, who watch our Daily Hopes and Livestream Services every week. They found a way to connect with Pastor David and expressed their appreciation for Victory's content.



"We love Victory Lutheran because in the worship we celebrate the holiness, the supremacy, the sovereignty of God. We are each week reminded of our frailty, our sinfulness and God's mercy and grace. The worship leaders dress especially to reflect that we are in a holy (set apart) place and we are before the King of Kings" they shared. When watching our services they feel so close to God that they even "dress up just to sit in front of our computer to watch you all on Sunday morning!!!"

Hearing this inspires us to continue working for God's glory and for the mission of spreading the Gospel everywhere. We like to think that we might have dozens of those stories out there that we might never know about. You can be part of it! Share our sermons, Daily Hopes, or other digital content from Victory with your friends!

**GO TIME:**  
**Orchard: Africa Mission Trip | September 5-16, 2024**

To learn more visit: [orchardafrica.org](http://orchardafrica.org)

Victory Lutheran has been a key partner in the launch of the new Orchard Impact Center in the North West South African province. Your investment in this building will allow church leaders to receive training in small-scale agriculture, early childhood education, small business development, orphan care, and church strengthening. The mission team this September will have the opportunity to lead trainings, alongside Orchard: Africa staff, at this new Impact Center!

Get ready for an incredible adventure with Victory as we embark on a life-changing mission to South Africa this September! This trip is for year-round AND seasonal people alike.

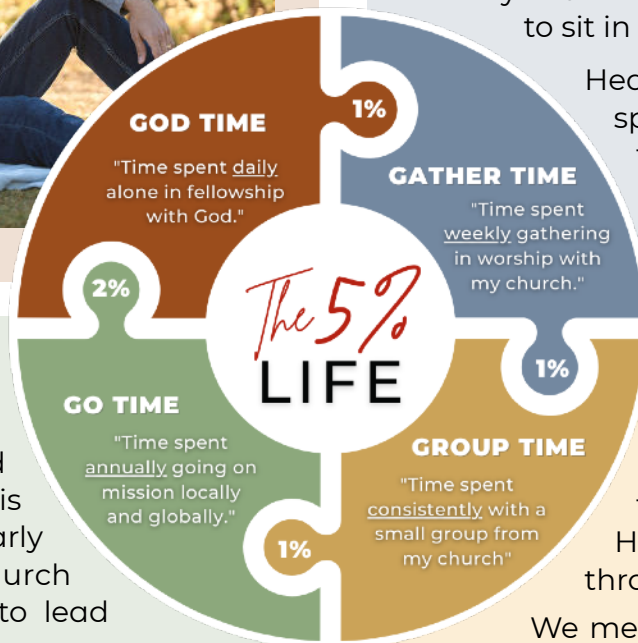
Pick up a Mission Trip brochure at the Mission & Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall, and mark your calendar:

**Informational Meeting**  
**February 15 @ 2:00pm**

Explore the possibilities, ask questions, and discover how you can contribute to a spiritual and sustainable impact in an area of our world that has great need.



Mafeking, South Africa



**GROUP TIME: Victory's Quilters**  
**2023 Quilting Distribution — 195 Quilts!**



140 quilts were distributed to the Food Pantry, The remaining quilts were donated to I-HELP, Choices Pregnancy Center, Navajo Lutheran Mission, Family Promise and Helen's Hope Chest. We received from Sun Life Park 64 quilts that were distributed through the Food Pantry.

We meet this Tuesday and Wednesday, January 6 & 7, at 8:30am. On Tuesday, we take a break at noon for a potluck style lunch. Come when you can, stay as long as you are able. No experience needed. Everyone can cut, sew, pin and tie knots. Bring your scissors and a smile!

Cindy Hilsabeck, Quilters Coordinator

