Sermon Notes



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Life Notes

Remembering God's Faithfulness:
"One Generation to Another "
Mark 10:13-16

Opener:

Faith is received, practiced and handed on. Can you think of someone in your life that helped to shape your faith?

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

1. What does Jesus' welcoming of children teach us about God's grace and our dependence on Him?

2. How does trusting God as our loving Father shape the way we care for, teach, and nurture the faith of children and one another?

3. How are we called to make God's Word a part of our everyday lives and pass our faith on to the next generation?

4. What stories of God's faithfulness should we be sharing so that future generations will know, trust, and follow Him?

Live It: *(Applying to Our Lives)*

1. How can we demonstrate Jesus' love and openness to the children and people around us in our everyday interactions?

2. Big or small, what are some practical ways that can we make God's Word a regular part of our daily routines, conversations, and decisions?

3. Who in our lives needs to hear stories of God's faithfulness, and how can we share those stories with them?

Daily Bible Readings (November 8-14)

Sun:	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	Faith Received
Mon:	Colossians 3:12–17	Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You
Tues:	2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Walk by Faith
Wed:	Titus 2:1-8	Teach Sound Doctrine
Thurs:	2 Peter 3:14-18	Growing in Grace and Wisdom
Fri:	Psalm 78:1-7	Tell the Coming Generation
Sat:	1 Thess. 5:14-18	Encourage Others and Rejoice!

Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 8
8:30-11am Coffee & Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9am Budget Q&A Session, B5
9:30am Worship, WC
10:30am Budget Q&A Session, B5
10:45 Ryan Barlow Q&A Session, FH
12pm Discovering Victory, B7

Monday, November 9
9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am-12pm Hebrews Study, WC
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, CH

Tuesday, November 10
10:00am Esperanza Bible Study, FS
1:30pm Mary Bible Study, meet in home
4:30pm Dinner at Red White & Brew (off-site)
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, November 11
VETERANS DAY
9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am Men's Bible Study, C1
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
1-4pm Stephen Ministry Training, B12
1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC
2pm Sunshine Acres (off-site) Bus leaves @ 1:15pm
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC

Thursday, November 12
9am-12pm Vitalant Blood Drive
10am Prayer Group, B7
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5

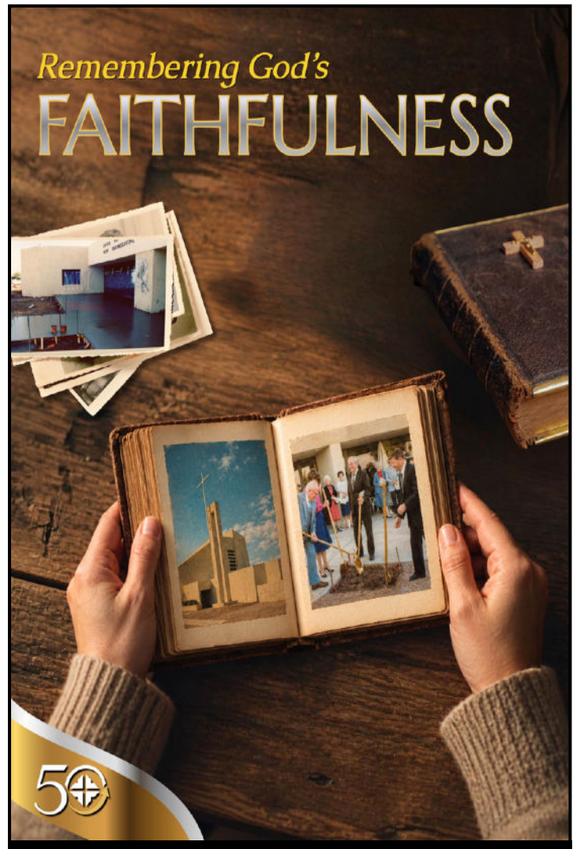
Friday, November 13
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 14
8am Men's Bible Study, FS
4pm Worship, WC
5pm Shoebox Packing Party, FH
Shoebox Deadline: Nov. 15

CH = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
C5 = Fireside Room
NR = Nursery
WC = Worship Center
C4 = Community Room

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Mark 10:13-16

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GOD TIME: Receiving, Living, and Passing On the Faith
Ryan Barlow



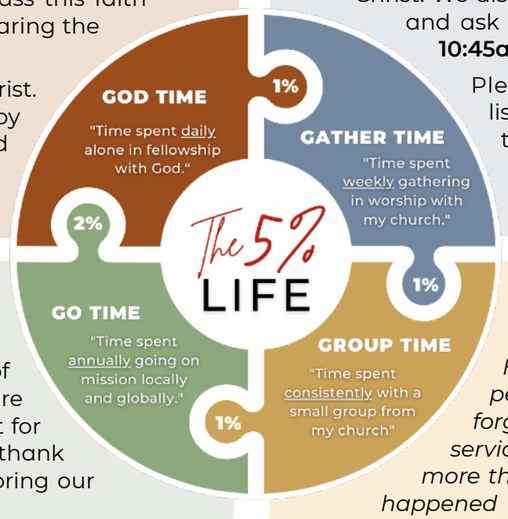
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I am so grateful for the opportunity to join Victory Lutheran this weekend. I'd like to share a little about what faith means to me.

My journey of faith has been anything but ordinary. Growing up in an LDS (Mormon) home, I understood faith largely through what I needed to do to earn God's love and favor. Through a conversation with my wife and the discovery of the Book of Concord, I began to understand the beautiful freedom of the Gospel: we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not by what we do, but by what He has done for us. Thanks be to God!

That discovery changed my life. I came to understand that faith is first and foremost something we receive. Through God's Word, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the encouragement of His people, God continually reminds us that we belong to Him. We don't have to earn what He has already freely given.

But this gift of faith doesn't stop with us. It shapes how we live. As recipients of God's grace, we are freed to love our neighbors, serve one another, and reflect Christ's love in our everyday lives. Not to earn God's favor, but because we already have everything in Jesus. Finally, we are called to pass this faith along. As a husband, father, and minister, I believe one of our greatest privileges is sharing the hope of a Savior who died and rose again for sinners.

Romans 5:1 reminds us that, through faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. Because of His life, death, and resurrection, we have hope and are free to live in the joy of His grace. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be with you at Victory this weekend and to share the good news of Jesus Christ together. It's a joy to open God's Word with you and proclaim the hope we have in Him.



GATHER TIME: Welcome — Ryan Barlow to Victory!

This weekend, we welcome Ryan Barlow to Victory's pulpit to share God's Word. Ryan preaches at all three services this weekend. It is a wonderful chance to worship together and hear the Gospel proclaimed.

Ryan grew up in Mesa and is serving in ministry in East Mesa. His ministry experience includes preaching, teaching, leading, helping people take next steps in faith, serving older adults, and working as part of a church staff team. He has his Master of Divinity from Kairos University, the same seminary that Pastor Denton Bennet and Pastor Renee Bennett received their MDiv degrees. Ryan has been approved for ordination by LCMC, our larger church network.

The Call Committee and Church Council have prayerfully considered Ryan's experience and gifts, reviewed his information, and met with him personally. The Council has unanimously recommended him as a candidate to be called as Victory's Associate Pastor. The congregation now has the opportunity to hear him preach, read his materials (in our November newsletter), and prayerfully discern whether to extend a call. **We will vote on this next weekend at our Annual Meeting on November 15 at 11:00am.**

Romans 10:17 reminds us that "faith comes from hearing the message." As we gather this weekend, we come to hear God's Word and receive the hope of Jesus Christ. We also have an opportunity to meet Ryan and ask questions at a **Q&A this Sunday at 10:45am in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please join us in welcoming Ryan, listening closely to the message, and taking part in this important time of discernment in the life of our congregation.



GO TIME: Flying the U.S. Flag With Honor



Victory Lutheran Church is honored to have received a Certificate of Honor from the Elks Club in recognition of properly displaying and flying the United States flag. We are grateful for this recognition and proud to show our respect for the flag, our nation, and the freedoms it represents. We thank the Elks Club for acknowledging our commitment to honoring our country and its flag.



Half Staff Notifications

Did you know? Victory's flag is lowered and raised per instructions from the State of Arizona, typically from a message from Governor Katie Hobbs.

You may find the notifications at: az.gov/half-staff-notices

GROUP TIME: A Story Only God Could Connect

Suellen Palya recounted the story of her son on a Sunday morning in the main office. Her son, Kris, had been brutally murdered. She had gone to the trial to forgive the person responsible. The power behind her forgiveness was a profound picture of God forgiving us through His son Jesus' sacrifice. Just the two of us were there while the service was going on so it was a safe place, a holy place. The more questions I asked, the more the story sounded familiar, but why? Suellen was in Arizona, so I assumed that this all happened in Arizona. But as the conversation continued, I learned that it had happened in Minnesota... Minneapolis, in fact, under an overpass on the 394 freeway. I remembered! I had heard about this while living in 'the Cities' (if you're from the Midwest, you know!). And, as in every similar situation, I had prayed for his family. Whether it is a victim like Kris or a perpetrator like a mass shooter, there is always a family involved... a mom and dad who raised him or her, a grandparent who doted on them, a sibling who played with them, aunts, uncles, cousins... and classmates, neighbors, pastors, and Sunday School teachers. We are all interconnected and tragedies remind us of that. From that time on, Suellen and I have had a special bond. God did that before we ever knew each other. — Diane Snyder

Suellen wrote a poignant book about her journey to understand what happened and find meaning. This book, entitled "Conversations with Kris – Letters Between A Mom and Her Murdered Son" is available in the lending library located in the Welcome Center under the 'biographies' section. Feel free to take this or any other book to read and return.

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