



# Thursday, August 21, 2025

08.17.25 Pastor Joseph

Notes by Pastor Ashley Dodson

Joshua 5:13-15

Joshua would have to have a relationship with the lord in a new way. "I am the commander of the army of the Lord."

The way he responds to the Lord is changing.

He is encountering the lord in a new way and doesn't recognize it. A sword is drawn and the Commander of the army of the Lord is here to fight.

He approached God like a man. It is not a good idea to treat God like He is common.

When you don't recognize and reverence Him properly.

A lack of reverence means you don't know Who He really is.

Are you for us or for our adversary?

Our God does not pick sides.

Joshua is asking questions beneath the status of the One he's talking to.

"Now I have come." Joshua got as low as he could get. What does the Lord say to His servant, his posture and conversation changed. A head knowledge or heart knowledge, it comes from encounter.

Honoring the One who had come before him.

Before Joshua had realized who was before him. His request is self-centered. Are you for me?

Ignorance or immaturity says "because of this situation, God loves them more than me".

God pursues us because, we have a deficit not Him.

He is God, He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. He deals with us not according to class or status.

Jonah-You can obey God or go through hell and still obey God. And then you can still have rebellious, proud, arrogant heart. Waiting for the judgment of God on others.





### **ACTS OF SERVICE** NEXT WEEK (Sun Aug 24)

Cleaning (wk of 8/18 - 8-23): Fogleman Family

Communion: Nancy Carpenter

Nursery: Denise Nisley & Sydra Robertson Greeters: Trenton Adee & Louis Vincent

CC Kids: Kayte & Edwin Elgin

"Take off the sandals from your feet for the place you are standing is Holy." He responds in reverence, he asks questions, he immediately obeys.

There is connection to the posture we live in. Our reverence is revealed through our obedience.

The encounter with the God who met him there, caused the common ground to become holy ground, a sacred place. Moses-he turned aside to see the uncommon experience where he had been multiple times. Take off your sandals because this is Holy ground.

An invitation to make a common place into a Holy space. You become the sacred space. I have not sanctified my mind, set apart for a specific purpose. For God's presence and God's purpose. My mind has to makes space for God's presence and purpose. We carry God with us everywhere we go. At times we have treated God as common, and treated myself like I am common.

Anytime, I make it about me and not God, I have just picked a fight with God. You're not going to win.

Joshua is in a lower posture, he has to change his posture to take his sandals off, a place of humility. Then God stands him up in His presence. There's a difference between walking into the presence of God in the wrong posture. Then God standing Joshua up in His Presence. God does not owe me an explanation about everything. When you're in the presence of God, it's His presence that makes it Holy. Not important thant you understand properly but that you respond properly.

Our minds want to understand before we commit to something. The word from God in a conversation, brought a place of faith to stand on in the midst of uncertainty.

A reality of God's presence. Reverence puts everything in proper perspective.



### BIRTHDAYS:

Jon Thompson (8/21) David Epling (8/21) {missed last week} Kamden Fogleman (8/23) Addison Arnold (8/25) Jen Millar (8/25)



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Thank you so much for those that stepped up and helped contribute to

the information contained in this week's newsletter. Input from others makes my job SO much easier. Send your contributions to

christchurchneody@gmail.com.

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### From Shannon Pond:

We had a great time at camp. We brought 30 kids and 4 sponsors between us and the Nazarene youth group. We

will be resuming the Sunday after Labor Day. (Sept 7) - Sue McKellar, Reporter









**Breaking Biscuits** 

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### **PRAISE REPORTS & Continued Prayers!**

- \*Shyloh got a 4th grade teaching position in Independence!
- \*Protecting Nora, Ewerts granddaughter, in car wreck!
- \*Jen-baby Harley's off all tubes & iv's! continued prayer for her heart chamber and that she can stay off tubes and iv's & keep feeding good
- \*Sydra had a healthy baby boy Friday afternoon-Cyrus Aug 8th!

### THIS WEEK PRAYERS & UPDATES:

- \*Bobby Littau's mom passed away
- \*Bill & Keith leave for Brazil on Tuesday Aug 12th!
  - \*SoHome
  - \*Nathan Hickert job specifically maintenance position at Alert
  - \*Shirley's son Randal-aggressive prostate cancer-starts radiation right away
  - \*Shirley Drawdy's health update
  - \*Ariel Cousin pray everything comes back benign & that the inflammation will respond to the medication
  - \*Kyler appentcitis (Stephanie Adee)
  - \*Melissa & Jason's son-in-law Kyle recovery from appendicitis & their grandbaby had ear surgery & pray for healing & that she has no hearing impairment
  - \*Becky's daughter Amy infection & friends Vonda & her husband
  - \*Addison Franklin double ear infection, ruptured ear drum, pray no permanent damage
  - \*Cheryle Agostos mom, Julia, kidney stone passes on its own & kidney is healed
  - \*Lynda Faught's son Ron gets a job and her moms wrist and thumb heals from sprain
  - \*Shannon Elam's dads sister Leann having difficult battle
  - \*Dale Evenson difficult situation
- \*Alli's friends' son Callahan continue praying for healing of his elbow
- \*Kris Van Nice update, any specific prayers for you and Matt-September 9
  - \*John Dir update from oral surgery
  - \*Lindsey Arnold's update
  - \*Ryan Millar's health, job and for Jen & Ryan
  - \*Kent Carpenters health
  - \*Jake Carpenters health



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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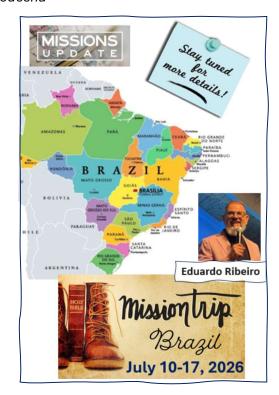
From Deb Wetmore: With back to school in full swing you probably need to spruce up your wardrobe. Right now, at Neodesha Arts Center's Flea Market, 413 Main Street, our summer clothing are ½ OFF. What a great deal available for you. Our Fall clothing will be out in September.

There are clothes for all ages. We are open on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 to 5:00 and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to noon.

All proceeds go to support the Neodesha Arts Center. In an emergency or have questions contact Deb Wetmore, director, 620-870-8551. At this time, we're only accepting winter clothing. Always needing house-hold items.

Don't forget to walk across the street from us and check out **Amber Lee's Attic** owned by Cindy Smith.







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## Kris's Story:

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**Christ Churcher Men!** If you have been thinking about joining us at CaveTime on Wednesday nights at 6pm, now is the perfect time! We are starting a new study of the book of Philippians. We have no other text than the version of the Bible which you are already using. We just started with Chapter 1 verses 1-18 so you can jump right in anytime! We have a seat all ready for you!

# **Philippians**

1: 19-30

Week 3

Memory Verse:

Prep for next week

21: For me to live is Christ to die is gain.

Compare thoughts on being ashamed of the gospel in vs 20 to Romans 1: 16, 17 & 2 Timothy 2: 1-15.

How to act as a group of believers? Vs 27-30

> Reflection Hope, Boldness, Joy











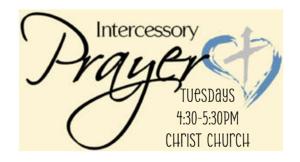


CaveTime and Women's **Bible Study Wednesday** Nights at 6:00 pm. See you there!





Thursdays 6:30pm Lord's Chapel



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