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"The Boeuff Herald"

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Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

Bible Study Thursday Evening 6:00 PM

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Dear Friends at Boeuff,

I once wrote a devotional about not worrying about tomorrow. Because, tomorrow holds its own worries. But I got to thinking, it seems that just about as often as we worry for tomorrow, we fret about yesterday, or things of the past. How many times do we find ourselves saying, "I wish things could be the way they use to be, or I sure wish I was younger, or I wish I didn't make that terrible mistake." I am sure you have your own thoughts and can fill in the blanks, too.



In Luke 9:57-62, Jesus is telling his disciples and us, the cost of following him and about looking back at things we have done. In other words, the things we might not be proud of or the mistakes we should learn from. The key verse to look at is verse 62 it says, "Jesus said, "No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day." (The Message)

The Lord doesn't want us to constantly look back at what once was. But our enemy "Satan" does, he wants us to feel discouraged and helpless over what we face today and drown in self-pity about how it was in the past. Satan wants us to think about or meditate on the issue, he wants us to ponder on it over and over on what we can never change. Sure, if we need to repent or make something right, we ought to go ahead and do it. But God doesn't want us drowning in self-pity or regret about past mistakes, or hopelessly longing for what can never be again. He wants us to look ahead beyond the tomorrows. Look ahead to new endeavors! He wants us to say, "Forget the old. There are great things for the future, and I'm gonna look ahead!" He wants us to say "Forget what was. Because, the future is where my destiny lies and I will meet the Lord there in His purposes for me." That's faith!!! And it's well based in everything Jesus has done for us, promised us, and called us to do.

There is an old song that comes to mind as well, "*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*". This song speaks volume as well:

I don't know about tomorrow
I just live for day to day
I don't borrow from the sunshine
For it's skies may turn to gray

I don't worry o'er the future
For I know what Jesus said
And today I'll walk beside Him
For He knows what lies ahead

Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand
But I know who holds tomorrow
And I know who holds my hand



So, let's stop looking back in fear or bondage to the past. It's all long gone already. Let's move ahead and press toward the new things that God has for us in our lives and wants to do in our lives. Our God is always making things new, and redeeming what was before. If we let God be in control we can't help but, "Seize the day."

Before I close, I want to remind everyone that our Lenten services with St. Paul's UCC and Stone Church UCC, which is north of Gerald, will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 5th at 6:30 PM, hosted by St. Paul's. Then we will rotate around throughout the churches each week. Then on Maundy Thursday we will have our service at Stone Church, on April 17th at 6:30 PM, and Good Friday service will be at Boeuff is April 18th at 6:30 PM. Easter Sunrise April 20th will be at St. Paul's at 7 AM, and our Sunday morning service 10 AM. Come out and have great fellowship with your fellow brothers and sister in Christ.

God bless you all and have a GREAT Lenten Season.
Pastor Ron

LITURGIST FOR MAR. 2025

Miles Ehlers

LITURGIST FOR APRIL 2025

Sara Kemp

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 2025—FEBRUARY 2025

JAN. 26..... 22
 FEB. 2..... 36
 FEB. 9..... 28
 FEB. 16..... 22

** Help us build our attendance up. We would love to see you and we need your help!!

PLEASE KEEP OUR SHUT-INS

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bob and Sue Hartsfield
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

David Koppelman 3/4
 Hannah Koppelman 3/4
 Trey Valley 3/8
 Mitch Angell 3/18
 Dusty Thurmann 3/27

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Linda Huggins 3/3/1990

Prayer of St Patrick

*CHRIST BE WITH ME, CHRIST WITHIN ME,
 CHRIST BEHIND ME, CHRIST BEFORE ME,
 CHRIST BESIDE ME, CHRIST TO WIN ME,
 CHRIST TO COMFORT ME AND RESTORE ME.
 CHRIST BENEATH ME, CHRIST ABOVE ME,
 CHRIST IN QUIET, CHRIST IN DANGER,
 CHRIST IN HEARTS OF ALL THAT LOVE ME,
 CHRIST IN MOUTH OF FRIEND
 OR STRANGER*

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WE COULD NOT AGREE ON YOUR GUILT, SO WE ARE COMPROMISING WITH A JUDGEMENT OF STONING WITH PEBBLES



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SO YOU'VE HEARD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, BUT HAVE YOU HEARD IT FROM ME YET?

2025 LENTEN SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	HOST CHURCH	TIME	DESSERT
ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 2025	ST. PAUL'S	6:30 PM	NO
MARCH 12, 2025	BOEUFF	6:30 PM	
MARCH 19, 2025	STONE CHURCH	6:30 PM	
MARCH 26, 2025	ST. PAUL'S	6:30 PM	
APRIL 2, 2025	BOEUFF	6:30 PM	
APRIL 9, 2025	ST. PAUL'S	6:30 PM	
MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2025	STONE CHURCH	6:30 PM	NO
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025	BOEUFF	6:30 PM	NO

I'm So Old That

I have dialed a rotary phone, listened to music off an 8-track tape, watched a black and white TV with foil on the rabbit ear antennas, and went through a whole day without taking a picture of myself.



The true art of wisdom is knowing what to ignore.

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(See John 8:1-11) 06-05-2015
IT HAS THE SAME PROPERTIES AS STONE BUT TECHNICALLY IT'S A MINERAL ... OK TO CAST?



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(See Genesis 2:18-25) 03-28-2011
JUST LET ME KNOW WHO WAS HERE FIRST AND I'LL GET THE PAPERWORK STARTED

Embracing the Lessons of Winter and Snow: Reflections on God's Purpose

Posted on: www.livingafruitfullife.com

As the chill of winter descends, bringing with it a stillness that blankets the world, I find myself drawn to the profound symbolism God weaves through this season in His Word. Winter, with its quiet dormancy, and snow, with its pristine whiteness, offer us powerful lessons on God's nature, His grace, and the rhythm He has set for creation.

Throughout the Bible, winter and snow are used not only as literal representations of the cold season but also as symbols for purification, preparation, and renewal. They remind us of the beauty that can come from waiting, the power of stillness, and the cleansing transformation God desires in each of our lives.

Purity and Transformation

In Isaiah 1:18, God speaks to His people with words of forgiveness and hope, saying, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Snow, in its pure and unblemished state, symbolizes God's cleansing power in our lives. Just as snow covers the ground in a blanket of purity, God's grace covers our sins, making us clean and whole before Him.

This image of snow speaks to our own journey of transformation. It is a reminder that no matter how flawed or burdened we feel, God offers us a chance to be made new. He wipes away our sins and impurities, leaving us with a fresh start. This powerful imagery of whiteness and renewal invites us to trust in God's ability to transform our lives and make us whole.

Learning the Value of Stillness and Rest

Winter is a season of dormancy in nature. Fields lie fallow, trees are bare, and life slows down. This rhythm of creation aligns with the wisdom found in Psalm 46:10, which urges us, "Be still, and know that I am God." In a world that often demands constant productivity, winter reminds us of the importance of stillness, rest, and renewal.

Spiritually, we are invited to enter a season of quiet reflection, to slow down, and to reconnect with God's presence. Winter teaches us that rest is not wasted time but an essential part of growth. God uses these quiet seasons in our lives to prepare us for future fruitfulness. Just as seeds germinate under a blanket of snow, sometimes the most profound spiritual growth occurs when we are in a period of rest and reflection.

Faith and Endurance in the Cold Seasons

Winter can also symbolize times of hardship or spiritual coldness. In Job 37:6, it says, "He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty down-pour.'" God has ordained the seasons, and just as winter is inevitable in nature, so too are seasons of difficulty in our lives. Yet, these cold seasons have a purpose.

During these times, God calls us to endure and to have faith that spring will follow. Winter reminds us that while we may not always feel God's warmth or see the fruits of His work, He is still sovereign and present. By enduring through the winter of our soul, we are refined and strengthened, emerging with a deeper reliance on Him.

The Promise of New Beginnings

Winter is temporary, and with it comes the promise of spring. Matthew 24:20 advises, "Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath." This verse reflects the challenges of winter but also underscores the hope that it will end. Each winter is a reminder that God has a plan for renewal and resurrection.

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When we go through seasons of coldness or spiritual dryness, winter's transience reminds us that God has not abandoned us. His promises are steadfast, and He will bring us through to new beginnings. In the same way that the earth bursts forth in new life after the winter, God has a plan for growth and restoration in our lives.

Unity in Creation and Reflection of God's Majesty

Job 38:22-23 captures a conversation where God speaks to Job, asking, "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail?" Here, snow is used to demonstrate God's majesty and sovereignty over creation. It reminds us that even the elements of winter are under His control, reflecting His grandeur and purpose in all things.

Snowflakes, each uniquely crafted, remind us of God's attention to detail and His creativity. The sight of a snow-covered landscape, silent and peaceful, can fill us with awe and reverence for our Creator. Just as each snowflake is distinct, so too are we individually crafted by God. Winter, with its serene beauty, calls us to contemplate His greatness and find comfort in His meticulous care for us.

Preparation for Harvest

Amos 3:15 mentions the "winter house," referring to the practice of building winter homes to endure the cold and prepare for the coming warmth. Winter is a time to prepare, both in nature and in our spiritual lives. It is an opportunity to store up God's word in our hearts, to grow in wisdom, and to deepen our roots in faith so that when seasons of spiritual harvest come, we are ready to flourish.

This lesson is echoed in Proverbs, where wisdom is described as preparing us for future challenges and opportunities. Just as farmers prepare the ground for spring, we are called to prepare our hearts and minds, using winter as a time to build our spiritual resilience.

Embracing Winter's Lessons

Winter and snow, though sometimes seen as harsh or cold, are filled with divine lessons. They call us to seek purity, to embrace stillness, to endure hardships, and to find awe in God's majestic creation. In the quiet of winter, we are reminded of God's promises and His unchanging presence. Like snow that covers all with a blanket of white, God's grace covers our lives, calling us to purity and trust in His plans.

As we enter into or reflect upon our personal "winters," let us not shy away from the season. Instead, let us ask God to teach us through it, to mold us in His likeness, and to strengthen our faith. In the cold, we find warmth in His love; in the stillness, we hear His voice; and in the purity of snow, we are reminded of His power to make us new. May we learn from winter all that God intends, carrying its lessons with us into the seasons to come.



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