



First Edition



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TOTAL SURRENDER

By Pastor Marc Heinz

“And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.” Luke 5:11

The disciples had just witnessed Jesus’ mighty powers. They had been out fishing all day and yet, within their own expertise and strength, these capable fishermen did not catch a single fish. They they came face-to-face with the Lord, who with one command, delivered such a great catch that their seaworthy boats began to sink under the load. The disciples were astonished and in awe. Upon Jesus’ invitation they immediately left everything - their catch, possessions, careers and families - to follow the Master fisherman.

Think back to when you first personally encountered Jesus. When He said to “Follow Me,” what did you do? Did you stop and consider His offer? Did you discuss your terms of surrender? Or did you simply jump out of your sinking boat as fast as you could? Can you remember that feeling of being cleansed and made white as snow? Do you remember the excitement and peace that came over you when you first set your feet on the Rock? Do you remember packing anything before you left your boat?

Many people jump out of their boats, eager and intent on follow-

ing Christ. But when He says to us, “Follow Me,” how many of us actually leave everything behind and follow? How many unwittingly hang on to material obsessions, ungodly relationships, crippling emotions, incorrect perceptions of God, or personal habits that are less than glorifying to the Lord? Probably every one of us has fallen into the latter boat in one way or another. No one is made perfect at the time of conversion. We all carry luggage from distant shores that we must, over time, learn to let go of, if we are to grow and mature in Christ.

The writer of Hebrews said in 12:1-2: *“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.”*

Jesus desires that we keep in step with Him, that we run to win; but in order to keep up we must lay aside those encumbrances! Don’t be afraid to ask the Lord for the strength to look deep within yourself and to take stock of what you are carrying. I have discovered that it is a lot easier to run with Him when I’m not carrying unnecessary stuff. If you’re like me, you’ll

probably discover a few things that need to be off loaded in order to run full speed. But it is comforting to know that when I do find myself bogged down with the things of life, Jesus does not just leave me behind. Rather, He circles around to help me out. By faith, I know that He is always there, eager to help. The key question is: will I let Him or choose to rely on myself?

Jesus encourages each of us, *“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My load is light.”* (Matthew 11:28-30)

Jesus gently beckons you and me to surrender all our burdens, our past hurts and fears, our whole lives to Him. Instead of wasting time and energy resisting Him, it is best to let go. While letting go is sometimes very difficult and painful, take heart - the Lord promises to be our strength and our comfort. Take heart, for we are His workmanship and He promises to make us perfect and complete. He can and will change us! Be confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it.



Hope & Help for the
Persecuted Church

International Christian Response

The Special Offering for the month of August will be this organization committed to minister “in places missionaries cannot go”. Listed below is an acostic describing their ministry to groups all over the world.

- Response to the persecuted
- Education encouraging prayer and action
- Stewardship maximizing effectiveness of resources
- Prayer for the persecuted church and our enemy
- Oneness as body of Christ in reciprocal service
- Nations mobilized in hostile places
- Safeguard identities to avoid unnecessary harm
- Encouragement in growth despite persecution

Their ministry has really grown and they’ve been able to effectively grow in places impossible for missionaries to go by doing ministry in other ways: providing material assistance enabling persecuted Christians to procalim the Gospel and plant churches in 43 hostile countries. 94% of their budget goes to their work in these hostile countries and serves specifically to the needs of each.

In their booklet, “Stories from the Persevering”, one of the missionaries who has been imprisoned twice, now serving a 10-15 sentence and his wife currently serving a 5-year prison sentence, was asked why, after he had traveled to be involved in a family event, he decided to returned to the place where he knew the risks that he would face. And his response was:

“Christians are light, and light is most necessary where there is dark.”

Youth Summer 2018

By Doug Andrews

Hard to believe that summer is almost over. It has been a good time of rest and also much growth. The Lord had us spend time together and most importantly WITH Him. As we started the summer off at Hume Lake Christian Camp, the Lord directed our focus to spending time with Himself and His word. As we arrived at camp, we got together and shared a portion of Psalm 119. The passion and excitement for God and His word that the psalmist shares inspiring, and we made it our goal to spend time with God every day. Too often at camp, our kids are so busy with all the fun and activities; they miss time alone with God. This year we challenged them and they responded. We had a really great week together and the Lord showed us just how amazing He really is, and how much He loves us, each and everyone.

From there we had our Summer Ignite Event. This was an event like our youth VBS/ Off Campus events in the past. Team competition, games, worship teaching and small groups, but with one very important addition: significant time alone with God. We challenged our youth to put away their devices, get alone with God and His word and see what He would say to them and do in their hearts. It was a powerful time together.

In addition, this summer we've had our regular meetings on Sunday and Tuesdays, we've also been meeting for coffee and bible study on Fridays at Starbucks. Now that summer is coming to a close, we are looking forward to our fall events where we will continue to grow in Him.



“HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US”

“A Lesson Learned Again” By Doris Waddell

One statement Pastor Marc said in his sermon on July 15th has made me think about something I hadn't really been aware of before! I've always looked forward to being with God in heaven, but when Pastor said God wants us to be with Him, something in my mind turned to worship! I hadn't really given much thought to any desire He had for us to be with Him!

It's amazing when one "new" truth is connected to another truth I've never understood fully. As I was reading John 11:35 where it says, "Jesus wept", I realized I had always wondered why He would weep when He knew He was going to bring Lazarus back to life. And then the words of Pastor's sermon came to me. Jesus wept because of the sorrow that Mary was experiencing. As I was meditating on this, I remembered the prophesy in Isaiah 53 - "a Man of sorrow" and I wondered: "Did Jesus weep with me when I lost my husband?" "Does Jesus weep over all the lost people, who are weeping, because His heart sees their misery?" How small my mind was in understanding just how much God loves me - and how much He loves all His children - even all His creation.

As I was thinking about this, the music of a hymn came to my mind and I began to hum it, frustrated because I couldn't remember the words, but after my devotions, as I was crossing the parking lot to the church, the words began to come - not all of them, but at least the name of the hymn: "How Deep the Father's love for us"

And, a week after the above, as I was writing this article, I remembered the lesson in Mark 15 as taught by Mara Prieto at the 11:00 class. I'd seen another deepness of His love - to be tried for nothing He was guilty of, and crucified and died to save us and all this because He wants us to be in heaven with Him! As we pondered this, I sensed His Presence and was aware that many others in the class were being as touched as I was. I'm always amazed that even though we know the truths of God's Word, we continue to be touched and strengthened and incline our hearts to worship again and again!

If you know this song, sing it out! And realize now what He was teaching me. But if you already know this truth that I've been so late to grasp, just sing it anyway!

Here's the First Stanza.

How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.



AWANA BEGINS AGAIN!

By Cathy Thomas

The first night of Awana will be on September 5th. This Wednesday night program runs from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Awana Clubs provides an opportunity for children to: hear the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ and learn how the Bible applies to their daily lives, listen to Bible Stories and/or stories of great Christian leaders to inspire and encourage them to walk in obedience and faith in Jesus Christ, learn the Word of God through memorization and recitation of key verses, fellowship with others through activities and games.

The Awana Clubs offered this year will be:

Cubbies: 3 through 5 Year-Olds

Sparks Grade K

through 2nd (5 to 7 years old)

Truth & Training

Grade 3 thru 6 (9 to 11 years old)

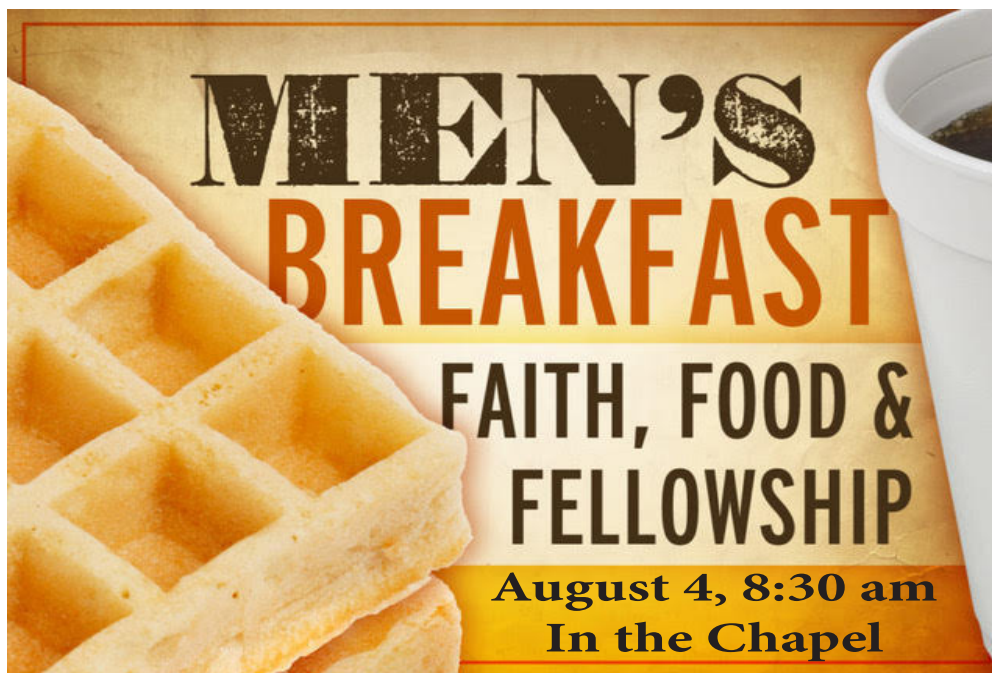
Trek/Journey JuniorHigh/ High

School (12 to 18 years old)

We are looking for dedicated Christian men and women who love the Lord and love to serve Him in a ministry with children. This involves a weekly commitment of time with the children. It does not involve preparation time. Leaders encourage the children to be attentive during story time and participate in singing. They listen to the children recite verses and help them participate in game time.

We are in great need of leaders this year. We need leaders at every Club level. Awana is a rewarding ministry. The children come each week excited to participate in all the activities. Many of the children come from churched homes where they are being encouraged to memorize the Word and to become servants of the Lord. Others come from all kinds of backgrounds, some even hearing the gospel for the first time!

We have an application process for all potential workers (some checking of references) and we provide training. If you are interested or need more information, contact Ron Thomas at awana-ronthomas@yahoo.com.



FBC Youth

FBC YOUTH Service- Sunday Mornings 11:00 - 12:15

pm

Games, fun, worship, and our next teaching direction for our Sunday youth group meeting is going to focus on Exploring God's word and integrating knowing Christ into our daily lives.

College/Career Fellowship - Sundays 12:30-2:00 pm

Part 3 of our "True University Series" - Who is Jesus? As always, we have great discussions together about the topic we are discussing but are relating it to our own personal relationship in knowing Jesus. Lunch provided.

FBC YOUTH Mid-Week - Combined CAD and TNT (High/Jr. High) - Tuesday Nights 7:15 - 9:00 pm

Our teaching direction for our mid-week youth group meeting focusing on "Walking with the Lord" in our lives.

OUR MISSIONARIES AT WORK

A MESSAGE FROM ALAN AND AUDREY DIANICH

Thank you so much for your support and prayer. Audrey and I are planning to be in the Bay Area July 6th to 16th. We will visit Gateway Christian Church of Daly City on Sunday, July 8th and First Baptist Church of San Mateo on Sunday, July 15th. If you are in the Bay Area, come see us at church or let's get together another day! Call us or e mail us to set up a time.

May 26th to June 10th, Audrey and I stayed in the dorms at UC Berkeley with 18 others at the Bridges Summer Mission. Audrey was the Operations Director and I helped with the Food Team. This is kind of funny, because I know nothing about preparing food and Audrey is learning about operations (managing the budget, expenses, etc). Basically, we worked on the two jobs together and things went smoothly. By the way, thank you for praying for the students from Sacramento who went with us, both of them saw God provide the needed support and really had great experiences. In the photo, Fernando is the front middle and Emma is front right. Most of the day, we were in three groups on different walkways on campus and

held maps. We asked students to put a small sticker dot on where they were from. If they were from other countries, we explained that we were with a group started by Christians that helps international students and asked them if they would answer a few questions. One of the questions was, "On a scale of 1-10 what is your desire to know God?" If they seemed fairly positive, we asked them if they would go through the Knowing God Personally presentation with us. It was amazing to see how openly these brilliant international students responded! Audrey and several other teammates spent some time with a girl from China who prayed with them to receive the Lord. I saw a researcher from Taiwan pray with me to receive Christ too.

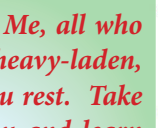
A few days after we came home to Sacramento, some of the volunteers in Berkeley had a small church home meeting. Both the girl from China and the guy from Taiwan came to the home meeting and really enjoyed it! So amazing!! Please pray for their growth in the Lord!

Thank you so much.
Alan and Audrey



Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.



"Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



August 4: Doris Waddell
August 5: Sue Moser
Francisco Reyna
August 6: Corina Miranda
August 15: Albert Li
August 16: Krissie Andrews



Happy Anniversary

August 14
Marc and Candace Heinz
August 28
David and Debbie Shong



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship After Church: College/Career Study & Fellowship						
All Events Are Subject to Change.			1	2	3	4 8:30am Men's Breakfast
5 Communion	6	7 7:15pm FBC Youth	8	9	10	11
12 12:30pm Children's Leadership Meeting	13	14 7:15pm FBC Youth	15	16	17	18
19 12:30pm Encountering God	20	21 7:15pm FBC Youth	22	23	24 6:30pm Movie Night	25
26	27	28 7:15pm FBC Youth	29	30	31	



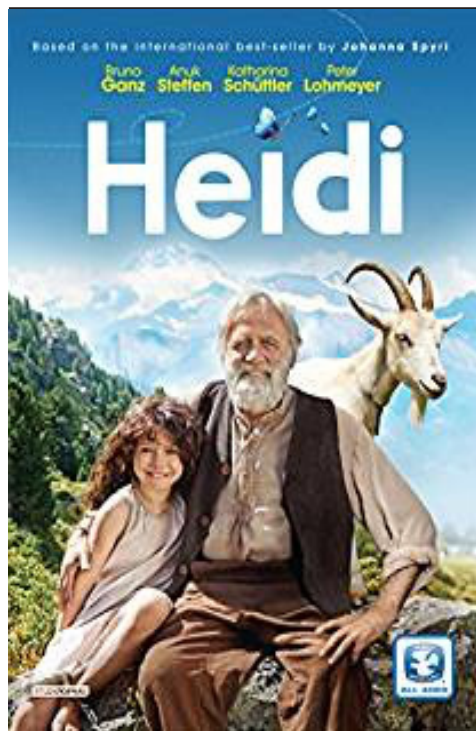
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Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by biblegateway.com for our use.

August

Wed.	01	Isaiah 40-42
Thurs.	02	Isaiah 43-45
Fri.	03	Isaiah 46-48
Sat.	04	Isaiah 49-51
Sun.	05	Isaiah 52-54
Mon.	06	Isaiah 55-57
Tues.	07	Isaiah 58-60
Wed.	08	Isaiah 61-63
Thurs.	09	Isaiah 64-66
Fri.	10	Jeremiah 1-3
Sat.	11	Jeremiah 4-6
Sun.	12	Jeremiah 7-9
Mon.	13	Jeremiah 10-12
Tues.	14	Jeremiah 13-15
Wed.	15	Jeremiah 16-18
Thurs.	16	Jeremiah 19-21
Fri.	17	Jeremiah 22-24
Sat.	18	Jeremiah 25-27
Sun.	19	Jeremiah 28-30
Mon.	20	Jeremiah 31-33
Tues.	21	Jeremiah 34-36
Wed.	22	Jeremiah 37-39
Thurs.	23	Jeremiah 40-42
Fri.	24	Jeremiah 43-45
Sat.	25	Jeremiah 46-48
Sun.	26	Jeremiah 49-52
Mon.	27	Lamentations 1-3
Tues.	28	Lamentations 4-5
Wed.	29	Ezekiel 1-3
Thurs.	30	Ezekiel 4-6
Fri.	31	Ezekiel 7-9



Movie Night Friday,

**August 24th,
6:30 p.m.**

Popcorn, Hot dogs and drinks are provided.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

**Movie Begins
at 7pm.**

An orphaned young girl named Heidi (Shirley Temple) lives happily with her grouchy but gentle grandfather, Adolph (Jean Hersholt) in the Swiss Alps. When she's stolen by her ruthless aunt, Dete (Mady Christians), and sold as a servant to the wealthy Herr Sesemann (Sidney Blackmer), Adolph embarks on a journey to find his granddaughter. Meanwhile, Heidi keeps her spirits high and befriends Sesemann's crippled daughter, Klara (Marcia Mae Jones), but longs to return home.