



# First Edition

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### **“Time and Obedience: Essential Ingredients”**

By Pastor Marc Heinz

I recently started reading and working through Kenneth Boa's book, "Conformed to His Image", with friends and co-laborers in Christ. This is the third time I have gone through this book and each time I have been greatly impacted and challenged to love God more completely.

In the latest chapter I read, Boa writes:

In the last few years I have adapted and used this prayer by St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253) in my own quiet time before the Lord: "Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly; for thine own sake."

Loving God completely involves our whole personality: our intellect, emotion, and will. "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). The better we come to know God ("may we know thee more clearly"), the more we will love Him ("love thee more dearly"). And the more we love Him, the greater our willingness to trust and obey Him in the things He calls us to do ("follow thee more nearly").

The great prayers in Ephesians 1 and 3, Philippians 1, and Colossians 1 reveal that

Paul's deepest desire for his readers was that they grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The knowledge the apostle had in mind was not merely propositional but personal. He prayed that the Lord would give them a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, that the eyes of their hearts would be enlightened, and that they would know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge (Ephesians 1:17-18; 3:19)

What does it take to know God more clearly, to love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly? The two essential ingredients are time and obedience. It takes time to cultivate a relationship and unless we set aside consistent time for disciplines such as solitude, silence, prayer and the reading of Scripture we will never become intimate with our Lord. To know God is to love Him, because the more we grasp - not merely in our minds but also in our experience - who He is and what He has done for us, the more our hearts will respond in love and gratitude.

So what are you willing to do in order to know God more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly? Are you willing to make being with Jesus the number one priority in your life?

Last year I made a decision to set aside additional time each day not only to reflect on the nature and person of God, but also to simply be with Him. As I did that I discovered that my devotional time became deeper and

richer. You know it really is an incredible experience to just quietly sit in the Lord's presence and to think about Him! Have you ever done that? If so, you know what it is that I am talking about! If not, I encourage you to try it! It really isn't difficult to meditate on the nature of God or to just think about who and what He is, but it surely is rewarding, because as you do that you will grow in your knowledge, love and willingness to follow the Lord our God! Moreover, it is something that God truly longs for you to do!

Although God is beyond anything I could ever imagine or dream and I cannot know all there is to know about Him, nonetheless, I have discovered as I simply spend time in His presence ... I am greatly moved by what I do know about Him! Folks, our God is AWESOME and He reigns and He loves us so very much!

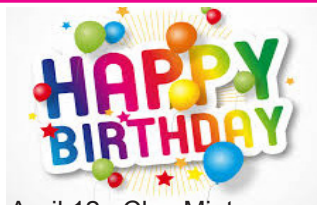
Today as I spent time thinking about God and what He is like I was struck by the Apostle John's experience with Jesus. John, "the disciple that Jesus loved", had a very unique and special relationship with Him. And as I thought about this relationship and how close they were, my thoughts went to the last supper and how John leaned on Jesus' breast and spoke privately to Him. It's very apparent that John knew and loved Jesus! In fact, you could say that He was intimately familiar with Him. John even had the privilege of seeing Jesus during the transfiguration, which must

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have been incredible! Yet, when John saw the glorified Jesus, he was totally overwhelmed by His appearance. Listen to how John himself describes it in Revelation, Chapter One: "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man." Revelation 1:17

Now think about this for a moment, John, who had spent more than three years with Jesus and knew Him intimately, was completely blown away when he saw Jesus as He truly was. The truth is that Jesus was not only beyond His comprehension but He was also beyond his ability to imagine. I have no words to describe how moved I was as I simply contemplated the description of Jesus that we find in the first chapter of the book of Revelation:

Now I don't know about you, but it is clear to me that I need to spend quality time each and every day thinking about the One I love and long to see! I encourage you to make spending time in the presence of God a priority in your daily life! How desperately we need to know Him more fully and see Him more clearly so that we may follow Him more nearly!



April 12: Clay Minter  
 April 18: Lori Yamane  
 April 24: Norma Hinderlie  
 April 25: Myrian Neciuk

**MAY**

May 2: Harry Li  
 May 5: John Neciuk  
 May 7: Cathy Thomas  
 May 14: Jose Corzantes  
 May 22: Mayda Hernandez  
 May 24: Marc Heinz  
 May 27: Bruce Andrews  
 May 29: Lee Hamady



April 19  
 Pat & Regina Coffey  
 April 21  
 Lee & Michelle Hamady  
 May 23  
 Tim & Janine Dufficy



By Doris Waddell

Sometimes we forget all the advantages we have in the multitude of services provided right here at First Baptist Church, services that help us be the Church Jesus died to save and established to honor Him.

In case you are trying to encourage a friend or family member by inviting them to church, here are reminders of how we minister regularly through the week.

**Sunday Mornings**

**9:30 a.m.**

A nursery for infants and Bible School for children 2 years through 5th Grade

Coed Adult Sunday School Class currently studying the Book of Mark in the Library

**11:00 a.m.**

Student Ministries - Bible Class for Jr. High, High school, and College young people in the Chapel

Coed Adult Sunday School Class currently studying "Know What We Believe" in Room 250

**Tuesday Night**

**7:15 p.m.**

Campas After Dark (CAD) for High School Youth

**Wednesday Night**

**6:30 p.m.**

A nursery for 3 years old (still in diapers) and under

AWANAS - (Until May 11)

K-2nd Grade (Sparkies)

3rd - 6th Grades (TNT)

7th - 12th Journey Trek

Next fall they will be adding 3-5 year olds (Cubbies)

**Thursday Night**

**7:00 p.m.**

Thursday Night ( Jr.High Youth)

I hope this helps with YOUR ministry.

**Leadership offerings for the month of March will go to**



**FB**



**Consummate Man**

**Men's Monthly Breakfast is April 2, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel. and the May breakfast is on May 7th.**

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**JEREMIAH 29:11**

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# FBC Youth Spring Break Trip - Yosemite

By Doug Andrews

*"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."* John 13:15-17

A few weeks ago, we took a small; group of our youth on one of the most amazing and beautiful places in the world. It's so incredible that Yosemite National Park is only a couple hours' drive away and many of our kids had never been there before, or had seen it the way God had us experience it. I was so excited to take our kids on a new adventure, see their faces as we stood at the end of that amazing valley and looked at the 3,000 ft. granite cliffs and the 1,000+ ft. waterfalls. To show them the rivers, the trees, and the wildlife. It is truly an awe inspiring and amazing place.

But, as much as I was excited to show them this place, the Lord was impressing on me how much more excited I should be to show them Him. We spent two afternoons and one evening in Yosemite, but the rest of the time we were together at a nearby cabin. There we read and studied through John 13-17.

In this powerful passage, Jesus explains some critically important things to His disciples about what life in Him can and should be. We learned that He is the

Way, the Truth and the Life, and that through Him we enter into eternal life with the Father. This life will be filled with trials, persecution, and struggle but we need not fear, we have an unbreakable connection through the Spirit to Jesus who has overcome the world. We learned that we need to serve and love one another like Jesus did, washing His disciples' feet and taking care of them. And finally, we learned about how we can enter into a deep relationship of unity with Christ and the Father.

It was the Lord's design that we not just read about Him, but experience Him on this trip. Whether it was hiking the trail to Mirror

Lake at the foot of Half Dome or hiking the 1,000 ft. elevation gain trail to the base of Yosemite Falls, or gazing at the incredible star-lit sky, seeing Jupiter, Saturn, the moon, and gas nebula through a telescope... the Lord was with us, sustaining us and teaching us powerful truths about Himself and life in Him. We all came away with our own powerful and tangible images of God and His amazing power and creativity.

We thank Him and praise Him for His amazing power and creativity, and we are excited to see how He will connect the lessons we learned to our everyday lives here in San Mateo with Him.







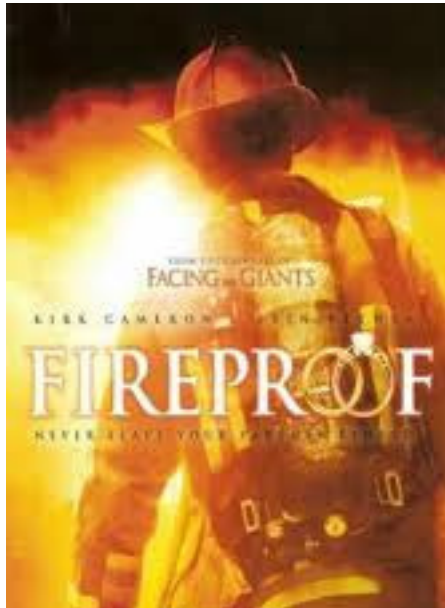
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### Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings  
 are provided by  
[biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

#### April

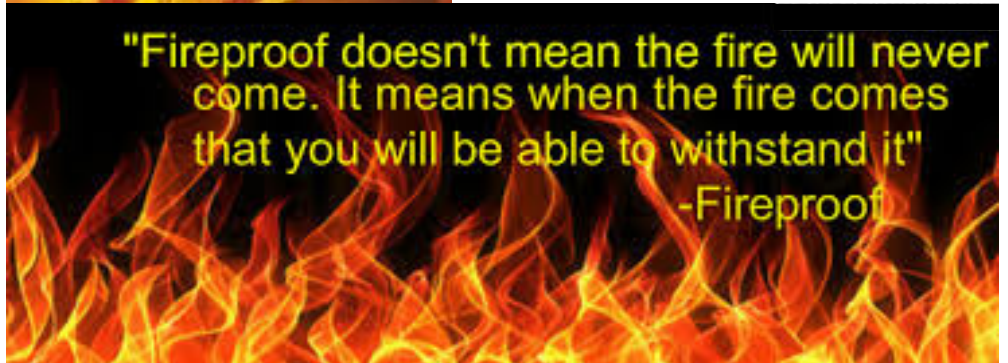
Fri.	01	2 Samuel 10-12
Sat.	02	2 Samuel 13-15
Sun.	03	2 Samuel 16-18
Mon.	04	2 Samuel 19-21
Tues.	05	2 Samuel 22-22
Wed.	06	1 Kings 1-3
Thurs.	07	1 Kings 4-6
Fri.	08	1 Kings 7-9
Sat.	09	1 Kings 10-12
Sun.	10	1 Kings 13-15
Mon.	11	1 Kings 16-18
Tues.	12	1 Kings 19-22
Wed.	13	2 Kings 1-3
Thurs.	14	2 Kings 4-6
Fri.	15	2 Kings 7-9
Sat.	16	2 Kings 10-12
Sun.	17	2 Kings 13-15
Mon.	18	2 Kings 16-18
Tues.	19	2 Kings 19-21
Wed.	20	2 Kings 22-25
Thurs.	21	1 Chronicles 1-6
Fri.	22	1 Chronicles 7-9
Sat.	23	1 Chronicles 10-12
Sun.	24	1 Chronicles 13-15
Mon.	25	1 Chronicles 16-18
Tues.	26	1 Chronicles 19-21
Wed.	27	1 Chronicles 22-25
Thurs.	28	1 Chronicles 26-29
Fri.	29	2 Chronicles 1-3
Sat.	30	2 Chronicles 4-6



**“FIREPROOF”  
 MOVIE NIGHT  
 April 29th  
 6:30pm in the  
 Chapel.**

**Hotdogs will be  
 served. Bring a pot-  
 luck item to share.**

**"Fireproof doesn't mean the fire will never  
 come. It means when the fire comes  
 that you will be able to withstand it"  
 -Fireproof**



# SUNRISE SERVICE



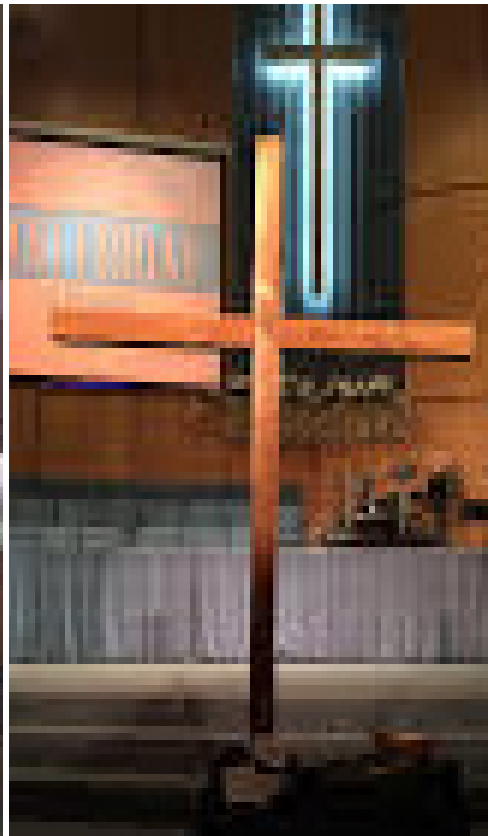
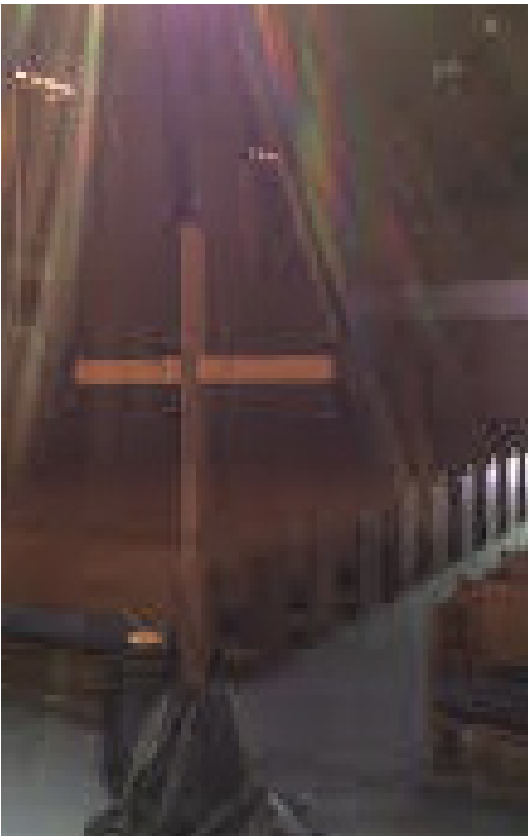




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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>SUNDAY MORNINGS:</b> 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship		<b>All Events Are Subject to Change.</b>			2 8:30am Men's Breakfast
3	4  <b>Communion</b>	5 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	6 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	7 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	8	9 8am Women's Ministry Bible Conference at Grace Bible Church
10	11  <b>Home School Event</b>	12 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	13 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	14 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT - Experience Pottery Making	15	16
17	18	19 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	20 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	21 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	22	23 12pm-4pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor
24	25	26 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	27 6:30 pm Midweek Ser. 6:30 pm AWANAS 8pm Worship Rehearsal	28 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	29 6:30pm Movie Night	30

# COMBINED WORSHIP



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# BREAKFAST

