#### **Questions for Reflection**

What stood out from the passage and/or the sermon that was most challenging and/or encouraging? Why do you think that is?

What is it about being called a "friend" of God that is most helpful?

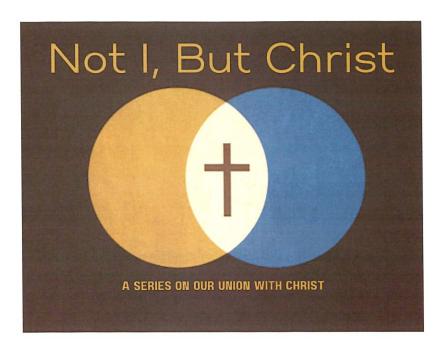
As we've been going through this series on our union with Christ, what has God been pointing out for you in your life that he's trying to get your attention on? What's keeping you from letting him in completely in that particular area?

# **Our Elders**

Jonathan Sgalambro (Lead Pastor), Lee West, Sesky Paul, Tim Bowditch Dan Bosak, Anthony Pilozo, Scott Stengele

# **Our Deacons**

Rich Cromwell, Nancy McKay, Matt Mandracchia, Courtney Mandracchia, Ellie Post, Scott Daily



# Redeemer Fellowship

Sharing Together in the Life of Christ by Loving God and Loving Neighbor February 9, 2025

Welcome!

We are glad you decided to join us this morning. It is our prayer that you enjoy this time of worship and meet with Jesus.

Redeemer Fellowship, 1644 N. Bay Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753 732.914.8885 info@redeemernj.com

### **Save The Date**

# **Weekly Prayer**

Every Tuesday, 12 PM

#### RedeemerYouth

Every Thursday, 6:30 PM Contact: Anthony Savasta

# RedeemerMen's Breakfast

Saturday, February 15, 9 AM

Contact: Sesky Paul

Sign-up via link in email or ChurchCenter/More/Signups

# **Discipleship Course: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**

Wednesday Nights, February 19 thru April 9, 6:30-8:30 PM

Contact: Noah Lang

Sign-Up via the emailed link or Church Center/More/Signups

# **Opportunities to Serve**

**Audio-Visual** - Contact Dick Abanto (richardabanto@netzero.net)

**Greeters** - Contact Courtney Mandracchia (cjmtmandra@gmail.com)

Hospitality Committee - Contact Teddi Burzon (tabnj3@yahoo.com)

Nursery - Contact Debbie Stengele (debbie@redeemernj.com)

RedeemerKids - Contact Linda Wells (lindamillswells@gmail.com)

**RedeemerMen**- Contact Sesky Paul (sesky@redeemernj.com)

**RedeemerWomen** - Contact Deanna Sgalambro (dsgalambro@gmail.com)

**RedeemerYouth** - Contact Anthony Savasta (anthonysavasta@redeemernj.com)

**Ushers** - Contact Matt Mandracchia (mtmandra@gmail.com)

# **Those In Need of Prayer**

Savasta Family: Praising God for the safe arrival of Mary Elizabeth Savasta.

**Lee West:** PTL! Doing very well after his hip surgery.

**Pam Bosak:** Having a rough recovery from knee surgery.

**Russ Click:** Pray for full healing in his leg after back surgery.

**Those with Long-Term Needs:** AnnMarie Mastropiero, Terry Mastropiero, John Ongrady, Janet Jaeger, Rob Keen, Wendy Napoliello, Mike Pintilie, Lee Ritchings, Rebekah Ritchings, Pastor Sesky, Jim McCombs, Stephanie Paul, Rosemarie Eurell

### **Pray for our Elders**

**Our Missionaries:** Harbours (Taiwan), Terranovas (Spain), Nick Batagglia (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), Smolas (Czech Republic), Fred Klett (Philadelphia), Dwinells (Philippines)

There are brothers and sisters in our church family who are hurting and though their names are not listed here, please pray for them.

# **Those Unable to Attend Church**

Janet Jaeger, Flo Owen

Redeemer General	Fund Dashboard February 3, 2025	LAST WEEK'S GF GIVING \$6,984	
	Total to Date	Wkly Average	
Budget Required	\$34,695	\$6,939	
GF Giving Received	\$35,262	\$7,052	
Year-to-date Difference	\$567	\$113	



#### John 15:-1-17

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

#### **Apart from Me, You Can Do Nothing**

(John 15:1-17)

**Main Point:** We are united to Christ, in and through whom we find life, joy, and love, a love that resembles the love that Christ demonstrated toward us, as he laid his life down for us, his friends.

Unless You Abide in Me (v.v. 1-5):

That Your Joy May I	Be Full (v.v. 6-11):		
That You Will Love	One Another (v.v.	12-17):	