

Sermon Notes

"The Art of Dying Well"
2 Kings 13:14-21

1. Every Christian Must Know that Death Will Come (v. 14a)

2. Every Christian Must Know that Death Is Not the End (vv. 14b – 19)
 - a. Disciple the Next Generation

 - b. Give to the Next Generation

 - c. Bless the Next Generation

 - d. Embolden the Next Generation

3. Every Christian Must Know that Death Will Be Defeated (vv. 20-21)

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Priscila Ribeiro-Cummings, Michael Herbert, Joan Pennock, Ellen Torrance, and Tami Urbina.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Charlie Wilson

RECOVERING: Mac Webb

BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND LEADERS as they attend the Great Getaway this week in Northern Virginia. Pray for students to hear and know the gospel of Jesus Christ.

IN APPRECIATION:

- *Dear Rivermont Family, We want to thank you for all your expressions of love and kindness to us as we've grieved the passing of Lisa's mom. We praise and thank our heavenly Father for each one of you. Lisa and David Sosin*
- Thanks to all of you who helped make our Vacation Bible School such a great time for our children! We learned many Bible truths, memory verses, and fun songs. Praise God for the wonderful volunteers who worked together, using their gifts and talents to impact lives for Christ!

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: FREEDOM 424

Freedom 4/24 began as the audacious dream of a 19-year-old Liberty University student to make a difference in the lives of sexually exploited girls in the red light areas of Bangkok, Thailand. Since then, Freedom 4/24 has grown into a global effort to bring freedom and justice to trafficked and exploited women and children. Pray for their global and local ministry partners as they work on the frontlines as well as the women and children they are ministering to. To learn more about Freedom 424's work, go to www.freedom424.org.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.



Next Steps to Connect:

- We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.
- Attend Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
 - Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
 - Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont class starting September 11. Learn more at rivermont.org/gtkr.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

<p>Sunday, July 3</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service with Communion</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service with Communion</p> <p>Monday, July 4</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>Tuesday, July 5</p> <p>6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)</p>	<p>Thursday, July 7</p> <p>7:00 pm Summer Oasis Women's Fellowship (Cheatham Center)</p> <p>Saturday, July 9</p> <p>12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church at College Hill)</p> <p>Sunday, July 10</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>12:45 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Cava, Old Forest Road)</p> <p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p>
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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

July 3, 2022

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Father, we give You thanks for the gift of this day on which we gather as Your people to find our rest in You. May Your Spirit dwell with us, work within us, and move among us, that we may worship You in spirit and in truth. May Your Word come to us in power, and be received by us in faith. May our love for You and for one another be increased; and may our lives be further sanctified, that we may grow in the likeness of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; in Whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Hymns of the Cross"

Catherine Meyer, piano

arr. Phillip Keveren

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.
What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 57:9-11 (responsively)

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to You among the nations.

For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let Your glory be over all the earth!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #34

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (vs. 1)

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God"

(Romans 15:7)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 13:14-21 (page 320)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Art of Dying Well"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

FROM THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM (responsively)

Question 37: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united in Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

Question 38: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

*THE GLORIA:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Amy Hall, soloist

arr. Faye Lopez, Beth Lynch

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.
O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His face,
And this world will grow strangely dim in the light of His grace.
His Word shall not fail you – He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: (See Insert)

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Suzanne Toolan

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, concluding with The Lord's Prayer (in unison):

Our Father, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Reception of the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"Psalm 117"

(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)

From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung, in every land, by ev'ry tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Great are the mercies of the Lord, and truth eternal is His Word!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore Jehovah's praise for evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE:

"Fugue in F Major (BWV 540)"

J. S. Bach

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.