

Sermon Notes

"Sports are Good, But Jesus is Better"
1 Corinthians 9:19-27

1. How do we bring the gospel to athletes? Verses 19-22

2. Why do we become all things to all people? Verse 23

3. What is the prize and how do we tell others about it? Verses 24-27

Prayer Opportunities

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

RECUPERATING: Cathy Rutman and Charlie Wilson

IN THE HOSPITAL: Sylvia Marsh

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: JOE AND DUNCAN (GAY) MAYE

In the summer of 2017, former Rivermont member Duncan Maye (daughter of Kell and Gina Gay) and her husband Joe planted a church in the Waughtown neighborhood in urban Winston-Salem, called Rise Church (www.risechurchws.org). Responding to God's call to this community, God has given them a heart to see this community "rise up" to new life in Christ Jesus, within His family, to live out His purpose for their life. Pray that God would raise up leaders to serve the young men of Rise Church in a formal mentoring program called Royalty Mentoring. Their first training was held yesterday.

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.

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

Sunday, July 17

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Thursday, July 21

7:00 pm Women's Summer Fellowship (Cheatham)

Friday, July 22

6:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Food and Fun (County Smoak and Tiny Town Golf)

Monday, July 18

10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)

Tuesday, July 19

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 20

6:30 pm Men's Cornhole Tournament

Sunday, July 24

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Elevator Renovation

The elevator will be unavailable beginning Monday, July 18, for the next 6-8 weeks for renovation. The Fellowship Hall will be closed during this time.

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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

July 17, 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:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in Spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"And Can It Be?"

Men's Quartet

arr. Joseph Linn

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain; for me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amen.

Mark Landry, Lee Richwine, Jeffrey Smith, Jeffrey Westbrook
Miriam Amos - piano

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bert Murphy, REPC Elder

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100 (responsively)

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God!*

It is He Who made us, and we are His; We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #642

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vv. 1&3)

Stuart Townend

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.

**I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.**

(8:30) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Gary and Kathy Brown
Ashley and Stacy Cannon with their children Cooper and Lindyn
Christopher and Judy Taylor

*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: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (page 957)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Sports are Good, But Jesus is Better" Pastor Shane Whelan

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Jennifer Eaton

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Doug and Julie Haley

"All Belongs to Him"

Heather Sorenson

I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength.
I can do all things through God.
Faithful, He Who calls us, and faithful to accomplish the work He's begun in me.
I've seen mountains that were moved, rivers we've walked through,
Brokenness made new through Jesus.
I've seen walls come falling down, simple truth astound,
I've seen sinners wearing crowns through Jesus.
All power, all glory to the Lamb!
Ev'ry vict'ry, ev'ry good thing that I am comes from Him!
All merit, all hosannas bear His name.
Any boast and any fame all belongs to Him!
I've seen promises come true, light that's broken through,
Hope that's been renewed through Jesus.
I've seen bread that's multiplied, the guilty justified,
And ev'ry need supplied through Jesus.
We'll see dead that live again, and hear sinners shout, "Amen!"
And then ev'ry knee will bend to Jesus.
Then our song will fill the sky, with the saints we'll testify,
"This is the Lord most high!"

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Gracious heavenly Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #644

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

ST. LEONARDS

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Marche Romaine"

Charles Gounod

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