

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

November 14, 2021

One of the hardest things to do is to wait on the Lord to respond during the most difficult times in our lives. Especially being in an American culture where most people do not like waiting or have so much at their fingertips. Long lines, long hold times, or restaurant lines can be frustrating. His sovereign will can be mysterious; for example, Joseph knew his brothers would bow to him, but he had no idea what that meant for his life when he had no power to control anything that took place. Since Joseph believed in God all he could do is wait.



This could be the same for those listed in the 'The Hall of Faith' (Hebrews 11; I call 'The Hall of Hope'). I wonder how they would have felt when they were going through so much and had to wait so long but were so ready when the Lord finally came through. Joseph, betrayed twice, humiliated several times, in much pain (constantly cried when he saw his brothers), waited twelve brutal years but he was so ready to forgive when he saw his brothers and so ready to lead a nation when he was called up by God's power to serve a nation that to his own people could seem like the worst ever because they eventually became enslaved. But when they had grown to two million people, enriched by the might of Egypt, blessed by a leader named Moses who was trained by the most developed nation, they would dance at the Red Sea when they saw the bodies of their enemies washed up.

Dean Little recently received a letter that had been in the mail for over five (5) years. When he opened the letter, Little found a check for \$90.18 inside.... The old envelope caught Little's eye when it arrived because it had a canceled 32-cent stamp on it. The letter was postmarked on August 24, 1998. No one knows where the letter has been for the past five (5) years..... Little is sales manager for the Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania area Schwan's ice cream business. He says the letter was from a former customer making a payment on his account. Since the original check was considered lost, the family wrote the company another check settling their account. Little says he remembers calling about the amount owed in 1998 and being told, "The check is in the mail." He says, "They weren't lying." —Associated Press, Payment Was in the Mail, for Five years, January 21, 2004, Submitted by Jim Sandell. Even though we know it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18); have you ever felt, based on all the promises the Lord has made that He may have just forgotten about what He said or forgotten us?

Is it that the Lord has forgotten us, don't do the same miracles, or don't answer prayers the same or His time is perfect for those, like Joseph who keeps the faith? (Galatians 4:4; Romans 8:28)

UPCOMING Events

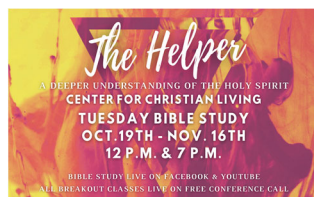


Thanksgiving Gift Card & Basket Giveaway
Living Word Fellowship Church will host it's annual Thanksgiving Gift Card and Basket Giveaway on Saturday, Nov. 20th and Sun. Nov. 21st.

Sign-up to volunteer, donate items for the baskets or register to receive a gift card or basket at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org/thanksgiving.



LEGIT FRIENDSGIVING—NOV. 20th 4:00 P.M.
LEGIT!!! It is that time of the year again for our annual Friendsgiving Event! For ages 18-35 years old, please come out and join us for a night of fun including: food, fellowship, and karaoke! For more information regarding this event please contact Keron Brown or Monique Glasper at keron.brown@lwfellowshipchurch.org (832) 977-9764. See you all there!

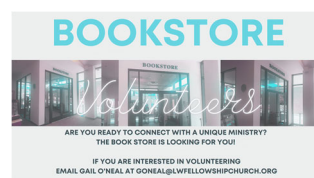


Center for Christian Living—The Helper
Last Week to join The Helper Bible Study this Tuesday at 12 p.m. & 7 p.m. This series, *The Helper: A Deeper Understanding of the Holy Spirit*, will be available in-person, on Facebook, on YouTube, and all breakout classes at 7 p.m. will be offered on Free Conference Call. Download your Bible Study Notes at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org/bible-study-notes



LWFC Kidz Christmas Rehearsals
Last call for eager participants for our annual Christmas program which will take place on **Dec. 24th at 6:00 p.m.** Rehearsals will be **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday rehearsals will begin November 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday rehearsals are from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Meet in the Children's Wing. You must register your child to participate online no later than Saturday, November 20th.



Book Store Volunteers Needed
Living Word, we have something for you! Are you ready to connect with a unique ministry? The Book Store is looking for you. All those who are interested in volunteering, drop an email to Gail O'Neal at goneal@lwfellowshipchurch.org



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

Relentless

Exodus 34:1-9

Full sermon notes available online at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org

Click on the "Resources" tab and click "Sermon Notes"

Call to Discipleship

Please remain seated at this time

Benediction

Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children's wing.

Ages 2—6th grade



S E R M O N O U T L I N E

Relentless
Exodus 34:1-9

A. Even After (vs. 1-3):

- 1. Moses completely respects the Lord's authority and power.
- 2. The writing of the Word is directly from God and was supernaturally inscribed into the tablet, without any input from Moses.
- 3. The words that are being engraved into the tablets is also a prophetic revelation of God's Word.
- 4. What God is going to do and say is unchangeable.
- 5. From the time God spoke to Moses to appear on the mountain in the morning, he was completely focused on being ready.
- 6. Present; Station – Moses’ schedule must be at the appointed place and before God alone.

B. Faithful (vs. 4-5):

- 1. Moses was eager to obey God, so he made it his mission to continuously, diligently, actively do exactly as God instructed him to do.
- 2. The word used for going up to the mountain means that even though Moses’ load was heavy he still continuously made his way up the mountain with no help.
- 3. Moses in submission to the Lord's authority obeyed what was communicated to him with an inner commitment to do all that the Lord said.
- 4. On His own initiative, as He stated He would do, the Lord powerfully continuously came down to meet with Moses in a cloud.
- 5. Moses loudly continuously calls out the Lord's name as the almighty God descends in the cloud.

C. His Love Never Fails (vs. 6-9):

- 1. The Lord in His might and glory passed by Moses as explained in Exodus 33:18-23.
- 2. The almighty, powerful Lord loudly announced who He is:
 - a) The Lord God - He has all authority; He is the creator of all things and reigns supreme overall.
 - b) Compassionate - The Lord is powerful and could have destroyed His people, but He is merciful to those who repent.
 - c) Gracious - The Lord generously extends grace when He extends His favor.
 - d) Slow to anger - The Lord is slow to becoming highly emotional when expressing Himself.
 - e) Abounding in lovingkindness - God is very steadfast and committed to serve, lead and discipline those who walks in His ways.
 - f) Truthful - God is faithfully committed to His divine standards.
 - g) Who keeps lovingkindness for thousands - God powerfully, faithfully, steadfastly and meticulously watches His people. He willingly forgives their sins and removes their guilt.
- 3. Upon seeing and experiencing the Lord's description of Himself, Moses with urgency, and with much enthusiasm to prostrates himself with reverence, worshipping the Lord.
- 4. With intense urgency, Moses completely desires to know if his request reached a point where God was willing to extend His kindness and remain sojourn with Israel.
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- 7. Moses, therefore, pleads for the Lord God to completely blot out everyone's depraved sinful deeds.
- 8. Moses’ desire for the Lord to take complete possession of His people is honored because of the nature and character of God.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 20TH
THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 21ST
LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

THANKSGIVING

GIFT CARD & BASKET GIVEAWAY

THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER
4333 W. Little York Rd.
Houston, TX 77091

LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
7350 W. T. C. Jester Blvd.
Houston, TX 77088

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT www.lwfellowshipchurch.org/thanksgiving

LEGIT YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

November 20, 2021 at 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

FRIENDSGIVING

CELEBRATE WITH LEGIT

POTLUCK EVENT


SCAN ME

For More Information Contact Keron Brown at keron.brown@lwfellowshipchurch.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: Reese Times & family, Nedra Chew & family, Brenda Bonhame & family, and Sherri Randle, Nicole Benjamin & family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Octavia Scott, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Brittany Bullock, Barbara Gordon, Ella James, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, Jon Heard, Eric White, Lakessia Davis, and Rutha Patrick.

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EXODUS 34:1-9

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