

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

October 15, 2023

Walk in Truth



Because satan knows that once we are saved, the Lord leads us from His Word to experience and grow in Him, satan does everything possible to corrupt it. Satan has no truth in him. The scripture says he is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). This is why the Lord does so much to ensure we walk in the truth.

At the point of our salvation (Titus 3:4-8), the Lord places all the Holy Spirit in us, who is the truth (John 14:16-17); it is His very being. His role is to remind us of it (John 14:26), illuminate it so we can comprehend what it means (1 Corinthians 2:10-15), guide us to walk in it (John 16:13), and convict us when we don't (John 16:7-11). This is why Paul, when he challenges us to work out our salvation, he continues by saying, "for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (Philippians 2:12-13). To experience the powerful movement of the Holy Spirit means we must walk in it. When we practice it, we experience the powerful transformation of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:15-18). This powerfully places us in a position where it is hard for satan to deceive us or defeat us (1 John 4:4). Notice that prior to Jesus, in His full human state, being led away to be tempted by satan (the liar verse 'the Word') the scripture says that He was "full of the Holy Spirit." (Luke 4:1). In His human state, the Holy Spirit powerfully controlling His life was significant.

Satan is by his very nature a liar, and he uses lies to distract us from God in an effort to destroy us. There is a story told of an old prophet in 1 Kings 13:11-34 whom God gave specific directions. The prophet faithfully executed what God said, except for one thing. God told him not to return the same way. On his way back another so-called prophet told him that God spoke to ask him to go the way different from the instructions he received, and he listened to that false prophet only to be eaten by a lion. David did the opposite in the case of Saul. His friends told him that God said he was to kill Saul, but David chose to do what the Word of God said and was blessed (1 Samuel 24).

In the last days, there will be many false prophets, why; this is satan's method of driving us from the truth and, therefore, the powerful influence of the Spirit. We must remain focused on God's Word and practice it. It is our protection from the deception of satan, who came to ruin our lives. His mission is clear; "He came to kill, steal, and destroy." (John 10:10)

STAY FOCUSED!

UPCOMING Events

A.N.E.W. MEET & GREET
Join the A.N.E.W. Ministry Saturday, Oct. 21st at 10 a.m. for a Meet & Greet. Come fellowship in a safe space community of love and support for women dealing with complex issues surrounding pregnancy, struggling with guilt or shame having had an abortion or considering an abortion. Register on the events page of our website or for more information contact Siobhan Johnson at lwfcnew@gmail.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME NIGHT
FRIDAY, OCT. 20TH 6:30-9:00 P.M.
Middle Schoolers get ready for an exciting night of games, fun, food and fellowship! The Middle School Game Night is open to all 7th and 8th graders. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 20th, kicking off at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Min. Jordan Washington at legacyyouth@lwffellowshipchurch.org

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
Join us January 12, 2024 for our 30th Anniversary Gala. This is a formal event including mocktails, entertainment, fellowship, and more! Tickets are selling out fast for \$85. **LAST DAY TO PURCHASE A TICKET IS SUNDAY, OCT. 29th!** Visit bit.ly/LWFCAnniversaryGala to purchase your tickets today. For more information, contact the church at (281) 260-7402.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY MEET & GREET
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST AT 1 P.M.
All dating, married, or engaged couples, join the Covenant Keepers Marriage Ministry Saturday Oct. 21st at 1 p.m. for food and fellowship. Please register. For more information, contact Terry or Sherri Randle at lwfcmarriagemin@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP TRAINING—11/4 8:30 A.M.
Calling all elders, deacons, ministry leaders and coordinators. Leadership training is Saturday November 4th at 8:30 a.m. in the Legacy Sanctuary. Attendance is mandatory so we can plan and lead in excellence for the rest of 2023 and start 2024 off with 30 Years of God's Faithfulness! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/36sx3ka5>



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

"Walking With A Limp"

Genesis 32:22-32

Pastor Ikki Soma

Click "Sermon Notes" on the Website

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.

Infants—6th grade

MIDDLE SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL
2:30 4:00 & TUESDAY NIGHTS
SUNDAY
e 7:30 PM

WELCOME

Pastor Ikki Soma

Ikki came to faith in high school when he began playing rugby. His coach was a local youth pastor and many of his teammates were Christians. On Memorial Day weekend in 1988, one of his teammates shared the Gospel with him and he trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Ikki is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. He ran track and played rugby there. He also became heavily involved in youth and sports ministry while in college.

He is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary. While at DTS he served as the pastoral assistant to Dr. Tony Evans. He was licensed and ordained at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in 1999. He and his wife Tara have been married for 23 years. They have two daughters, Evetta and Grace.

He planted a multi-ethnic church in San Antonio and then became the college and young adults' pastor at Wayside Chapel. In 2012, he and his family moved to Houston to pastor City of Refuge Church, one of the most diverse churches in America. He also served as the lead pastor of Bayou City Fellowship, a large influential, multisite church in Greater Houston. In the Fall of 2022, he accepted the call to move to Des Moines, Iowa to be the lead pastor of Cottage Grove Church, a diverse church in the capital city of Iowa. Ikki also recently finished a book on multicultural preaching.

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Notes

GENESIS 32:22-32

I. Trials can strip us and leave us alone with God

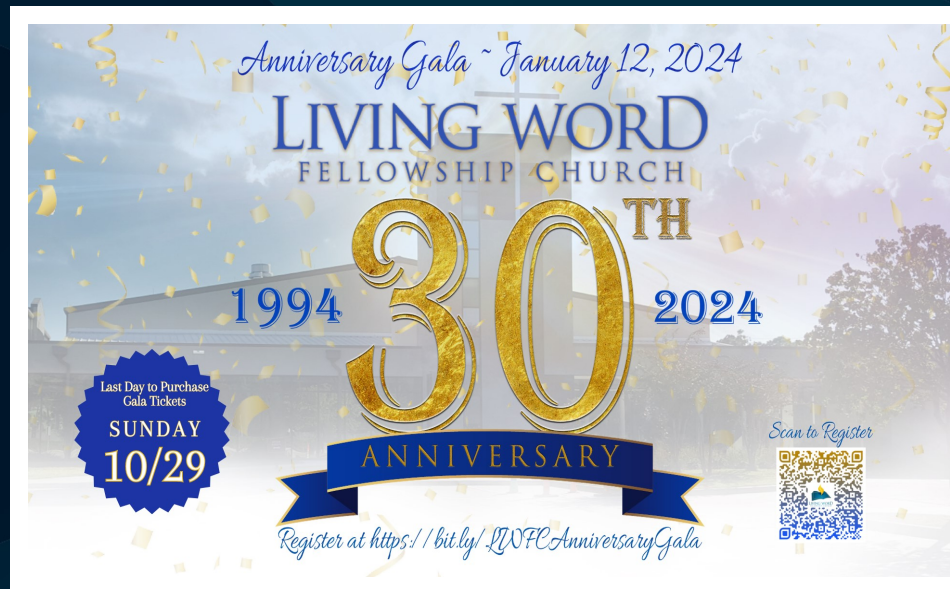
vs. 22-23

II. On occasion, God breaks the independent, self-sufficient believer so that they will depend on Him

vs. 24-25

III. God blesses and gives courage to the dependent believer

vs. 26-32



PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: Derek Boykins & family, Patricia Deckard & family, Ogneta Polk & family, Mary Ngwazini / Oralee Fields and their families, and the family of Ella James.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Eric White, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, Jon Heard, Rutha Patrick, Betty Goode, Latifah Brown, Tanisha Collins, Eric Prichett, Rufus Hadnot, Pat James, Kevin Carey, Lori Lee, Nikisha Doyle, Jessie Austin, Sherri Love, Elizabeth Clark, Clara Williams, Betty Cunningham, Wanda Turk, Dorothy Price, Kathryn Ford-Cheatham, Anthony Thomas, Beverly Austin, Joshua Williams, Ruby Hunter, Calvin Wilson, Elizabeth Bean, and Patsy Gatterson.

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