

September 9, 2021

## DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENT part 2

Sir Alexander Mackenzie is a Canadian hero. After attending school in 1778 in Montreal, he became a clerk in a fur trading company and soon showed great talent in the fur trade business. He soon found himself partnering with the North West Company being put in charge of a great expedition across Canada to find a water route to the Pacific. In 1789, Mackenzie and his explorers set out on their journey. The valiant group followed a mighty river with very high hopes, paddling furiously amid great danger. The river today is now named the Mackenzie in honor of this exploration, but that wasn't the name Mackenzie and his group called it. You see, there was a problem, the river didn't lead to the Pacific ocean. Instead it lead them to the Arctic ocean. After all this effort with no success, Mackenzie later called that river in his diary the "River of Disappointment."

Last week, we spent time diving into disappointments. We looked at how disappointments can form in our lives by having high expectations, the wrong motives, or even having a limited perception of life. There are many other things that can lead to disappointment in our lives as well. Having mistaken priorities is often a culprit or, like Mackenzie, having some form of false reliance. But how do we become resilient in times of disappointment? What are some things that we can do to help us not only make it through trying times but also come out on top?

One of the first things to do is to remember to stay faithful. It is so important to remember to do the right thing not simply for the reward but because it is the right thing to do. One of the best examples of this in the Bible is from Job. As Job was facing the greatest trials and hardships in his life, he held onto his faith over everything. When Job's friends and wife were telling him that God had abandoned him and that he should just end it all, Job responds in **Job 13:14-16**, "Let me have silence, and I will speak, and let come on me what may. Why should I take my flesh in my teeth and put my life in my hand? Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face. This will be my salvation, that the godless shall not come before him." We also see an example of this in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. When they were given the choice of being faithful to God and dying or bowing down to the king and living, they responded to the king "If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."(**Daniel 3:17-18**) We all may find it very easy to compromise when danger comes, but to remain

faithful is to invite God's attention. God is faithful and He will not abandon us.

Another thing to do when going through disappointment in life is to use it as a time to build your character. God's priority in life is not based on our happiness but on our development of character. We see this throughout scripture. Paul said in **Romans 5:3-5**, "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." When we are suffering with disappointments, it is time to look to God for solutions and find fulfillment and satisfaction in our relationship with God. **Hebrews 13:5** says, "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Take time to review your life's perspective and set your eyes on the true goal. **2 Corinthians 4:17-18** says, "For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."

Are you feeling disappointed? Then think about this for a moment. Sir Alexander Mackenzie was devastated and disappointed at their failed expedition, but as I said at the beginning, he is known as a hero. After returning from his first trip, Mackenzie and his men immediately began planning for a second journey to find the Pacific. In 1793 he was finally able to do so. That year, he was able to accomplish his goal and travel from Fort Chipewyan to the Pacific ocean, making him the first European to cross North America north of Mexico. A feat that not only would beat Lewis and Clark by 11 years, but actually inspire Lewis and Clark to first make their own journey. Disappointments are part of life, they are something we cannot avoid, but they are something that we can grow from and see God's love in the midst of. "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (**James 1:2-4**)

Andrew Spivey

### THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for the flowers, cards and prayers during our time of sorrow. **Ray & Gayle Key**

## COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Mark 15:1-20; Matthew 27:3-10  
Wednesday Read – John 19:23-24;  
Matthew 27:32-66

### BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of **Mark 14:32-52 & John 18:12-14; Matthew 26:57-75.**

1. Which three disciples did Jesus take with Him when He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane?
2. How many times did Jesus return to the disciples and what were they doing?
3. How did Judas let the crowd know who he was betraying?
4. What did the false witnesses say about Jesus and the temple?
5. What was Peter's reaction when people asked him about being a follower of Jesus?

### SENIOR GROUP

Senior Group will meet again on **Thursday, October 7th**. We will skip September's meeting and try to go every other month for now. More details will be available soon.

### An "Ah Ha!" Moment

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Most votes were the following:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids;
2. Taj Mahal;
3. Grand Canyon;
4. Panama Canal;
5. Empire State Building;
6. St. Peter's Basilica;
- and 7. China's Great Wall.

The teacher had noticed one girl still not done with her list. The teacher asked "Are you having trouble with your list?" The girl said, "Yes, I cannot make up my mind, but to me the Seven Wonders of the World are: 1. To see; 2. To hear; 3. To touch; 4 To taste; 5 To feel; 6 To laugh; and 7. To love." The whole class got so quiet you could hear a pin drop.

A gentle reminder: The most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

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## ORDER OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

September 12, 2021

9:00 AM

### BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby  
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Jerry Watson  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....Matt Ellis  
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith  
 Ushers.....D. Fitts/C. Suddarth

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Lee Boone  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....Tim Cummins  
 Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler

### WEDNESDAY

September 15, 2021

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans  
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
 Closing Prayer.....Adam Williamson  
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

### SICK LIST

**Tammy Johnson** in hospital with septic shock. **Paul Young** has covid. **Bob & Wanda Gregory** are both having health issues. **Vicky Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato is now in Centennial, has improved some. **Jerry Young**, father of Paul Young is in hospital with covid and not doing well. **Art Vernon**, nephew of JoAnn Williamson, covid with pneumonia. **Randy Hawkins**, brother of Julie Cummins is on a ventilator. **Laura Irwin** sister of Julie Cummins is doing some better. **Ben & Lou Mayberry**, Ben is at NHC with covid and Lou has covid at home also their daughter **Louanne Kemper** has covid. **Ann Beska**, neighbor of Mattie Carter & Betty Buttrey, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Ron Kloes** step son of Sue Kloes, stage 4 lung cancer. **Allen Plunk**, cousin of Donna Jennings, colon cancer that has spread to his liver. **Ronnie Love**, cousin of Pam Newby, bone cancer. **Donny Pedigo**, friend of Tim Cummins, stage 4 cancer. **Jerry Ladd, Sr.** CLL Leukemia. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, continues cancer treatments. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



### PRAYER LIST

**Demar Elam; Ricky Cantrell; Linda Wesbrooks; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles**, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 100; **Jim Sweeney; J.H & Frances Catron; Melba Hill; William Dunn; Presley Fitts; Jean Deaton; Ben Mayberry**, brother-in-law to Frances, Bernice, Jean, Kenneth & Mary Ann; **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Will Flowers**, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Pam Flory**, friend of Sherry Sever; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

### SHUT-INS

**Ilene Kinney; Marilee Frederick**, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Cathy Henderson; Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	73
Morning Worship.....	83
Sunday Evening.....	67
Wednesday Evening.....	67
Contributions.....	\$8,235.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,949.69

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