

Newsletter

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From Bobbie's Desk...

God-Sized Dreams

I don't know why, but I always leave this part til last. Usually, it's because I don't know what I'm going to write about. These days I feel like I'm in constant need of encouragement to keep going and I don't want to live my life like that. I want my life to have purpose and meaning. And, to be honest, right now I don't feel like I do.

According to www.biblestudytools.com, the "verbal root of the Hebrew word, *yaas*, for purpose means to give counsel, deliberate, purpose, or determine." Right now I don't feel like I have that. The definition for meaning, according to www.collinsdictionary.com, is "what is meant; what is intended to be, or in fact is, signified, indicated, referred to, or understood; signification, purport, import, sense, or significance."

I don't believe for one minute we are just on this earth to pass time. I believe we are here for a specific purpose and we should live our lives as such. Coming from a background of having a severe physical disability (I've had two back surgeries), I have strived to feel purpose and meaning because my disability says, "you can't do what everyone else can. You can't do what you really want to do." And even though, I can't have another surgery to fix what the first one couldn't fix, I have always tried to rise above that stigma. Grant it, it's only been in the last 4 years that I have realized mentally and emotionally of what all I can really do. I thought I was destined for second best. Now, I know differently. Still, physically, I have my limitations, but I know I can do what I've dreamed of doing - because I did it.

Do you feel the same way? Is there something in your life that makes you feel you can't do the impossible? First, pray and seek the Lord about how to achieve it - because you know God wants you to have His very best. God doesn't give us dreams and goals, without the know how and ways to achieve those dreams and goals. Our God destined us for great things.



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Don't allow a disability, finances, trauma - whatever - it might be to make you feel inferior to the mighty things of God. Second, I would encourage you to educate yourself in whatever it is you feel is impossible to obtain.

One of my favorite verses in the Bible is Matthew 19:26 - **But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."** And, of course, one of the verses I still cling to to this day, is Philippians 4:13 - **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.** There's nothing we can't do that God isn't right there to help us overcome and achieve.

I also want to give you another encouragement as you pursue this God-sized dream: seek Godly counsel for wisdom and prayer. We must never attempt to walk into anything without seeking the Lord, first and foremost. Seeking wise and Godly counsel will help us to take the right steps at the right time. Then, when the time is right - and you'll know - step out in faith. Step out into what God has for you.

I don't know what the future is for me at this moment. But, I know God has it under control. I also know when the time is right, He'll have me step into the next assignment He has for me. Until then, I'm just going to continue to serve Him and do my best to reach others for Christ. Only God knows when that time comes. But, I do know He has another God-sized dream for me. I just need to be patient and wait on Him.

But, if you have a God-sized dream, reach for it. Go after it. Allow God to use you in ways you've only dreamed of. Seek His face, educate yourself, seek Godly counsel and just go for it. You won't know what's out there until you do. Don't let doors close that God will and already has open for you. You can do this. May God bless you as you start this journey. 😊

IF YOU'VE NEVER HAD A GOD-SIZED DREAM THAT
SCARED YOU HALF TO DEATH, THEN YOU HAVEN'T
REALLY COME TO LIFE. IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN
OVERWHELMED BY THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF YOUR PLANS,
THEN YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL. IF YOUR VISION ISN'T
PERPLEXINGLY IMPOSSIBLE, THEN YOU NEED TO
EXPAND THE RADIUS OF YOUR PRAYER CIRCLES.

- MARK BATTERSON -

Pastor's Thoughts

God wants nothing placed before Him. In Judges 6:25 "That night YHWH said to [Gideon], 'Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it and build an altar to YHWH your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down.' So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as YHWH had told him."

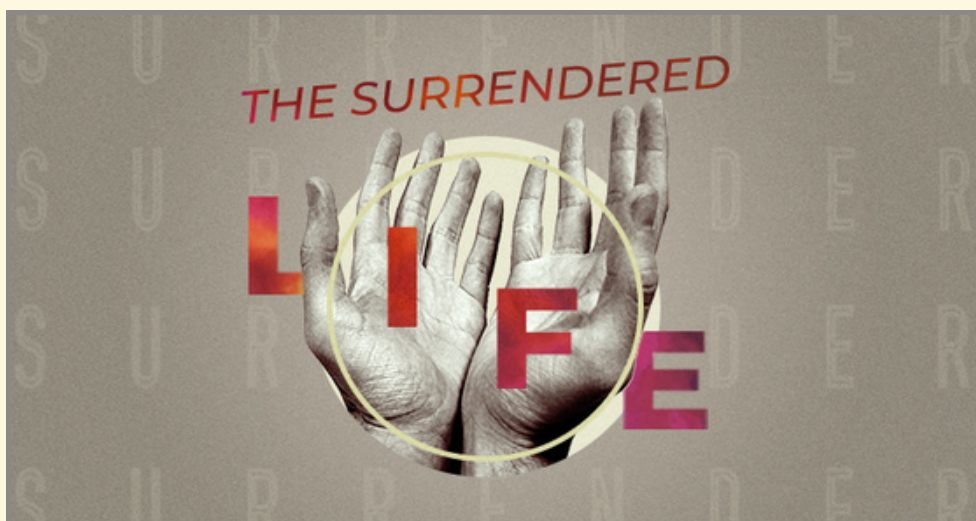
The people of Israel were doing evil in God's eyes by having idols such as the Asherah - a Canaanite goddess of fortune and happiness, the consort of Baal. They were looking for other means besides God. Breaking the first commandment to have no other gods before YHWH.

An idol is anything that distracts you from God. In this case there were actual altars and statues in place. But in our culture, idols take on more abstract forms like money, fame (likes, follows, influencers, etc.), authority, appearance, lust, relationships, technology, materialism, individuals, family, achievement, future, hobbies, and even our own comfort.

Warning: the shift into idolatry is subtle. The weight is added slowly, crushing us under its force in imperceptible amounts. Idolatry can be like a frog heated in cool water until it boils and dies. The frog will not notice the steadily increasing temperature. So it is hard for us to notice the subtle changes around us, like it is hard to recognize our own bad breath.

God commands Gideon to cut down the idols and burn them before YHWH. Gideon is acting on behalf of God to do the thing that the other Israelites cannot do for themselves. It takes the bravery of one obedient servant of YHWH to undo the mess that the Israelites got themselves into. So for us as well, we must be on guard for the gradual intrusion of idolatry into our churches. Then we must be humble, brave and obedient to God in their removal.

- Pastor Shawn



Ministry Updates

Family Meal Ministry



Theme: finger foods
and desserts.



Kid's Ministry



FAMILY NIGHT

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

AUGUST 14, 2024

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ★ DINNER
- ★ GAMES
- ★ SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY

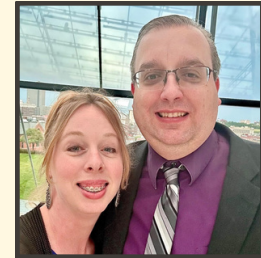
Come wearing your clothes backwards - it's backwards night!

TIME
6:30 P.M.

WHERE
2401 S. HIGH ST.
KIRKSVILLE MO 63501

Dates to Remember

Sunday, August 4, 2024: Michael Holman Speaking



Sunday, August 11, 2024: BGMC Sunday

Wednesday, August 14, 2024: Back to School Bash
6:30 p.m.



Thursday, August 22, 2024: Office Closed.

Birthdays

- Navarone Ellis 8/9
- Kennedy Meintz 8/9
- Chayton Jones 8/11
- Howard Sherman 8/17
- Tiffany Haley 8/19
- Jayne Sherman 8/24

Missionary Birthdays

- Santiago Guerrero 8/3
- Elaine Damron 8/7
- Antonio Panzetta 8/11
- Gay Davis 8/13
- Thelma Guerrero 8/17

Anniversaries

- Gerald & Lois Helton 8/4
- Tom & Mary Farwell 8/9
- Chuck & Roberta Ragland 8/15
- John & Bonnie Tuttle 8/15

Missionary Anniversaries

- Johnny & Heidi Wade 8/9
- Paul & Kristi Robinson 8/14
- David & Elaine Damron 8/17
- John & Gay Davis 8/18



2024

August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Santiago Guerrero
4 Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Groups 6:00 p.m.	5 Beyond Borders 5:30 p.m. College/Career 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Family Night 6:30 p.m.	8	9 Navarone Ellis Kennedy Meintz Tom & Mary Farwell Johnny & Heidi Wade	10
11 Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Prayer Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	12 College/Career 7:00 p.m.	13 CAPNEMO Donation Drive 11 a.m. Gay Davis	14 Back to School Bash 6:30 p.m. Paul & Kristi Robinson	15 Chuck & Roberta Ragland John & Bonnie Tuttle	16	17 Thelma Guerrero Howard Sherman David & Elaine Damron
18 Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Groups 6:00 p.m.	19 College/Career 7:00 p.m. Tiffany Haley	20	21	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23	24 Jayne Sherman
25 Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m.	26 College/Career 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31

Gerald & Lois Helton

Chayton Jones
Antonio Panzetta

John & Gay Davis