



Nuggets of Treasure



February 2024

Love

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February the world celebrates Valentine's Day by attempting to let those they love know by their gifts, cards, and words of love. Jesus indicates to us how we need to love in Matthew Chapter Five which is different than the world's way. Love is something we live daily.

Matthew 5:43-48 (NKJV) "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore, you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Usually, when we think of neighbors, we only think about

people who belong to our family, or group of friends Jesus is saying our neighbors are all people. We are to love everyone just as God extends His love to all. We need to actively seek the well-being of others, regardless of the harm they seek to inflict.

Matthew Chapter Five instructs us to love, bless, do good, and pray even to those who do not treat us kindly. We are to respond to all people in love, not retaliation. When we love in this manner, we show that Jesus is truly the Lord of our lives as we reflect His character.

It is easier to love those who love us in return, that comes naturally. As a follower of Jesus, we live by a different standard than the world. We are to be different than the world. It might seem impossible but by the grace (God's enabling ability) of the Holy Spirit, we walk in love and pray for those who do not treat us kindly or desire to harm us.

Do we love without limit? If our standards are no different than the world how can we

impact the world? Romans 12:14 (NKJV) "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse." I Peter 3:9 (AMP) "Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary blessing [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For know that to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God—that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection]." The greatest challenge to loving others is when we feel like we were wronged.

What is happening in our world today? Conflicts are caused when one group wrongs another and then they dedicate the rest of their existence to repaying that wrong. The real test of our love when we are wronged is to demonstrate compassion. It is for our own best interest or sake to love others, so if you do not love for the other person's sake, then do it for yourself. One aspect of sin is the refusal to love others. An example of love that Jesus gives is that of the good Samaritan

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Upcoming Events 2023

February 14 Valentine's Day



February 19 President's Day

March 17 St. Patrick's Day



March 24 Palm Sunday



March 29 Good Friday



March 31 Easter



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"God says, "Do not plan with that which is in your pocket, but with that which is in my pocket."
—Reinhard Bonnke

"Agreement is not a prerequisite needed in order to show kindness and respect."
—Unknown

"What is outside your comfort zone today maybe at the very centre of your comfort zone tomorrow. This is because once you open become used to the scariness of your new place, being outside your comfort zone begins to seem like home. Before long, you may have to move yet again and go to the unknown, like Abraham went out but did not know where he was going."
—R. T. Kendall

"proof that our relationship is right with God is that we do our best whether we feel inspired or not."
—Oswald Chambers

"It's not our job to fix people. It's our job to love them while they are broken."
—Dave Willis

"God is defending you in battles you don't even know about."
—Toby Mac

Birthday Blessings

2/3 Matt Dibben
2/28 Octavia McDonald



Happy Anniversary

2/22 Pastors Royce & Carol

Happy Anniversary



Our Helping Hands Show A Loving Heart

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

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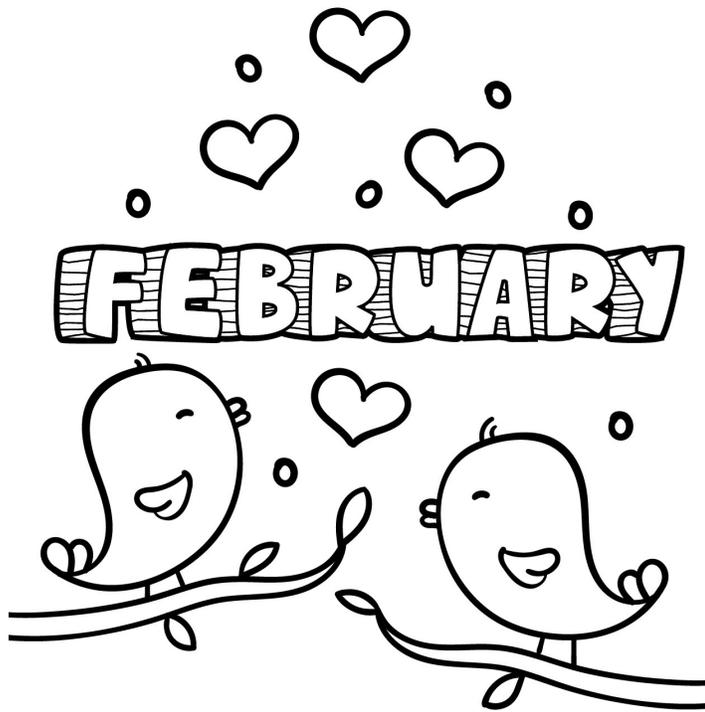


Oasis Food Center Update

January 2024 (as of 1/25/24)
Families: 1,142
New Families: 57
Total People: 4,439

Year to Date 2024 (as of 1/25/24)
Families: 1,142
New Families: 57
Total People: 4,439

Year to Date 2023
Families: 15,676
New Families: 855
Total People: 60,772



Valentine's Day Word Search

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- candy
- cards
- chocolate
- cupid
- February
- fourteenth
- friends
- heart
- hug

- kiss
- love
- pink
- red
- St Valentine
- sweet
- true love
- valentines

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Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning
10:30 am





RECIPE CORNER

White Chocolate- Strawberry Snack Mix

Ingredients

- One 1.2-ounce bag freeze-dried strawberries (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 5 cups crisp rice cereal squares, such as Rice Chex
- 4 cups honey whole-grain oat cereal, such as Honey Nut Cheerios
- Three 4-ounce bars white chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup pink candy-coated chocolates, such as pink M&M's
- 1/4 cup red and white sprinkles, such as Jumbo Hearts and sprinkles



Directions

Pulse the freeze-dried strawberries in a food processor until very finely ground and powdered in texture. Alternatively, place in a resealable bag and crush with your hands or a rolling pin until very finely and evenly ground and powdered in texture. Transfer to a small bowl and whisk in the confectioners' sugar until combined. Set aside.

Pour the crisp rice cereal squares and honey whole-grain oat cereal into a large bowl. Put the chopped white chocolate in a medium microwave safe bowl. Microwave at 50% power in 15-second intervals, stirring occasionally, until just melted and smooth, about 1 minute. Pour the melted chocolate over the cereal mixture, then gently toss with a rubber spatula until evenly coated. Pour the strawberry-sugar mixture over the chocolate-coated cereal, then toss again until every piece is nicely coated and pink. Stir in the candy-coated chocolate and sprinkles. Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

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doing good to the injured man on the road that the others ignored. Romans, states love does no harm. It does not injure, hurt, destroy, or damage others.

An example of what love can do. "Have you ever seen a tailor place a piece of absorbent paper over a spot of grease and press down on it with a hot iron? Why does he do it? The heat melts the grease, and the paper absorbs it. Real love absorbs the spots in the lives of others, making them feel the warmth of our own hearts for them." Jesus tells His followers that others will know that they are His followers by the love they show.

We need to look at the word perfect considering what Jesus has been saying in these verses. It does not mean flawless. Perfect refers to maturity. It means to love those who hate us, pray for those who persecute us, and do good to those who do not like us. It means to be a blessing to all of those around us by the enabling of the Holy Spirit. It means we rely on the Lord God to empower us. We as believers need to walk in love towards all people.



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Sometimes things seem bleak, or we feel like we are in the darkest time of our lives. There are times when nothing seems to be working. Perhaps it appears that all odds are against us. Maybe people in your life for years are suddenly no longer a part of your life. We might feel as if pressure is mounting in our lives. Conceivably we do not seem to have any answers for anything and wonder why me. What do you do in times like these? We do not lose hope and there is something we can do as believers, it is the answer in life, and we must trust the Lord.

Trusting the Lord means we have confidence in Him. We lean and rely on Him. We trust that He is all-powerful and all-knowing, and He is always with us by His Spirit. The Lord God is always the answer to everything we face. So by the Holy Spirit, we can have guidance and instruction and He will lead us. The Holy Spirit will give us strength and grace (God's enabling ability). The Holy Spirit is our comforter and helper. We need to depend on Him in all aspects of our life.

In every aspect of our lives, it comes down to trusting the Lord. Psalm 118:8 (KJV) "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Psalm 20:7 (AMP) "Some trust in and boast of chariots and some of horses, but we will trust in and boast of the name of the Lord our God." It is saying some trust in their natural abilities or arm of the flesh (intellect) but we need to

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trust in God. The verse states in the name of the Lord our God. God's name is His nature and character. The things of the world will not see us through, but the Lord will see us through.

Instead of focusing on the bleakness of situations we need to focus on the Lord. How can we focus on Him? We can begin to pray and praise Him. What comes to mind is Paul and Silas in the midnight hour (darkest time) in prison. What were they doing? Praying and praising God. They were not bemoaning their situation. Not complaining about why me God. As they prayed and praised God moved suddenly on their behalf.

The Word of God states all things are possible to those who believe. We could say all things are possible to them that trust the Lord. Trusting in God is believing He can and will work. We need to remind ourselves that nothing is too hard or difficult for the Lord. His arm is never too short. What is impossible with men is possible with God. God will never fail us.

We have numerous promises in the Word of God to see us through. Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Satan desires to discourage us from coming to the Lord. We can come with confidence anytime. It says we can find help in times of need. The Amplified

Bible says well-timed help. He will not ignore us. God provides help in our time of need. It does not matter what it is. We need to realize that we need God every minute, every hour, and every day.

I Corinthians 10:13 (AMP) "For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you and laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted and tried and assayed beyond your ability and strength of resistance and power to endure, but with the temptation He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place), that you may be capable and strong and powerful to bear up under it patiently." Sometimes we think our situations are unique or special, but they are not. The promise here is that God can be trusted to provide the way out. We need to trust Him and stand on the Word. We stand on the Word by doing it.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	2	3
4 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	5	6	7 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	8 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	9	10
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