



# Nuggets of Treasure



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## Refinement

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James 4:12 (AMP) “Beloved, do not be amazed and bewildered at the fiery ordeal which is taking place to test your quality, as though something strange (unusual and alien to you and your position) were befalling you. The Message states it this way “Friends, when life gets really difficult, don’t jump to the conclusion that God isn’t on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.” James 1:2-4 (AMP) “Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations. 3 Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience. 4 But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.” The Message states, “Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So, don’t try to

get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work, so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.”

Difficult times or trials are a part of life. Often as we go through times that are difficult and it may seem discouraging, but this is the time we need to seek the Lord even more, not draw away. Too often we try to live in self-sufficiency instead of getting nearer to the Lord. In difficult times, we often become frustrated, discouraged or even confused. Too often, when we are in difficult times, we complain instead of allowing the Spirit to work in us. In difficult times, we might wonder if the Lord God is really working. Our focus is on the difficulties not on the Lord God. We are not trusting Him, but instead fretting and relying on self. We have no rest. We do not believe the Lord’s way will work or allow Him to guide us in His ways, principles and standards.

Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to refine us during difficulties and burdens? When we refine something, we purify it. In refinement we get rid of impurities. In refinement,

something is made better, improved, or enhanced. The Holy Spirit is continually working in our lives, so that our character aligns to the Word of God and we become more Christ-like. This involves our thoughts, attitudes, behavior and speech. In refinement, the Lord wants to purify our motives, remove hinderance since as sin and offences. Proverbs 17:3 (AMP) “The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tries the hearts.” The Lord assays our hearts. Psalms 66:10 (AMP) “For You, O God, have proved us; You have tried us as silver is tried, refined, and purified.”

Isaiah 48:10 (AMP) “Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried and chosen you in the furnace of affliction.” The refining is not to destroy us but for purification and for us to have faith in the Lord all the time. When we are in difficulties, we are in a time of refinement. The Lord knows exactly what is happening in our lives. In the difficult times, the Holy Spirit is working in us to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit. Just as we need to teach our children as they grow up, so the we are in the Lord’s education system and He is in the process of teaching us. He de-

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### Upcoming Events 2019

October 6 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 14 Columbus Day

October 19 Harvest Party

November 3 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends



November 11 Veteran's Day

November 28 Thanksgiving

#### Help, Help

We have remodeling, maintenance and cleaning at the church and food center on a regular basis. If you like to serve God in this way, please contact Pastor Royce.

### Church Offices

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

Ministry Office is at the church by appointment only:  
13th & Fillmore, Caldwell, ID  
Phone 208-459-6000  
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"Bravery is trusting God is who He says He is, and will do what He says He will do, even when you don't understand."—Christine Caine

"Men try to fix problems with duct tape. God did it with nails."—Author Unknown

"We are not just to be open to the Holy Spirit, but we are to passionately pursue Him."—James Goll

"Truth-seekers get noticed by God"—Jesse Duplantis

"Many times God will send us what we need in a package, We do not want."—John Bevere

"Stop worrying about what people think so much, most of them change their mind by tomorrow anyway."—Paula White-Cain

"Our problems never indicate that God is not good. He is good all the time and that will never change. A simple truth to remember is this: God is good, and the devil is bad!"—Joyce Meyer

"The process he is taking you through has a purpose. Trust God, even when it does not make sense."—Toby Mac

### Birthday Blessings

10/31 Christy Schlegel



### Happy Anniversary

10/4 David & Katie Church



### 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, driving etc.

#### VOLUNTEER



### Oasis Food Center Update

September 2019 (as of 9/25/19)  
Lunches: 395  
Families: 1,059  
New Families: 65  
Total People: 3,804

Year to Date 2019 (as of 9/25/19)  
Lunches: 4,422  
Families: 12,127  
New Families: 872  
Total People: 43,147

Year to Date 2018  
Lunches: 5,167  
Families: 16,828  
New Families: 1,497  
Total People: 61,637

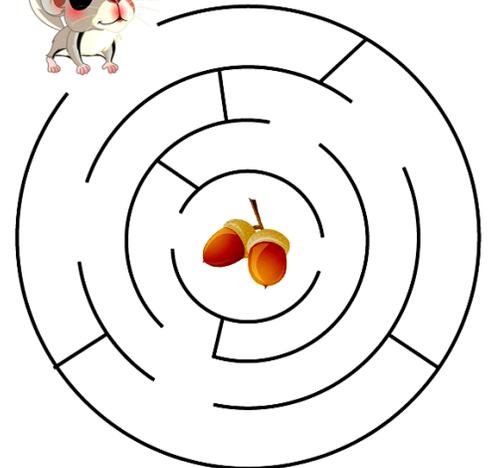


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## Fall Word Search

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Bring Your Friends and Join  
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning  
10:30 am

FALL	HAYRIDE	SCARECROW
AUTUMN	CHILLY	SEPTEMBER
LEAVES	RAKE	OCTOBER
PUMPKIN	FOOTBALL	CIDER
APPLE	SQUIRREL	YELLOW
ACORN	ORANGE	BROWN
SUNFLOWER		RED



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## Recipe Corner

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sires for us to trust Him and have total dependence on Him. In allowing the refinement, we will find rest. I Peter 1:6-7 (AMP) “[You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations, So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.” Difficulties and trials do not produced faith. When we are in difficult times it shows us how much faith we have in God and the enduring quality of our faith. Difficult times shows us who we are, how Christ-like and if we are walking by the Holy Spirit and His fruit is evident in our lives.

### Pumpkin Gooey Butter Cake

#### Ingredients:

##### Crust:

- Nonstick cooking spray, for the pan
- One 15.25-ounce box spice cake mix
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, melted and cooled



##### Filling:

- One 8-ounce package cream cheese, at room temperature
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- One 15-ounce can pumpkin puree
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 3 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- Sweetened whipped cream, for serving

#### Directions:

For the crust: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 13-by-9-inch glass baking dish with cooking spray. Combine the cake mix, eggs and vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Beat on medium speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Add the butter and mix just until combined. Spread the mixture evenly in the prepared baking dish.

For the filling: Beat the cream cheese in a clean mixer bowl with the paddle until light and smooth, scraping the sides occasionally, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the eggs, pumpkin pie spice and vanilla and beat until smooth. Add the pumpkin and butter and beat until smooth. Add the confectioners' sugar and beat on low speed to incorporate, and then beat on medium until light and smooth, about 1 minute. Pour over the cake layer and smooth the top with a spatula.

Bake until the edges are puffed and golden brown and the center is just set, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool. Cut into squares and serve topped with whipped cream.



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It is vital as believers to hear the voice of the Spirit and be instantly obedient. We need to be ever conscious of His presence and His voice. The Holy Spirit will warn of things in the present and of things to come. We should not ignore or shrug off His promptings because it could be a matter of life and death in all areas of our life. His voice and promptings are our guidance system in our daily affairs, both spiritually and in the natural. We should never judge His promptings by our own understanding or by the world's standards and ways. If we try to mix His voice with our own understanding or with what the world is indicating is the right thing, we will be confused vacillating between what we desire and what the Spirit desires for us. We will find ourselves in turmoil or trouble.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always, part of His role in our life, is to guide us. It is extremely difficult to follow His guidance when we do not recognize when He is speaking to us. We probably all desire to be sure we are hearing His voice and not our own, but we often question it. At other times, we think we are hearing His voice when, we are listening to the voice of others or our own desires and understanding which drown out the voice of the Holy Spirit. There are many distractions in our life which inundate us and amplify

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their voice, so we do not hear the Holy Spirit.

To hear the voice of the Spirit we must make time to be in His presence and allow Him to talk to us; as we quiet ourselves before Him. Too often we want a dramatic manifestation. Elijah in I King 19-12-13 is spoken to by a "still small voice." Remember this "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." The Lord met Elijah in the quiet voice instead of something earth-shaking. Sometimes we are so busy with our life, we do not get quiet enough to hear the still, small voice. It is listening not telling the Lord what we need in prayer. We should not say, "I need answer about this situation" and then expect Him to answer. Too often we get impatient and make up an answer ourselves and decide that it's the Lord's answer. Based on our own understanding we head out in a direction or assume and then question why things are not going well.

We need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us be sensitive to His voice. He often guides in small things to see if we will listen and obey. Every day in life we encounter situations where we need to know what to do. It is vital we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and let Him direct our steps. We need to always be open to hear. We must learn to

take His path for us. Whether it is a small change or something major we need to listen closely. We need to have an open heart and mind and He will direct our steps, as we wait in His presence.

As we begin to listen to His voice and obey, each time His voice we be clearer. As we spend time with Him. Proverbs 3 tells us to acknowledge Him in all our ways and He will direct our paths. Hearing the Holy Spirit throughout the day should become a natural way of life. We cannot be only willing to hear what we want to hear; in children, we call that "selective hearing." If we have selective hearing, we might not be able to hear the Spirit. Hearing His voice and being obedient there will always be peace. Colossians 3:15a (KJV) "Let the peace of God rule in your heart..." Peace is the measurement in knowing we have heard the voice of the Spirit and His direction for us, God's will. Amplified states let peace act as umpire. An umpire in a ballgame governs the game. Peace should govern our hearts. In peace, we will know we are hearing the voice the Spirit and following His guidance.





# OCTOBER 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Feed the Needy 11:30- 2:30 pm  7pm Bible Study	3  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	4	5
6 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	7	8	9  Feed the Needy 11:30- 2:30 pm  7pm Bible Study	10  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	11	12
13  10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	14	15	16  Feed the Needy 11:30- 2:30 pm  7pm Bible Study	17  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	18	19  Harvest Party
20  10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	21	22	23  Feed the Needy 11:30- 2:30 pm  7pm Bible Study	24  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	25	26
27  10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	28	29	30  Feed the Needy 11:30- 2:30 pm  7pm Bible Study	31  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm		