



Crossway
Multinational
Church

We will begin around 10AM
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Hebrews 1:1-2

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Our greeting time will begin shortly,
thank you for coming early!

July 26, 2020
heir = future owner

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Welcome to Crossway Multinational Church!

We **strive** to be a **church** that is **for, of and by** the peoples of many nations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Sign up for church e-mails tiny.cc/cmccontact		
July 26	27	28	29	30	31	1
August 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Zoom Breakout rooms after the service						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sign up for in-person participation in worship services Watch for email with the link early in the week						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”

- Feel free to use the chat function to greet others too

Waving poll: Give a big wave if ...

- You have discovered a new author you appreciate since the pandemic started
- You have found a new blogger or YouTube or other social media channel to follow
- You have had to take a break from social media
- You are feeling disconnected from people
- You long to meet with God today

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My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
懇求恩主慈愛父神，助我到處宣揚，
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of Your name.
將主聖名奇妙救恩，傳遍地極四方。

gracious = forgiving and helping

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

讚美主奇妙救贖

(Chinese)

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
但願萬民都來歌唱，讚美救主聖名，
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!
讚美上主君王榮耀，頌揚主恩豐盈。

grace = forgiveness and new life

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Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
耶穌聖名能除驚惶，慰我心中憂傷，
'tis music in the sinner's ears
'tis life and health and peace.
好像妙樂進入耳中，使我平安健康。

charms = controls, calms

bids = commands

'tis = It is

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He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
 He sets the prisoner free;
 他已消滅罪惡權勢，解脫罪人捆鎖，
 His blood can make the foulest clean,
 His blood availed for me.
 惟主寶血能除罪蹟，也洗淨我罪過。

cancelled = forgiven
foulest = most wicked or immoral
availed = helped or benefited

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He speaks, and listening to His voice,
 New life the dead receive;
 The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
 the humble poor believe.

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コロサイ人への手紙 1:15-20 *Colossians 1:15-20
 Japanese
 御子は、見えない神のかたちであり、造られたすべてのものより先に生まれた方です。

The Son is the image of the invisible God,
 the firstborn over all creation.

image = visible expression

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For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

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御子は、万物よりも先に存在し、万物は御子にあって成り立っています。

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

13

また、御子はそのからだである教会のかしらです。御子は初めであり、死者の中から最初に生まれた方です。こうして、ご自身がすべてのことにおいて、第一のものとなられたのです。

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

head = highest authority
supremacy = greatness, authority

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なぜなら、神はみこころによって、満ち満ちた神の本質を御子のうちに宿らせ、

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

dwell = live

15

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reconcile = bring peace with God
blood shed = to die

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(Japanese)

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Te Alabaré Mi Buen Jesús

Spanish

Eres Tú la única razón

You're the only reason

de mi adoración ¡Oh Jesús!

for my worship, Oh Jesus!

Eres Tú la esperanza que

You are the hope that

anhelé tener ¡Oh Jesús!

I desire to have, Oh Jesus!

Confié en Ti me has ayudado,

I'll trust in you, you've always helped me

Tu salvación me has regalado;

You have given me salvation

Hoy hay gozo en mi corazón,

There is joy in my heart today

con mi canto te alabaré.

With this song I praise you!

salvation = forgiveness, life after death

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Te alabaré, te glorificaré;
I will worship You, I will glorify You
 Te alabaré mi buen Jesús.
I will worship You, my Lord Jesus
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En todo tiempo Te alabaré
In every moment, I'll give You praise
 En todo tiempo Te adoraré
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The Love of God Revealed in Christ

The love of God revealed in Christ,
 the wonder of His sacrifice,
 our King was raised upon the cross.
 What a Savior! What a cost!
 What a Savior! What a cost!

revealed = demonstrated
raised upon the cross = crucified

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The perfect Lamb who sanctifies,
 our sin was nailed with Him to die.
 The old has gone, the new has come.
 It is finished! Christ has won!
 It is finished! Christ has won!

the perfect Lamb = Jesus Christ
 sanctifies = purifies, makes holy
 nailed with Him = taken away (we are forgiven in Him)
 old = sin and shame
 new = goodness and honor

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Death defeated,
 You have conquered,
 Your great name we praise.
Crowned in glory,
Crowned in honor,
Risen from the grave.

Death defeated = we can live again after death
 conquered = ended the power of sin
 Crowned = given praise
 Risen from the grave = came to life after death

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The grave is empty, Christ is risen,
 our hope confirmed, salvation given.
 The day will come when all will see,
 Christ the Lord has set us free!
 Christ the Lord has set us free!

risen = alive again after death
 salvation given = we have life forever with God

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Chukwu na agwo'm oria le *The God who heals my diseases*
 When You heal, You heal completely
 Nara ekele mo *Oh, accept my praise*
 Chukwu mara obi mo *The God who knows my heart*
 Isi ikendu le *The giver of life*
 Nara ekele mo *Oh, accept my praise*

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Igbo
Nara
from southeastern Nigeria
 You've done so much for me
 I cannot tell it all
 Nara ekele mo *Oh, accept my praise*
 If I had ten thousand tongues
 It still wouldn't be enough
 Nara ekele mo *Oh, accept my praise*

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What shall I render to Jehovah?
 For He has done so very much for me
 What shall I render to Jehovah?
 For He has done so very much for me

render = give as a gift
Jehovah = God

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Nara, Nara eh *Accept, oh, accept*
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5 times

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 Nara ekele mo *Oh, accept my praise*
4 times

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Prayer of Confession

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Colossians 1:15-17

firstborn = position of highest honor

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Words of Assurance

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

Colossians 1:21-23a

reconciled = restored to favor
blemish = spot of imperfection

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Christ is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame; but fix our eyes upon the cross, and run to Him who showed great love and bled for us, freely You've bled for us.

fix our eyes = gaze steadily at
bled = died

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Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling over death by death.
Come awake, come awake,
 come and rise up from the grave.
 Christ is risen from the dead,
 we are one with Him again.
 Come awake, come awake,
 come and rise up from the grave.

trampling = crush, end its power
by death = through Jesus' death on the cross
Come awake = live new life through Jesus

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Beneath the weight of all our sin,
 You bowed to none but heaven's will;
 no scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
 no burden great can hold You down.
 In strength You reign;
 forever let Your church proclaim.

bowed to none but heaven's will = obeyed God only
scheme of hell = Satan's plan to kill Jesus
scoffer's crown = thorns used to mock Jesus

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O Death, where is your sting?
 O Hell, where is your victory?
 O Church, come stand in the light;
 the glory of God has defeated the night.
 Singing...

Death's sting = Death does not end our hope
Hell's victory = God rescues people so they are not sent to Hell
stand in the light = live in the victory of Jesus

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 Singing...
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Crossway Financial Update and Prayer

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CMC 6 months Financial Statement ending June 30, 2020

	6/30/2020	%	6/30/2019 Actual	%	Projected 12/31/20	2020 Budget	%	Variance	2019 Actual	
Revenue										
Contributions	47,169		73,037		100,000	140,000		40,000	125,132	
COVID-19 Donations	11,640				11,640			(11,640)		
Paycheck Protection Program					18,600			(18,600)		
Interest Income	1,100		0		1,700	2,000		300	885	
Total Revenues	59,909		73,037		131,940	142,000		10,060	126,017	
Compensation Expenses										
Total Compensation Exp.	47,710	80%	30,234	41%	95,466	72%	95,893	68%	427	79,116
Internal Ministry Expenses										
Total Internal Ministry Exp.	1,288	2%	3,902	5%	3,400	3%	16,800	12%	13,400	11,410
External Ministry Expenses										
Total External Ministry Exp.	2,188	4%	2,400	3%	32,185	24%	22,395	16%	(9,790)	17,236

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CMC 6 months Financial Statement ending June 30, 2020

	6/30/2020	%	6/30/2019 Actual	%	Projected 12/31/20	2020 Budget	%	Variance	2019 Actual	
Administration Expenses										
Total Administration Exp.	4,363	7%	941		11,050	12,620	9%	1,570	5,087	
Total Facilities Expenses	2,500	4%	6,706	9%	10,000	8%	15,000	11%	5,000	13,662
Total Expenses	58,050		44,184		152,101	162,708		10,608	126,512	
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,859	3%	28,853	40%	(20,161)	-15%	(20,708)	-15%	(548)	(495)
Cash Balance	142,642									
PPP Loan	(18,600)									
Cash Balance: End of Period	124,042					111,531			132,240	

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Key Points from Financial Update

- Revenue (offerings plus) anticipated to be \$10,000 short of budgeted giving
 - Paycheck Protection Program: grant: \$18,600
 - Special COVID offering: \$11,640
- Some spending is reduced because of ‘stay at home’
- We had planned for some shortfall because of transition to having a full time pastor

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Prayer

- Thanks to God for faithful and generous giving
- Praying for...
 - continued generous giving
 - wise and generous use of the money
 - God's work through how the money is spent

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Powerless or Powerful

The same thing can seem **powerless** or **POWERFUL**

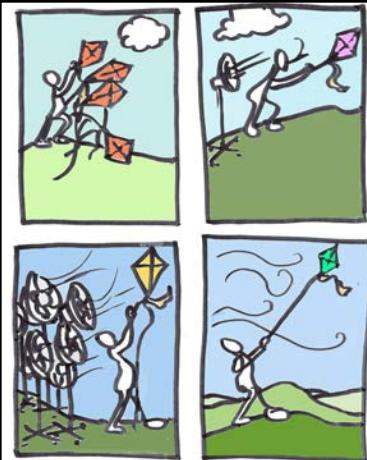
- What are some examples?
- What makes the difference?

What is your sense of our relationship with God?

God's intention for all His children: "**bearing fruit** in every good work, **growing** in the knowledge of God, being **strengthened with all power** according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and **giving joyful thanks** to the Father" *Colossians 1:10-12*

What is the source of this fruit, power, and joyful thanks?

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When the wind blows...
Luke 3:21-38

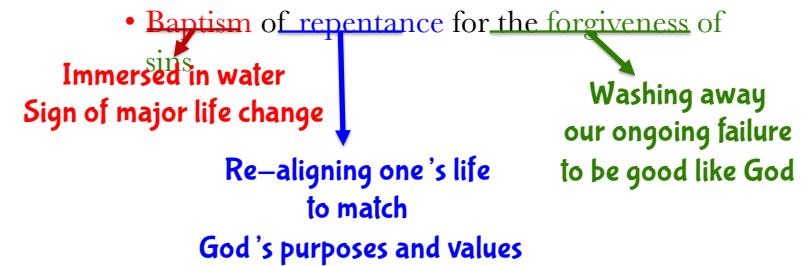
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Luke 3

John the Baptist

- His mission: Prepare people for Jesus



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21-22:		
23-38:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus joined the baptism of repentance, even though He had no need to repent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He fully identified with the people He came to save • He prayed as humans must pray → to talk with God • Heaven was opened: God's power & presence • God the Spirit empowered Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Came to empower and guide Him • Jesus did not claim & use His rightful power directly • God the Father declared His approval of Jesus • We get to see the Trinity active in relationship • Jesus is a model for His disciples then and now 	

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	<i>Promises to...</i>
	<p>#1 Adam: God will crush the evil one God's word to the enemy of God: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."</p>
	<i>Genesis 3:15</i>
	<p>By including Adam: Gospel is hope for all of humanity, not just the descendants of Abraham</p>

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Promises to...

#1 Adam: God will crush the evil one

#10 Noah: Never again will God bring total destruction

“**Never again will I curse the ground** because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And **never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.**”

Genesis 8:21

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Promises to...

#1 Adam: God will crush the evil one

#10 Noah: Never again will God bring total destruction

#21 Abraham: All peoples on earth will be blessed

“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;

and **all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.**”

Genesis 12:2-3

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#34 David: David’s throne will be established forever

“The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ... **Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will**

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Luke 3:21-38[bib.ly/Lu3.NIV](#)

21-22: Jesus’ baptism shows the Trinity active in ministry

23-38: **Jesus was the legal descendant of many generations who were waiting for the promise of God**

- 30 years old: when priests began their ministry
- For a few of these people: we know God’s promises
- For almost all these people: we know almost nothing
 - Let alone the women and the other men God used...

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God's work in the lives of...

Heli, Matthat, Melki, Jannai, Esli, Maath, Joda, Rhesa
(and the list goes on and on...)

"I do not have time to tell about..." *Hebrews 11:32*

– So we don't know their stories

Every one of the 76 generations lived lives of hopes and fear,
doubts and assurances, questions and answers

Every one (except one...) eventually died

God used each of them in the journey of bringing us Jesus

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All these generations **only make sense together**

"These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that **only together with us would they be made perfect.**" *Hebrews 11:39-40*

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The Big Idea of the Passage

Jesus' humanity-changing ministry

**was the culmination of God's work
through all generations**

**through the perfect collaboration
of God the Father, Son, and Spirit**

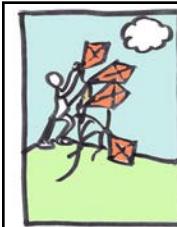
through the prayer and work of the Son

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The Big Idea for Us

**The work of God in humanity
flows through countless generations
around the world**
**through the perfect collaboration
of God the Father, Son, and Spirit**
**as the church is faithful
in repentance, in prayer, and in the Spirit**

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Without wind, kites simply fall to the ground
Without breath, humans cannot live
Without the Spirit, the Christian life is empty and powerless
Sometimes we tell ourselves that this is normal

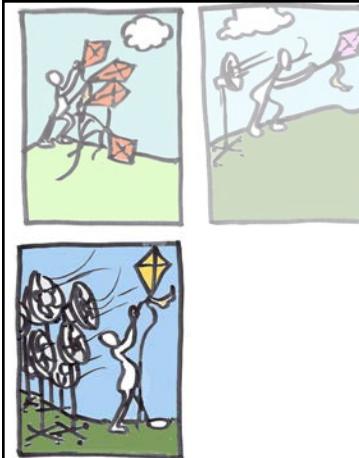
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Sometimes we try to generate wind to give life and power to our efforts
We try to generate the "wind" through...

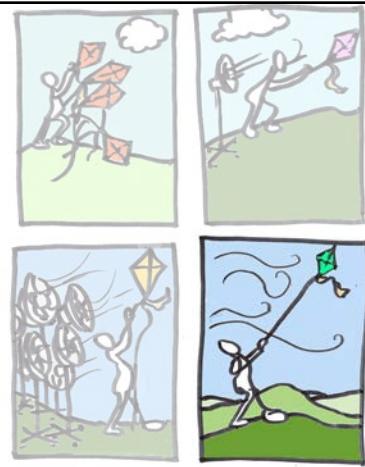
- Passion or emotion
- Careful planning and strategy
- New techniques or ideas
- Ancient techniques or ideas
- Spiritual practices
- Religious activities
- "Gifted" people
- Human skill
- Hard work
- And the list goes on...

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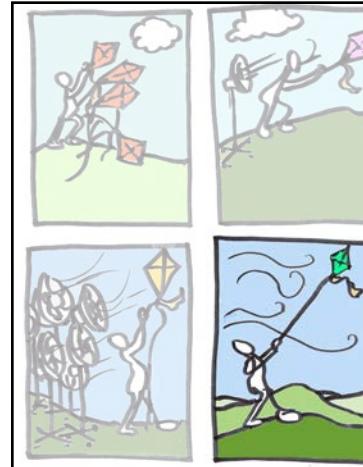
And we try harder and harder...
Yet it never really works
And it never really lasts

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In the languages of the Bible, "Spirit" can also mean "breath" or "wind"
 "Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and the man became a living being." *Genesis 2:7*

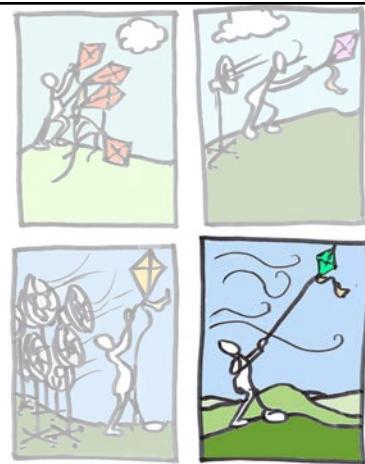
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"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit**. ... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" *Acts 1:4–5, 8a*

"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a **violent wind came from heaven** and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." *Acts 2:2–4*

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"And the disciples were **filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit**." *Acts 13:52*
 "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be **filled with the Spirit**,
 • speaking to one another with **psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit**,
 • Sing and **make music from your heart to the Lord**,
 • always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,
 in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." *Ephesians 5:18–20*
Ministry grows when the Spirit is active

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Jesus entered into the experience of human disciples
 – Mystery, temptations, waiting, joys & sorrows
 – Obedience when it was intensely painful
 – Modeling repentance, though He had no need
 – Relationship with the Father through prayer
 – Being empowered by the Spirit
 through the Spirit's action to come

Jesus modeled for us how human beings can walk in relationship with the all-powerful, all-holy God
Genuine joy and goodness is found in living as He lived: repentance, prayer, and the Spirit

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The Big Idea for Us

**The work of God in humanity
flows through countless generations
around the world**
**through the perfect collaboration
of God the Father, Son, and Spirit**
**as the church is faithful
in repentance, in prayer, and in the Spirit**

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Application

See all of life in the light of God's full plan for humanity

- God's plan is not about us or our "people" or our church
- God's plan is not about this day, this month, this year, or even this century
- **God has planned something far, far better that will be amazingly beautiful in its time!**
- Until then, we may experience Paul's description
 - Hard pressed, perplexed, persecuted, struck down
 - But not crushed, in despair, abandoned, destroyed

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

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Application

See all of life in the light of God's full plan for humanity

Pray!

rather than hoping God will be susceptible to us

- The goal: "make ourselves susceptible to"
hearing God's will, whatever it might involve
 - susceptible = "likely to be influenced by"
 - We naturally resist what is contrary to our own ideas
 - "wanting to justify ourselves..."
 - wanting an easier path, to be told we're right, ...
- Intentionally look for God's action and communication
 - First message to Jesus: 40 days of intense trial & temptation

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Follow Jesus' model of prayer in Luke...

- At baptism: "As he was praying..."
- "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."
- "Jesus went out to a mountainside and spent the night praying to God"
- "Once when Jesus was praying in private..."
- "Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up onto a mountain to pray"
- Jesus told His disciples "that they should always pray and not give up"
- "Be always on the watch, and pray..."
- "And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly..."

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Application

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Pray!

Walk in the Spirit

- We imagine that we can 'get' and 'use' the Spirit.
 - In reality, the Spirit takes possession of us!
- Not a resource at our disposal
 - Rather: "In Him, we live and move and have our being"
- Trust & obey & depend upon the Spirit and His work
 - Apart from God, we **have nothing good**
 - Apart from God, we **can do nothing good**

Psalm 16:2
John 15:4-5

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Application

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Pray!

Walk in the Spirit

- Watch and listen for the Spirit
- Follow the Spirit through God's Word
 - Even when the path seems hard or confusing or costly
Especially!
- Depend upon the Spirit for what seems impossible
- Depend upon the Spirit for what seems possible

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What is your sense of our relationship with God?

God's intention for all His children: "**bearing fruit** in every good work, **growing** in the knowledge of God, being **strengthened with all power** according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and **giving joyful thanks** to the Father" *Colossians 1:10-12*

Let's be faithful...

- in repentance: realigning our lives with God's will
- in prayer: being susceptible to the will of God
- in the Holy Spirit: being filled and strengthened

Watch and rejoice when God speaks and moves among us!

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Glorious Day

One day when Heaven
was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was
as black as could be,

sin = immoral and disloyal words, actions, attitudes
black = without light or hope

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Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
dwelt among men, my example is He.
The Word became flesh and
the light shined among us,
His glory revealed.

came forth = came from heaven
dwelt = lived
Word = Son of God
flesh = a human being

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Living, He loved me.
Dying, He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever.
One day He's coming,
 O glorious day, O glorious day.

carried my sins far away = took away my guilt and shame
justified = gave us Jesus' righteousness and goodness

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One day they led Him
up Calvary's mountain.
One day they nailed Him
to die on a tree.

Calvary's mountain = where Jesus was killed
tree = cross

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Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
The Hands that healed nations,
stretched out on a tree
and took the nails for me.

anguish = severe pain and suffering
despised = hated

bearing our sins = suffering for our wrongs
Redeemer = Rescuer
took the nails = was crucified

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One day the grave could
conceal Him no longer;
one day the stone rolled
away from the door.

conceal = hold Jesus in death
door = of Jesus' tomb

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Then He arose, over death He had conquered,
now He's ascended,
my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him,
the grave could not keep Him
from rising again.

ascended = in heaven

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One day the trumpet will sound
for His coming.
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day, my Beloved is bringing.
My Savior Jesus is mine.

trumpet will sound = announcing Jesus' return

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O Glorious day.
O Glorious day.

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