



Crossway
Multinational
Church

We will begin around 10AM
Technical difficulties?
Text or call (517) 897-6814

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

Psalm 21:6

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

February 14, 2021

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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

Sign up for church e-mails
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY	14				18	19	20
	21				25	26	27
	28	1	2			5	6
MARCH	7	8	You are invited to come in-person! (except Feb. 21) https://crosswaymchurch.org/coronavirus/ https://crosswaymchurch.org/in-person-signup/				

Prayer Gathering, 4:30pm (Feb. 14)

Zoom Only Worship Service (Feb. 21)

"Family Room Zoom" 7pm (Feb. 2)

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Family Room Zoom

Purpose

- Create a safe space for open conversations together about race, ethnicity, and nationality
- Help us as a church grow together in God's vision for our church and for the Church

Details

- March 2, 6:30-8pm @ tiny.cc/cmclive

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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 celebrated/are celebrating Spring Festival
- You wonder if you will ever be warm again!
- You think 32°F/0°C sounds like a heat wave!
- You have found a way to enjoy being outside in the cold (sometimes)
- You are eager for God's work among us today

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Beauty for Ashes

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The oil of joy for mourning

The garment of praise

for the spirit of heaviness

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ashes = symbol of shame and mourning
garment = clothing
heaviness = grief, sadness, despair

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 The planting of the Lord
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诗篇 16 ◆ Psalm 16

Chinese

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Keep me safe, my God,
 for in you I take refuge.
 I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
 apart from you I have no good thing.”

refuge = place of safety and shelter

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论到世上的圣民，他们是尊贵的人，
 是我最喜悦的。
 追逐别神的，
 他们的愁苦必增加；
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 我嘴唇也不提别神的名号。

I say of the holy people who are in the land,
 “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”
 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
 I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
 or take up their names on my lips.

noble ones = God's holy people
libations of blood = offerings to idols

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耶和华是我的产业，是我杯中的福分；
 我所得的，你为我持守。
 用绳量给我的地界，坐落在佳美之处；
 我的产业实在美好。

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
 you make my lot secure.
 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
 surely I have a delightful inheritance.

lot = inheritance
boundary lines = edges of my inheritance
fallen = as determined by God

16

我要称颂那指引我的耶和华，
在夜间我的心肠也指教我。
我让耶和华常在我面前，
因他在我右边，我就不致动摇。

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

counsels = gives wisdom
shaken = made unstable or fall

17

因此，我的心欢喜，我的灵快乐；
我的肉身也要安然居住。
因为你必不将我的灵魂撇在阴间，
也不让你的圣者见地府。

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

see decay = experience decay

18

你必将生命的道路指示我。
在你面前有满足的喜乐，
在你右手中有永远的福乐。

You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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Psalm 121 (I Lift My Eyes)

I lift my eyes up to the Hills
 From where does my help come?
 My help comes from the Maker of
 the heavens and the earth
 He will not let my foot be moved
 He keeps my journey safe

fast = securely
tempter = the devil, who tempts me away from Christ

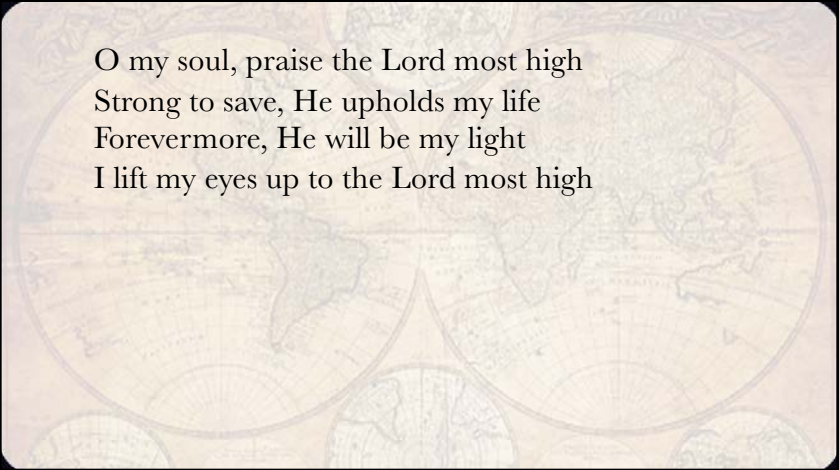
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O my soul, praise the Lord most high
 Strong to save, He upholds my life
 Forevermore, He will be my light
 I lift my eyes up to the Lord most high

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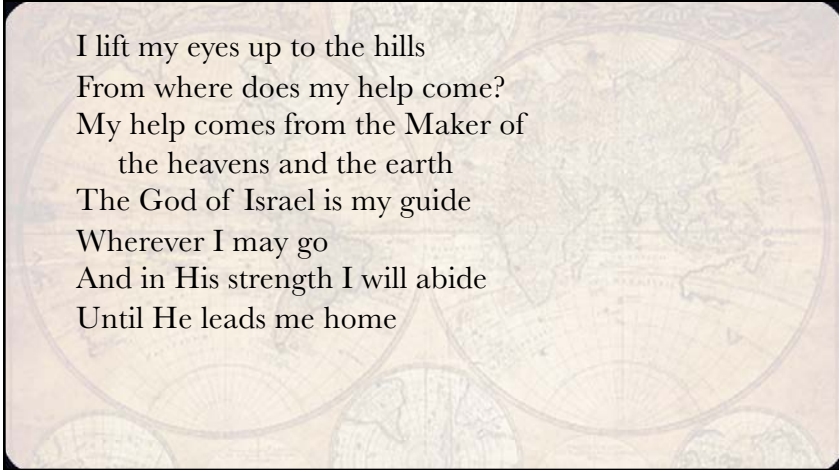
He is the shade at my right hand
 My shelter in the storm
 No sun by day, nor moon by night
 Shall ever bring me harm
 He will not slumber, will not sleep
 He watches all my ways

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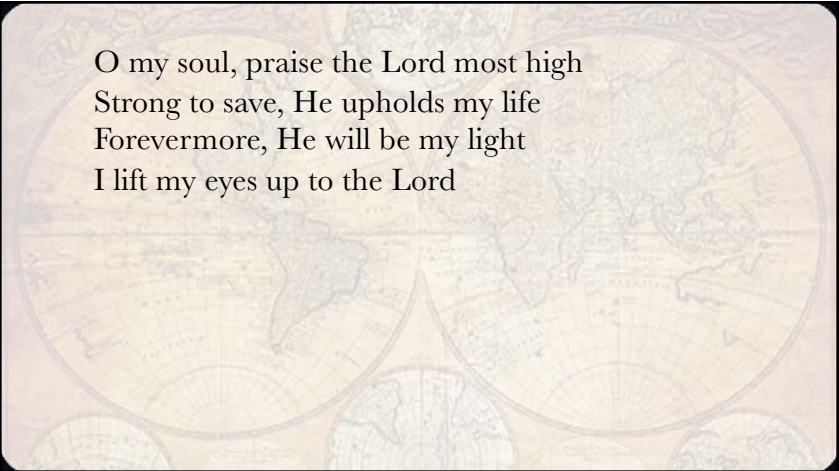
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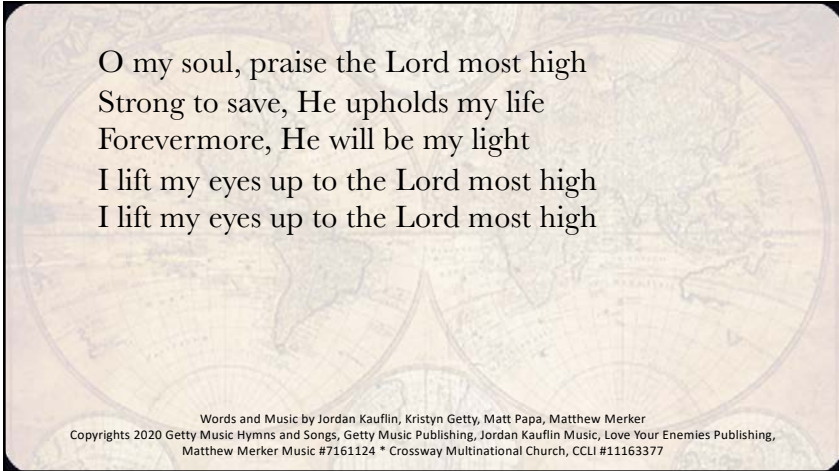
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 From where does my help come?
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 The God of Israel is my guide
 Wherever I may go
 And in His strength I will abide
 Until He leads me home

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Hana Mo – Let the Flowers

Japanese

ここに泉は湧く

Koko ni izumi wa waku

Here's a stream that cleanses all our griefs

涙を過ぎるとき

Namida wo sugiru toki

*Even all our tears will pass away*cleanses = removes
pass away = be gone forever

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やがて実を結び

Yagate mi wo musubi

And when His grace brings us to fruitfulness,

笑い声に満ちる

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songs of joy will fill our every day

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Give thanks to the Lord, give thanks to the Lord

Thank you, Lord

fly = flow freely

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Lift high the Son and we shall surely see

あおげ 天はひらき

Aoge ten wa hiraki

The heavens open and reach down from the sky

ぼくらは 見るだろう

Bokura wa miru darou

English

Lift high = Praise

heavens open and reach down = God help people in need

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For in its time all blossoms fully bloom

やがて花は咲き

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English

You Alone are God

Lord, we are honored
 to stand in Your presence
 this very hour;
 before Your goodness
 and all Your glory,
 Your wonder and power.

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Let every nation sing
 to the Father of everything,
 my Creator and King,
 there is none like You.

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Spanish

Solo Tu eres digno.

You alone are worthy.

Solo Tu eres justo.

You alone are righteous.

Solo Tu eres santo.

You alone are holy.

Solo Tu eres Dios.

You alone are God.

righteous = faithful and just

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English

Lord, we adore You

for all your mercy

and all your grace.

We stand in your presence

with hearts of worship

seeking Your face.

mercy = compassion and help

grace = gift of love and forgiveness

face = presence

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Prayer of Confession

But just as he who called you is holy,
so be holy in all you do;
for it is written:

“Be holy, because I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:15, 16

Holy = dedicated to God, pure, completely moral

Head: thoughts

Heart: desires, attitudes, relationships

Hands: actions

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Words of Assurance

He saved us through the **washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit**, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:5-7

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You are the perfect and Righteous God

You are the perfect and righteous God
whose presence bears no sin;
You bid me come to your holy place;
how can I enter in
when your presence bears no sin?

bears no sin = cannot tolerate any wrong
bid me come = invite me
holy place = in His presence

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Through him
who poured out his life for me,
the atoning Lamb of God,
through him, and His work alone,
I boldly come!

poured out his life = willingly died
atoning Lamb of God = Jesus Christ
boldly = with confidence

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I come by the blood, I come by the cross,
where your mercy flows
from hands pierced for me.
For I dare not stand on my righteousness,
my every hope rests
on what Christ has done,
and I come by the blood.

come by the blood = by Jesus' sacrifice
hands pierced for me = Jesus' wounds
stand on = depend upon
rests = depends upon
by the blood = by Jesus' sacrifice

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You are the high and exalted King,
 the One the angels fear;
 so far above me in every way,
 Lord, how can I draw near
 to the One the angels fear?

fear = bow down and worship

61

Through him who laid down his life for me
 and ascended to your side,
 through him, through Jesus alone,
 I boldly come.

**laid down his life = willingly died
 ascended = came to live, and was honored**

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Testimony

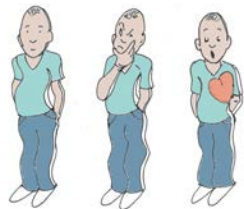
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The power of words

- Sometimes words seem very powerful. Examples?
- Sometimes words seem rather powerless. Examples?
- What is the difference?
- What about God's Word?
 - "Hearing God's speak each morning..."
- We pray for His Word to be powerful in our hearts and in our church today

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When Good Seed meets Good Soil

Luke 8:1-15



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Encounters with Jesus in Luke 7

Centurion's faith: "I have not found such great faith even in Israel."

—His servant was healed

POWERFUL!

Crowd when Jesus raised the widow's only son:

NOT CLEAR...

—"A great prophet has appeared among us."

John the Baptist's struggling question: "Are you the one?"

NOT TOLD...

—Jesus: "Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

Pharisees and experts of God's law

NO EFFECT...

—rejected God's purpose for themselves

Sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet:

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—"Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Simon who watched this woman's transformation:

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Twelve = the Apostles whom Jesus appointed

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Luke 8:4-8

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When he said this, he called out,
"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

yielded a crop = produced fruit

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Luke 8:9-10

His disciples asked him what this parable meant.

He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

'though seeing, they may not see;
though hearing, they may not understand.'

parable = an ordinary event with a deeper meaning

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Luke 8:11-15

“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

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1-3: The Twelve (men) and many women are with Jesus

- In that day:
 - Not unusual for women to have control of money and to give it to a teacher
 - What was radical (even scandalous): for women to be among the disciples
 - being disciples → learning from Jesus with Jesus
 - traveling in an unrelated mixed group
 - Women: emphasis on transformation & generosity
 - Mary & Joanna also mentioned at the cross
 - Joanna had social and financial power
- 4-8: • They are presented as ideal disciples
- 9-10: • The only pattern: **all kinds** of people joined Jesus
- 11-15: •

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1-3: The Twelve (men) and many women are with Jesus

4-8: Jesus teaches the large crowd a parable: seeds in soil

- Perhaps Jesus and the disciples had invited people to this event (town after town)
- Jesus decides to teach the large crowd through a 'narrative analogy' that must be 'unwrapped'
- Common experience: scatter seed, then plow it in
 - **Path:** land animals and birds prevent any growth
 - **Rock:** lack moisture, so it withers
 - **Thorns:** choked, so fruit doesn't mature
 - **Good soil:** abundantly fruitful

9-10:

11-15: • Jesus' command: **learn from this story!**

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Luke 8:9-10

His disciples asked him what this parable meant.

He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

'though seeing, they may not see;
though hearing, they may not understand.'

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Luke 8:1-15

1-3: The Twelve (men) and many women are with Jesus

4-8: Jesus teaches the large crowd a parable: seeds in soil

9-10: Disciples ask for help. Jesus: not everyone gets answers

- A combination of the Twelve and women
 - like Mary listening at Jesus' feet
- They take Jesus' command seriously → Ask for help
- This is Jesus' answer (not an aside)
 - Only some benefit from Jesus' teaching ('secrets')
 - Power and blessing of God's Word
 - Knowledge and experience of the Kingdom of God
 - Yet for some, it is just a story

11-15: • This variable benefit is by God's design → a puzzle

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Luke 8:11-15

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

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- What happens when people encounter God's Word?
 - **Path:** the **devil** works to stop the Word of God
 - **Rock:** "**time of testing**" stops people
 - **Thorns:** "**life**" gets in the way
 - **Good soil:** they hear, retain, and persevere
 - Not path ➡ hold on to the Word (hold tight!)
 - Not rock ➡ hold fast in trouble, don't let go
 - Not thorns ➡ stay focused on it in life
 - Generate good and abundant fruit!

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The Big Idea

**The blessing of encountering Jesus
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hear and hold tightly His Word
and persevere in following Him
with courage and faith**

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*Application***Be convinced: God works through His Word**

- "The seed is the word of God" *Luke 8:11*
- The Seed=The work of God communicated and enacted in our hearts through the Word of God by the Spirit of God

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Blessed is the one who does not
walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but

**whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which **yields its fruit** in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do **prosper**.

Psalms 1:1-3

law of the Lord = God's revelation of Himself, His ways, and His values

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Application

Be convinced: God works through His Word

• “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped for every good work**.” 2 Timothy 3:16

•Where do you want the presence and fruitfulness of God in your life?

- The seed that brings fruit is **the Word of God**
- Nothing else is promised to bring this good
 - God can use other things
 - Only the Bible with faith is guaranteed

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Application

Hear, hold tightly, persevere with courage and faith

Head ♦ Heart ♦ Hands

- “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve [do] what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2
- Using **all our abilities** to understand:
 - Read, watch (The Chosen: studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen), listen (www.biblegateway.com), see, imagine, go, do, ...

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Prodigal Son by Rembrandt
Such joy for father and son
Except for the people
in the shadows...



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*Application***Hear, hold tightly, persevere with courage and faith****Head ♦ Heart ♦ Hands**

- Memorize & meditate & communicate & write & draw & act & move & sing & ...
 - <https://app.crosswaymchurch.org/Memory/>
- Together
 - Life Groups, family & friends, ...

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*Application***Hear, hold tightly, persevere with courage and faith****Head ♦ Heart ♦ Hands**

- Open our hearts to hear the Spirit speak
 - Especially: hearing **what I don't want to hear**

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“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; **it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. **Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**”

Hebrews 4:12-13

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- “But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying [speaking God's Word to people], they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all,
as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare.”
1 Corinthians 14:24-25
- “Come, see a man **who told me everything I ever did.**”
John 4:29

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- Jesus said: “Whoever has my commands **and keeps them** is the one who **loves me**. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and **show myself** to them.” *John 14:21*
- “But the one who hears my words and **does not put them into practice** is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, **it collapsed and its destruction was complete.**” *Luke 6:49*

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Application

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Head ♦ Heart ♦ Hands

- **It takes faith:** hearing the Word of God without faith does not bring the fruit of God
- **It takes courage:** God’s Word is powerful, and it will do a powerful work in ‘good and noble’ hearts

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Serotiny: Cones of the Jack Pine Tree

Seeds that are only released by a fire
Resin seals the seeds
The resin needs high heat to melt
Some then need one or more wet–dry cycles
to release the seeds
In the same way, some of God’s seeds
are fruitful only over time and after trials
It is critical to persevere!
Yet the devil, and difficulties,
and the distractions of life
often stop the process



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**Without the Word of God,
we live a flat existence**

**We miss the genuine relationship with
the God who created us, loves us, and
has come to rescue us**

The Word of God brings 3D life!

**Yet engaging the Word of God
brings some challenges!**

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Exploring the Word with our minds
can be puzzling, or confusing

It can be offensive

It can seemingly claim
what seemingly cannot be true

Yet **exploring the Word** brings
deeper understanding of ourselves,
each other, and our world

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Digging into the Word with our hearts
can bring some frightening things
about us to light!

It can show us things that bring
grief and shame and even fear

Yet **digging into the Word** brings life
to our lifeless hearts

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Engaging the Word with our bodies
can stretch muscles we didn't know
we had!

It can call us to go places
and do things that are frightening
or very challenging or risky

Yet **engaging the Word** also brings
purpose and value
to our physical being

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Engaging God's Word
with our whole being is stretching!

Engaging God's Word
adds depth to our being



Engaging God's Word
brings deep joy to life!

Engaging God's Word
takes courage and faith!!

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What about God's promise?

"As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is **my word that goes out from my mouth:**
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." *Isaiah 55:10-11*

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What about God's promise?

God has the power to speak and bring things into being
without any human response

We do not

God's words are not a magic incantation:

→ a series of sounds that makes miracles happen


His Word is guaranteed to be fruitful
when planted in a human heart that has faith:
hear, retain, and persevere

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**Dawson Trotman
founder of the Navigators**



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GROWING  Where do fruitfulness and growth come from?

in Christ The Word of God by the Spirit of God in hearts that hear, retain, and persevere

together Through each of us Together

through all of us

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“Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—**continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.**”

Philippians 2:12-13

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When Jesus had taught these things, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

What are you going to do today, tomorrow, this week to hear ♦ to hold on tight ♦ to persevere?

- **Memorize** a verse...or a book
- **Sign up** to get a daily text for a chapter of the Bible
• 517-917-0498
- **Join with someone** else to help each other put into practice what God reveals in His Word
- **Engage more deeply** with head, heart, and hands

Believing that God’s Word is powerful in hearts that hear, hold fast, and persevere

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

grace = gift of forgiveness, love, and life
redeemer = rescuer
righteousness = right-standing with God

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To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to his
 Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

wholly bound = completely dependent upon
strange = undeserved

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The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
 For by my side, the Saviour he will stay
 I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
 For in my need his power is displayed

dark = without hope

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To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
 Through the deepest valley he will lead
 Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

won = victory where all hope had been lost

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No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
 The future sure, the price it has been paid
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
 And he was raised to overthrow the grave

fate = unavoidable trouble
dread = fear
sure = promised goodness
pardon = forgiveness
overthrow the grave = bring life after death

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To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
 Jesus now and ever is my plea
 Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

sin = actions, words, or attitudes that are immoral or disloyal to God
ever = forever
plea = advocate

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With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
 For he has said that he will bring me home
 And day by day I know he will renew me
 Until I stand with joy before the throne

home = with God
throne = in God's presence

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To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 All the glory evermore to him
 When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

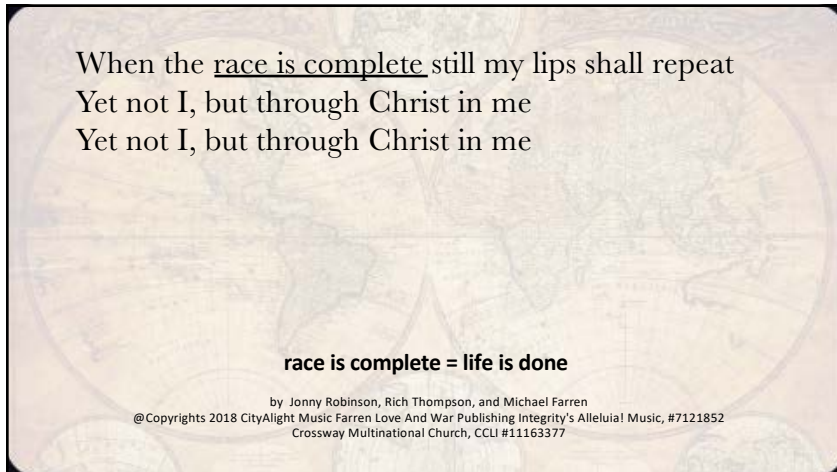
glory = praise
race is complete = life is done

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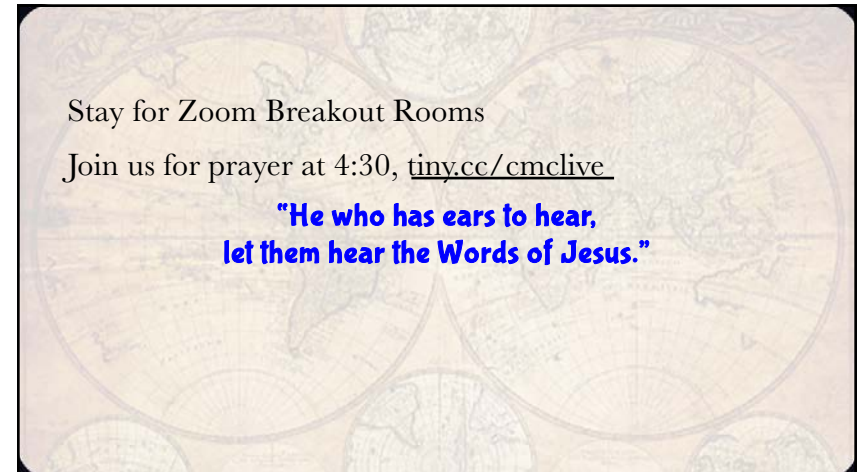
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