

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, 7-8:30pm @ tiny.cc/cmclive
- See tiny.cc/familyroomzoom

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https://crosswaymchurch.org/worship-team/

A web page from the worship team with explanations and resources, including songs we are learning to sing in multiple languages



This page provides a place to share helpful resources from the Crossway worship

WHY DO WE SING IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES?

One thing that makes our worship team unique is that we introduce songs that is originated in other countries/cultures/languages to our congragation. We do it because we are a diverse body of Christ that is consisted of people from many nations.

It is challenging and stretching for all of us. Here are some reasons why we chose to

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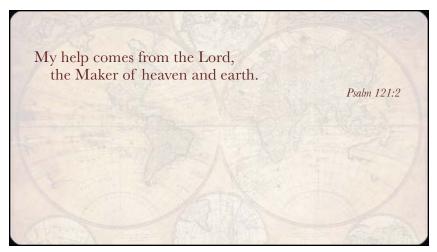
GREETINGS

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 enjoyed the sunshine this past week!
- You hope that winter isn't over just yet
- You are ready for winter to be gone!
- You think that a hard winter can make spring seem even better!
- You are thankful to join with others to worship God today



May the <u>Peoples</u> Praise You

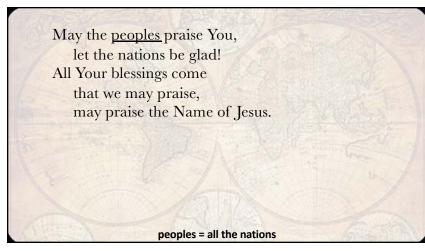
You have called us out of <u>darkest night</u>, into Your glorious light, that we may sing the <u>wonders</u> of the risen Christ.

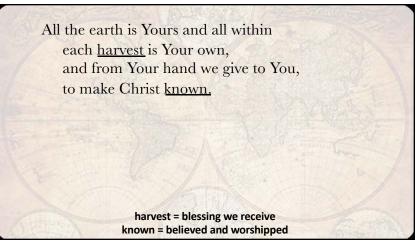
> Peoples = all the nations darkest night = trouble and despair wonders = marvels, spectacular beauties

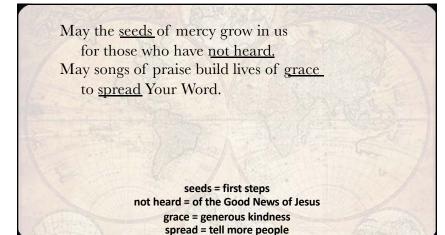
May our every breath <u>retell</u> the grace that <u>broke into</u> our <u>strife</u>, with boundless love and deepest joy with endless life.

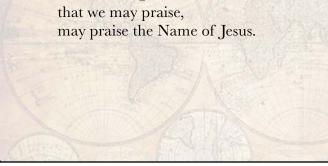
> retell = make known broke into = interrupted, stopped strife = bitter disagreement

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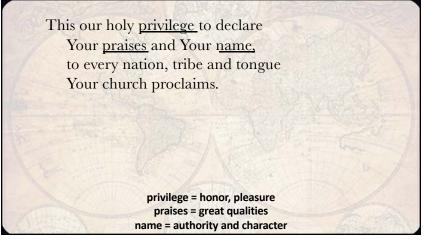


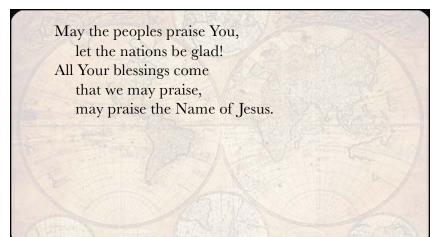


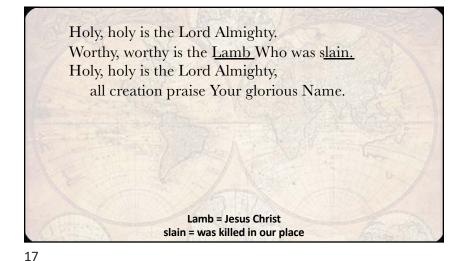
May the peoples praise You,

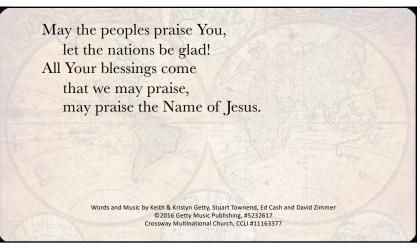
let the nations be glad!

All Your blessings come









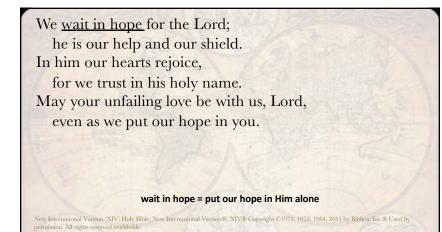
Psalm 33:13-22

Blessed is <u>the nation</u> whose God is the Lord, <u>the people</u> he chose for his inheritance. From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

> the nations, the people = in the past: the people of Israel today: the Church

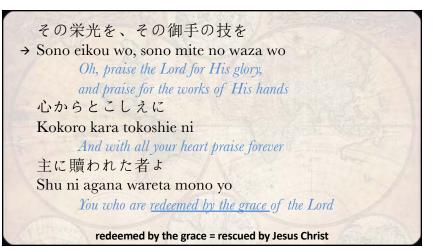
No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a <u>vain</u> hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are on those who f<u>ear</u> him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in f<u>amine.</u>

> vain = useless, pointless fear = submit to, obey famine = severe food shortage



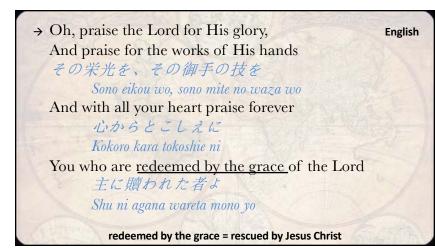


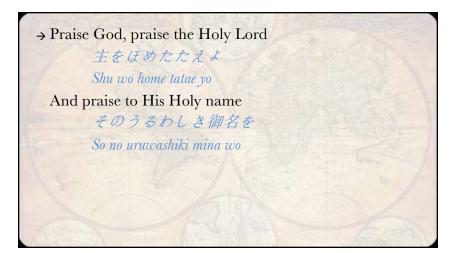












→ Praise God, praise the Holy Lord 主をほめたたえよ Shu wo home tatae yo And praise to His Holy name そのうるわしき御名を So no uruwashiki mina wo



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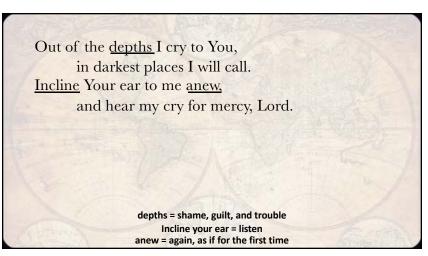


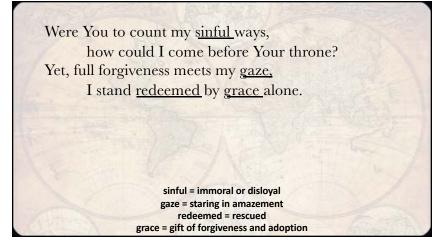
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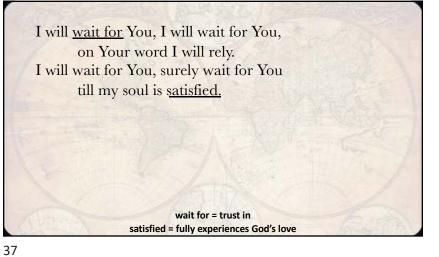
I Will Wait for You Lord, from the <u>depths</u>, I call to you, Lord hear me from <u>on high</u> And give attention to my voice, when I, for mercy cry.

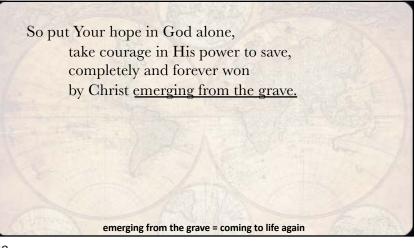
> depths = shame, guilt, and trouble on high = in glory and power

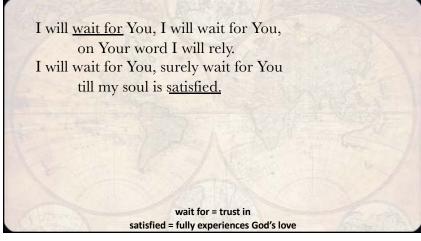
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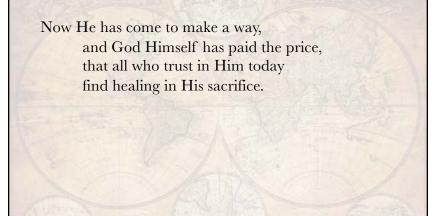


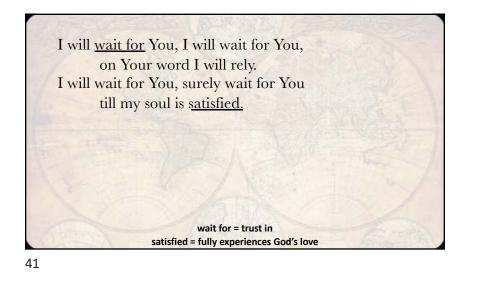


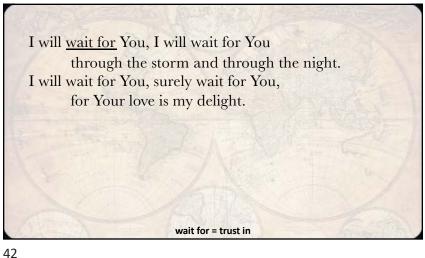








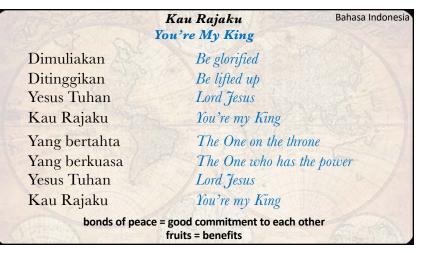


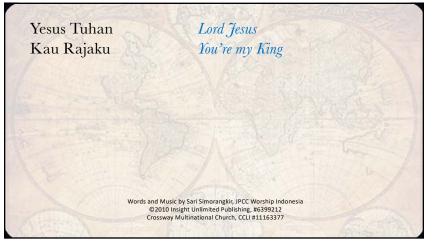


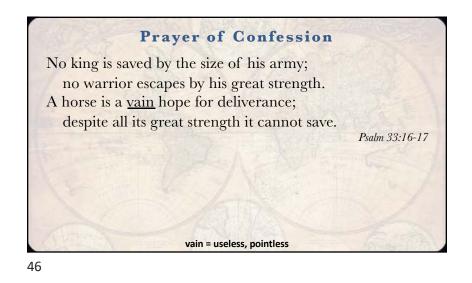
I wait my soul <u>waits for</u> the Lord My hope is in His Word More than the watchman waits for <u>dawn</u> My soul waits for the Lord

> wait for = trust in dawn = first light of the sunrise

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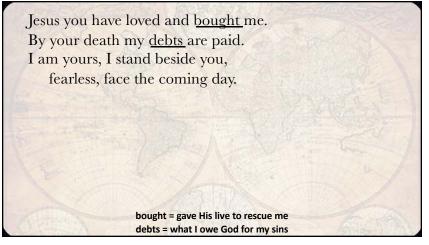
grace = forgiveness and love

I take comfort in the hope of the <u>thief</u> upon the cross, for I am worthy of as little love as he. Like this man, I won't <u>despair</u> for life's ahead -- what joy we'll share. Now there is grace awaiting me, awaiting me!

> thief = guilty man who first trusted Jesus while he was dying despair = give up all hope

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I will <u>see</u> the <u>world to come</u> despite the <u>sin</u> that I have done. For there is <u>grace</u> awaiting me, awaiting me. All who call upon the Lord will rise to life with peace assured for there is <u>grace</u> awaiting me, awaiting me.

> see = live in world to come = heaven sin = immoral and unloving words and actions grace = forgiveness and love

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Prayer of Intercession

Church finances

- With thanks and praise to God for meeting our needs
- We pray for **wisdom** in the use of church resources
- We pay for **blessing** on the use of church resources to bring God's will and grace to many

Volunteers

- With **thanks and praise** to God for the people who willingly and skillfully serve in so many areas
- We pray for creativity, boldness, and perseverance to **equip and empower more people** to lead and serve in ways that fit how God has made and gifted each person
- · Building: greeters, disinfectors; Music: vocals, instruments

"There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."

Proverbs 14:12

- How might this be true?
- What if this is true for me today?
- What if this is true for you today?
- What if this is a risk for everything we think we know?

"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 3:16-17*





Luke 8:16-18

"No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.

For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.

Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them."

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16-18: Hear God's guaranteed Word well, or we will lose it

- Lamps: intended to give light
 - Elsewhere: Christians are to shine their light
 - Here: hearers are warned to listen well, or else...
- God's Word (the seed, the light):
 - May start out concealed or misunderstood
 - Will be fully known
 - Will make things fully known (including our hearts)
 - Will be enacted (promises and prophecy fulfilled)
- God's Word is the one thing we had better know!
 - Knowing God's Word leads to greater knowledge
 - Not listening well leads to increasing losses

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19-21: Hearers and doers are closer to Jesus than family

- Jesus' mother and brothers
 - Probably stood for Jewish people
 - Today probably stands for people who assume association with Christ
 - The appearance of connection with Jesus without the reality will lead to losing even the appearance of connection
 - The opportunity to know Jesus might also be lost
- In a collective society, this is a **shocking** statement!
- Yet it was wonderful news for 'outsiders'

Luke 8:1–21 Jesus' genuine followers With many apparent followers, Jesus tells the parable of the 4 soils -Disciples ask what it means, and Jesus says: Understanding of God is given to genuine followers, and not to others -Jesus explains: fruitfulness comes in those who hear & retain, and persevere -Further explanation: Hear God's guaranteed Word well, or you'll lose it

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The Big Idea

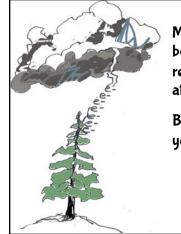
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Application

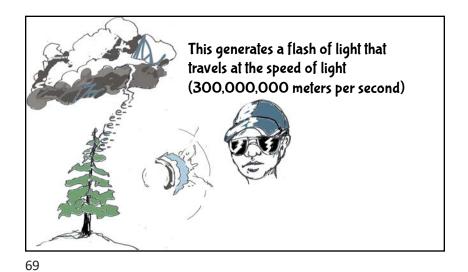
Conviction: God's Word is already true, even if we can't understand it yet or sense it yet

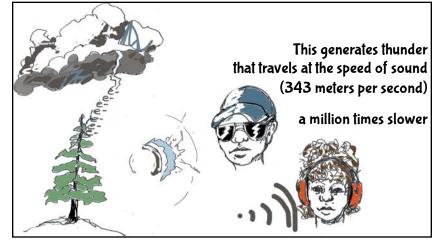
• The 'effectual' Word of God: it enacts the thing it says even if we don't sense it yet

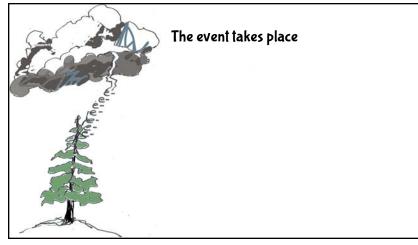


Massive movement of electrons between a cloud and the ground releasing 1 gigajoule of energy at 54,000 degrees F

But unless you are in it, you can 't sense it yet

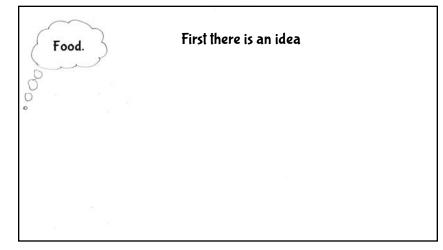


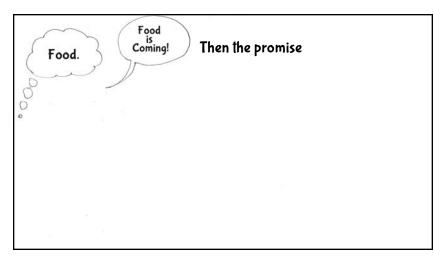


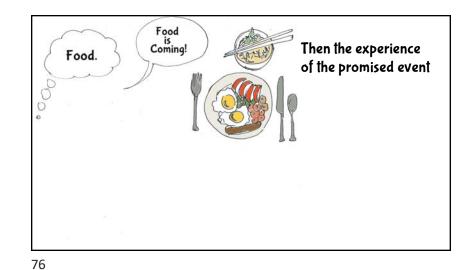


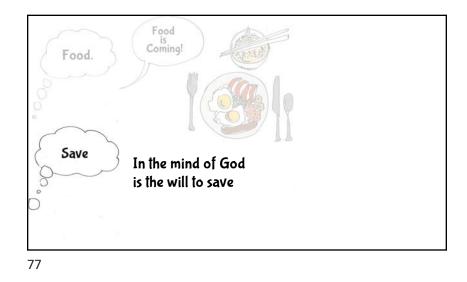


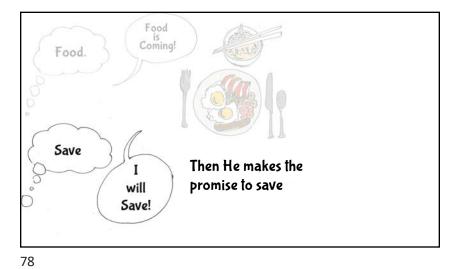


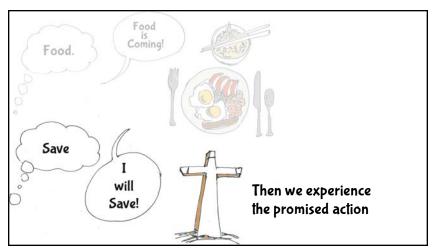














The Deplorable Legacy of Geddert

From the Lansing State Journal: "Extreme verbal and emotional abuse. Excessive physical conditioning. Girls forced to perform through injuries. Sexual and physical assaults."

Charged with 24 felony accounts

Then he committed suicide

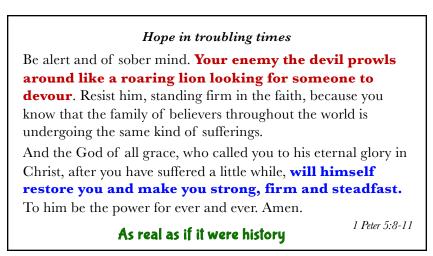
One of the victims said: "John Geddert's escape from justice by committing suicide is traumatizing beyond words....he was able to cheat justice."

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"And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and **books** were opened. Another book was opened, which is the **book of life**. **The dead were judged** according to what they had done as recorded in **the books**. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. *Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire*." *Revelation 20:12-14* As real as if it were history

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As real as if it were history Sometimes we like it, sometimes we don't, Jesus said: but that can't change it "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man ...and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned" *John 5:24-27, 29*



Application

Conviction: God's Word is already true, even if we can't understand it yet or sense it yet

- The 'effectual' Word of God: enacts the thing it says even if we don't sense it yet
 - His judgment of those who are not in Christ
 - His steadfast love for those who are in Christ
 - The new heaven and the new earth, where there is no more death or mourning or crying or pain
- All these things are as real as if they were history!
- God tells us what is true, and vital, yet not apparent
 - Do we fully trust Him?

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Application

Really HEAR God's Word

- "We have been taught to come to the Bible for solace.... we have no wish to be disturbed."
 - If this is our purpose, we are not listening for God
 - We are using God to reinforce OUR view of the world
- "We have to open our minds wide enough to risk hearing what we do not want to hear."
 - "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death." *Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25*
 - "All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord." *Proverbs 16:2*

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It is so hard to hear...

- what we assume is not true or we assume cannot be true
- what we don't want to be true
 - either consciously or subconsciously
 - "Of course *I* am not supposed to sell all my possessions and give them to the poor to follow Jesus!"
 - "Of course *I* am not supposed to give up my time or my freedom or my career or my family to follow Jesus!"
- what my community conditions me not to hear
 - "In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right, until someone comes forward and cross-examines." Proverbs 18:17

Yet the seed is lost if it isn't genuinely heard!

Application

Really HEAR God's Word → together

- Listen together, especially across differences
 - We have different blind spots
- There is potential for stronger courage together
- When Jesus' words were so hard that many disciples left, Jesus asked the Apostles if they would leave also
- Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall **we** go? **You have the words of eternal life**.

We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." *John 6:68-69*

Application

Really DO God's Word

- I can let uncertainty about the step after this step be a great excuse for not taking this step = disobedience
- Initial obedience very often sheds more light and grows our faith for the next steps of obedience
- "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*
- Jesus replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and **put it into practice**." *Luke 8:21*

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Application

Really DO God's Word → together

• "And let us consider how we may **spur one another on toward love and good deeds**, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day

approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

- · Genuine Christian fellowship spurs us toward God
 - Life Groups
 - Mentoring
 - True friendship
 - Superficial friendship just reinforces our blindness

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What seems right to us may be killing us! Father, open our ears to hear, our eyes to see,

our hearts to believe, and our hands to do your Word

How is God speaking to you right now?

Are we not really listening to God's Word like it matters Are we not actually believing what God's Word says Are we not letting ourselves be confronted by God's Word Are we not doing what God is asking us to do - Delaying / Distracting / Arguing / Rebelling Don't ignore the Spirit's effectual voice! → He will give power Find a genuine friend who will help you follow Jesus said: "Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them."

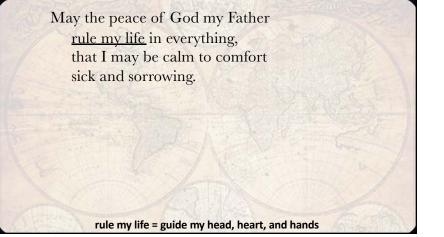
May the Mind of Christ

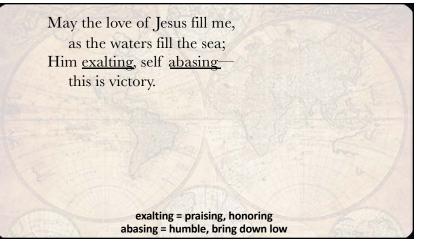
May the <u>mind of Christ</u>, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and say.

mind of Christ = His teaching and His attitudes

May the Word of God <u>dwell richly</u> in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through His power.

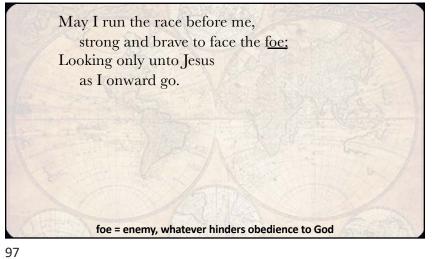
dwell richly = deeply affect and guide

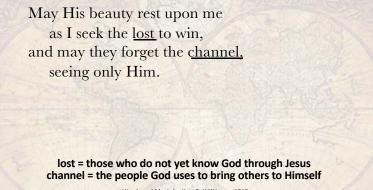




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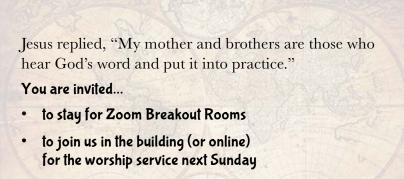
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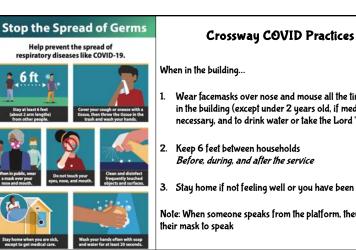


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- 1. Wear facemasks over nose and mouse all the time you are in the building (except under 2 years old, if medically necessary, and to drink water or take the Lord's Supper)
- 3. Stay home if not feeling well or you have been exposed

Note: When someone speaks from the platform, they 'll remove