



THE MESSENGER

AUGUST 1, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
August 8

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays at 11 on Zoom

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing

August 6, 7:30

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A LESSON FROM SONG AND SCRIPTURE

“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41) Thus said Jesus to Peter as he awakened him and John after praying in Gethsemane. Jesus’ flesh had been weak as he prayed that he might be spared the coming ordeal of his crucifixion. *“My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me”* he had asked, but his spirit was willing, his resolve unwavering as he added, *“nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”* (Matthew 26:39) Nevertheless! Father, never anything less than a full devotion to your will.

Jesus was as well-acquainted with temptation as we are. As Satan left the wilderness after his failed attempts to get Jesus to sin, Luke 4:13 informs us *when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.* I suppose Satan had about as many opportune times with Jesus as he does with us. How utterly frustrated Satan must have been when Jesus, with his dying breath said, *“It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.* (John 19:30) Jesus yielded fully to his Father’s will, but never once did he yield to temptation.

Jesus cautioned Peter against entering into temptation. That may seem like an unusual way of putting it, but thinking about it shows it really gets to the essence of temptation. Temptation is the doorway into the world of sin where Satan rules. Once through that doorway you may find it difficult to get back out. After careful attention to you by Satan, he may let you out with a high level of confidence that you will soon return, the pathway to his door being well-travelled.

Jesus’ words to Peter have been captured in a wonderful song we don’t sing often enough.

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin; Each victory will help you some other to win. Fight manfully onward, Dark passions subdue, look ever to Jesus, He’ll carry you through. To yield is to

Members Needing Our Prayers

Bennie Poynter, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson, Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Dale Lyons, Adam Fusco, Rachel and Sarah White, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Debbie Lanphear, Veronica Bowman

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surrender, to give up, to live by the rules of the conqueror. Several scriptures come to mind. James 1:3 *The testing of your faith produces steadfastness.* 1 Corinthians 16:13 *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.* Colossians 3:5 *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

Shun evil companions, bad language disdain, God's name hold in reverence, nor take it in vain; be thoughtful and earnest, kind hearted and true; look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.

To him that o'er cometh, God giveth a crown; through faith we shall conquer, tho' often cast down; he who is our savior, our strength will renew; look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.

Jesus told Peter to "watch and pray." Similarly, this hymn ends: **Ask the Savior to help you, comfort, strengthen and keep you; He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.** John Thompson

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