



# THE MESSENGER

## JUNE 26, 2022

### NEWS AND NOTES

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**Congregational Meeting**  
TBD

**Weekly Bible Studies**  
Tuesdays at 10 on Zoom  
Friday's at 12 on Zoom  
Saturday, 10, Panera  
(Georgetown)

#### **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**

March 4, 7:30

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### THAT ONE SIN

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Frank did a great job Sunday night discussing Judas and Peter. Since then, I have been thinking about Peter's sin and repentance. Surrounded by those who could do him harm, he denied even knowing who Jesus was. (Luke 22:54-62) That specific temptation was too much for him. He went out and wept bitterly.

Peter wasn't quitting Jesus. He was with the other apostles when Jesus appeared to them. He was there when Jesus made breakfast on the seashore. (John 21) In verses 19 and 22 Jesus told him to follow him, instruction that was intended to direct the remainder of Peter's life. Did it, though?

Peter was with the other apostles when Jesus ascended. (Acts 1:6-11) He returned to Jerusalem as Jesus instructed and waited for the promised Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4) He preached the vital sermon of Acts 2. The truths revealed through him and the other apostles directed the infant church and ought to direct us still. (Acts 2:42) He used the miraculous power bestowed upon him to heal a lame man before entering the temple and preaching Jesus. (Acts 3) And then, for the first recorded time since his denial, he faced the exact temptation that had so spectacularly overwhelmed him before.

Acts 4 begins with the enemies of Jesus, people with the power to hurt Peter, arresting he and John. The heaviest hitters, Annas and Caiaphas, were present along with the rest of the high priestly family. They wanted to know about the miracle of the previous chapter and were taken aback when Peter spoke of Jesus so boldly. They ordered them to stop. Peter and John refused.

In the next chapter the apostles hadn't slowed. Doves of people were being won to Christ and miracles were being performed. (5:12-16) This time the apostles were thrown into the "public prison", (18) which may indicate the opposition had stepped up the intensity. An angel released them and they went back to preaching. The captain and officers retrieved them and

## **Members Needing Our Prayers**

Gary Brown, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

## **Others Needing Prayers**

Ernestine Byers, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Adam Fusco Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

## **To Our Guests**

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brought them before the authorities who reminded them that they had been ordered to cease teaching in the name of Jesus. Peter, with all the boldness of Jesus, held nothing back in his response. (29-32) The authorities beat and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus. Peter and the others left rejoicing and maintained absolute loyalty to King Jesus, preaching in his name daily. (5:40-42)

Peter denied Jesus three times in that courtyard. Eventually, he would have to face that temptation again. He'd done many good things since his denial of Jesus, yet "that one sin" had been lurking ever since. He'd have to face it again. In the early chapters of Acts, he did. He faced it three times and overcame it each time. He had grown. His love and loyalty had increased. The quality of his faith had improved. What a blessing to overcome "that one sin" that has given us such trouble. What a blessing to see that growth in our lives! Praise the Lord for his patience and aid in helping us overcome our sins!  
Adam Litmer

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