

From Faith to Faith

Granbury Street Church of Christ

2015 Summer Series

Building to Be Better

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Shepherds

Sid Carruth
Jeff Day
Kenneth Helm
Clark Lehtinen
Tim Norman

Deacons

Gary Barger
Ryan Cowan
Vince Grinnell
Justin Hewlett
Bill Hughes
Russ Jones

Preacher

Kevin Rhodes

Sunday

Bible Study
9:00 am

AM Worship
10:00 am

PM Worship
5:00 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Class
10:00 am

Bible Study
7:00 pm

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Focused on Eternity - Part One

Kevin W. Rhodes

After Jesus answered the people and responded to their objections, the people, for the most part, made a decision; they decided to leave. It is difficult to fathom that people who heard Jesus, followed Jesus, and saw Jesus perform miracles would ever walk away from Jesus, but that is exactly what happened. And yet, people do the same thing today. They will follow along while Christianity seems to bring them some temporal benefit but leave the moment Christianity requires some spiritual commitment.

As Jesus taught in the Parable of the Sower, either they have no root or the cares of the world choked off what faith they had. Regardless of the reason, the end is devastating, because it is the end of their walk with Christ and therefore the end of their hope in Christ. Following Christ requires a steadfastness that people seldom appreciate in the modern world, a willingness to see the world through spiritual eyes even when the difficulties and challenges of this world rain heavily all around.

The apostle Paul explains the importance of this mindset to the Corinthians:

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Cor. 4:16–18).

A disciple of Jesus Christ follows to the end—always focused on eternity, because that is the end.

As amazing as it may sound, John records how “From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more” (Jn. 6:66). Even imagining throngs of needy people abandoning their Savior boggles the mind. Nevertheless, they judged the depth of commitment Jesus expected of them too

high a price. Knowing what we know today, such a thought seems unimaginable. Yet people do indeed follow in their footsteps. At this moment, Jesus made no appeal to them and plead with no one. Instead, “Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you also want to go away?’” (Jn. 6:67). With the crowds withdrawing, Jesus asked the twelve where they stood, with the crowds or with Him. How sad that He would even have to ask!

Yet truly that remains a valid question to ask everyday of all who dare call themselves by His name. Following Jesus is not a part-time commitment; it is a life-time of consecration. “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving” (Col. 2:6–7). This remains the choice for all people today. Some disciples follow for a while but remain tied to the crowds in the world so much that they return to a world of ignorance and sin because they find it familiar, however wrong it may be.

Years later, Peter would write,

For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire” (2 Peter 2:20–22).

To walk away from discipleship at any time in life is to walk away from God, walk away from the trust, walk away from the light, walk away from divine fellowship, and walk away from forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:5–7). Discipleship for the moment means nothing in eternity if we would ever choose to walk away from Jesus.



News and Notes

Among our sick

- Darla Dill got a great report on her PET scan. She has no sign of lymphoma. She will have to take two more rounds of chemo.
- Justin Hewlett had extensive surgery on his leg on Friday, June 19th. to correct the broken bones and will have to be off of it for six weeks.
- Virgie Lewis is in room 212 at Ridgeview Rehab.
- Mike and Dede Hight were in a wreck last week in Dallas. They are doing well, but their car was totaled.
- Lois Howard had her second eye surgery on Tuesday, June 23rd.
- Brie Kilpatrick, niece of Charlotte's daughter, Amy Martin, and granddaughter of Stan and Roma Martin of the Convington congregation was diagnosed with encephalitis and is very sick in Cook's Hospital in Fort Worth.
- Janice Redden will have tests at Walls Hospital on Monday, June 29th.
- Betty Williams has been moved to room 202-B at Health South on Oakmont for 2 weeks of rehab.

Remember in prayers

Ken Boroughs; Lonnie Burk (Laurie McPherson's father); Darla Dill; Angel Grinnell and baby (Vincent Tucker); Amy Hackler and baby (Emma); Shannon Barron and baby; Justin Hewlett; Lois Howard; Virgie Lewis; Don Manning; Pat McIntosh; Janice Redden; Betty Williams.

Prayers for military personnel

Please keep all of our men and women that are serving in the armed services for our country. There are several that are in harm's way.

Baptized

We rejoice that Stephanie Saldaña was baptized for the remission of her sins on Monday, June 15th. Her address is: 4384 South Hwy 144, Glen Rose, TX 76043. Her cell phone number is 254-396-9902. Welcome to our family!

Please Note...

- Green Valley Bible Camp campers will be leaving on Saturday, June 27th, and returning on Saturday, July 4th.
- Saturday, July 4th, everyone is invited to J. D. and Jeri Allen's home to watch the fireworks. See Jeri for details on what to bring.
- On July 12th everyone in the congregation is invited to a potluck lunch in the annex after our morning assembly as we kick off our Lads to Leaders program. Come support our youth and see how you can participate and help!

Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 6/28

Front South

Ryan Cowan
Dale Ash
Mike Hight

Front North

Kenneth Helm
Joshua Haynes
Neil Stidolph

Back South

Jim Hugins
Bill Hughes
Daniel Hughes

Back North

James Henslee
James Hunt
Doug Kilcrease

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Paul Murphy
Bill Cashion

Sunday PM

Mike Hight
Dale Mullen

Wednesday PM

Colton Allen

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Will Cammack

Wednesday

Russ Jones

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Jason Hackler

Sunday PM

Jason Hackler

Wednesday PM

Jeff Day

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

J. D. Allen

Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker

Wed. PM Devotional (7/1)

Robert Dodson



Sermons for Sunday

AM

A Ruler in Israel
Micah 5:2-5a

PM

Self-Control



Listen to the Gospel!

Granbury Street's Worship

LIVE every Sunday Morning at 10:00 am on
KnowTheTruthRadio.org

Luis and Mike in the Mornings

(Monday - Friday) from 7:00 am - 9:00 am cst on
KnowTheTruthRadio.org

Biblical Foundations with Pat McIntosh

(Monday - Friday) 7:00 am or 11:00 am
btradio.net



Our Records

Bible Class	126
AM Worship.....	201
PM Worship	132
Wednesday Bible Class 6/17.....	146
Contribution	\$6,018

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