



When God Leads the Way...

When God leads the way, He will take you to the right place at the right time.

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place.

27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship

28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

Proverbs 16:9 - The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

When God leads the way, He will bring you to people who are searching.

29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."

30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Jeremiah 29:13 - You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

When God leads the way, He will open the Scriptures to reveal Jesus.

32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

34 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

When God leads the way, He will lead new believers to be baptized.

36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"

38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8:26-40 ESV

Additional Resources

Explore the Bible: Matthew 14 - 28, Spring 2026; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Matthew, Craig L. Blomberg



God's Word - Devoted to Him

FAITH ISN'T CHEAP—IT'S PRICELESS

*Then Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me."
Matthew 16:24*

I worked at a sorority during my college days. I would put a dinner jacket over my T-shirt and jeans and serve at a sit-down dinner each night. I learned how to pull out chairs and pick up dishes from the right and serve from the left. It was a great deal, because in exchange I could walk in the back door any time and eat anything that was still in the refrigerator. I would eat my weight in expensive sorority food, then put on my jacket the next evening and wait on tables again. This all worked out great until the sorority burned down overnight. Thankfully, everyone escaped without injuries, but my good deal went up in flames.

Some people will do anything for a good deal. They'll eat all the samples at Costco for lunch and then load up on small packets of mustard, ketchup, and relish, along with one hundred napkins from the food court. They will clip coupons and sit through time-share presentations and wait in long lines. This is all well and good if that's your thing, but sometimes getting the good deal is not the best way of thinking about living your beautiful, challenging life.

I received a call from someone who told me they wanted me to convince them over the phone of why following Jesus is a good deal. *Heavens, I thought, putting aside the promise of eternity, following Jesus isn't a good deal at all.* Following Jesus involves giving up everything, denying yourself every day, and taking cuts to the back of every line except the one for receiving grace. It involves suffering and denial and being constantly misunderstood, and continually dying to your lesser desires—and that's on a good day.



Faith won't be found on any bargain shelf and will cost you everything. Most things, though, are worth what they cost, and Jesus promises both that He will cost you everything and that He is worth everything.

Today, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus. Live your life like it is as beautiful and costly as Jesus says it is.

From: Catching Whimsy

*Taking up your cross is simply less of you and more of Jesus.
Less trying. Less striving. Less strutting.
More trusting. More surrender. More of His power,
doing in and through you what only He can do.*

Louie Giglio

DAILY BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE - Read the passage of the day

OBSERVATION - Write the point of the passage

APPLICATION - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

PRAYER - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

Glory

Main Passage for March 22 – Matthew 17:1-13 CSB

Monday - Matthew 17:1-3

Tuesday - Matthew 17:4

Wednesday - Matthew 17:5-6

Thursday - Matthew 17:7-9

Friday - Matthew 17:10-12

Saturday - Matthew 17:13

Memory Verse: Matthew 17:5b-6

*"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!"
When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were terrified.*

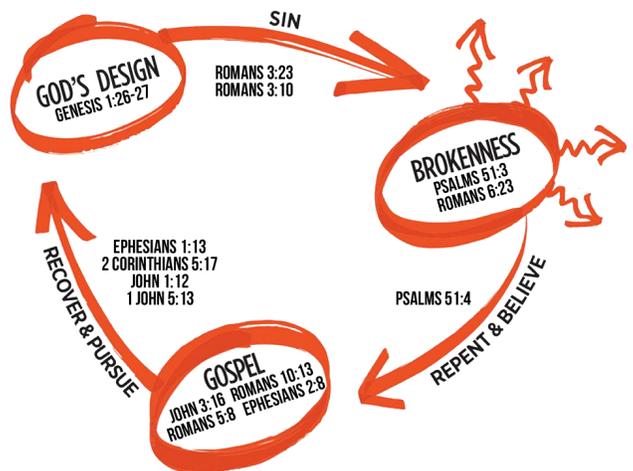
Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Connect Church Prayer Request

A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER IS
SIMPLY AN ADDICTION TO A
DESIRE TO BE WITH JESUS!

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Smart or Stupid?

Jesus warns us not to store up treasures on earth, it's not just because wealth *might* be lost; it's because wealth will *always* be lost. Either it leaves us while we live, or we leave it when we die. No exceptions.

Imagine you're alive at the end of the Civil War. You're living in the South, but you are a Northerner. You plan to move home as soon as the war is over. While in the South you've accumulated lots of Confederate currency. Now, suppose you know for a fact that the North is going to win the war and the end is imminent. *What will you do with your Confederate money?*

If you're smart, there's only one answer. You should immediately cash in your Confederate currency for U.S. currency—the only money that will have value once the war is over. Keep only enough Confederate currency to meet your short-term needs.

As a Christian, you have inside knowledge of an eventual worldwide upheaval caused by Christ's return. This is the ultimate insider trading tip: Earth's currency will become worthless when Christ returns—or when you die, whichever comes first.

(And either event could happen at any time.)

Investment experts known as market timers read signs that the stock market is about to take a downward turn, then recommend switching funds immediately into more dependable vehicles such as money markets, treasury bills, or certificates of deposit.

Jesus functions here as the foremost market timer. He tells us to once and for all switch investment vehicles. He instructs us to transfer our funds from earth (which is volatile and ready to take a permanent dive) to heaven (which is totally dependable, insured by God Himself, and is coming soon to forever replace earth's economy). Christ's financial forecast for earth is bleak—but He's unreservedly bullish about investing in heaven, where every market indicator is eternally positive!

There's nothing wrong with Confederate money, as long as you understand its limits. Realizing its value is temporary should radically affect your investment strategy. To accumulate vast earthly treasures that you can't possibly hold on to for long is equivalent to stockpiling Confederate money even though you know it's about to become worthless.

According to Jesus, storing up earthly treasures isn't simply wrong. It's just plain stupid.

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The Treasure Principle

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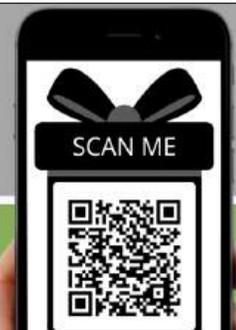
Offering

Our measure of faithfulness is not what someone else has given.
We are to "do what we can do."



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Matthew 14-28

EXPLORE THE BIBLE SPRING 2026

ARE YOU READY FOR SUNDAY'S MESSAGE?
DON'T MISS OUT - BE PREPARED



ETB STUDY GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
RESOURCE CENTER

Daily Discipleship Guide

Spring 2026





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*Join Us for
Refreshments on
the Patio Today!*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING
EVENTS | MEETINGS | FELLOWSHIPS

*Stay and Visit
Following
the Service!*

Awana - Ketchup & Popcorn Night
March 18th

Senior Adult Fellowship
March 20th

MomCo
March 25th

CT - Doppelganger Night
March 25th

Awana - Jammies for Jesus
March 25th

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Vacation Bible School

Registration Is Open

Time To Select
Your Week For VBS
June 15 - 19
June 22-26



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"Ketchup" & Popcorn Night March 18th



**It's a fun night of Popcorn treats,
while clubbers catch up
on their handbooks.**

Senior Adult Fellowship

Fun / Laughter / Games / Food

March 20th / 6:30 PM / Activity Center
Bring a salad, dessert, or covered dish to share



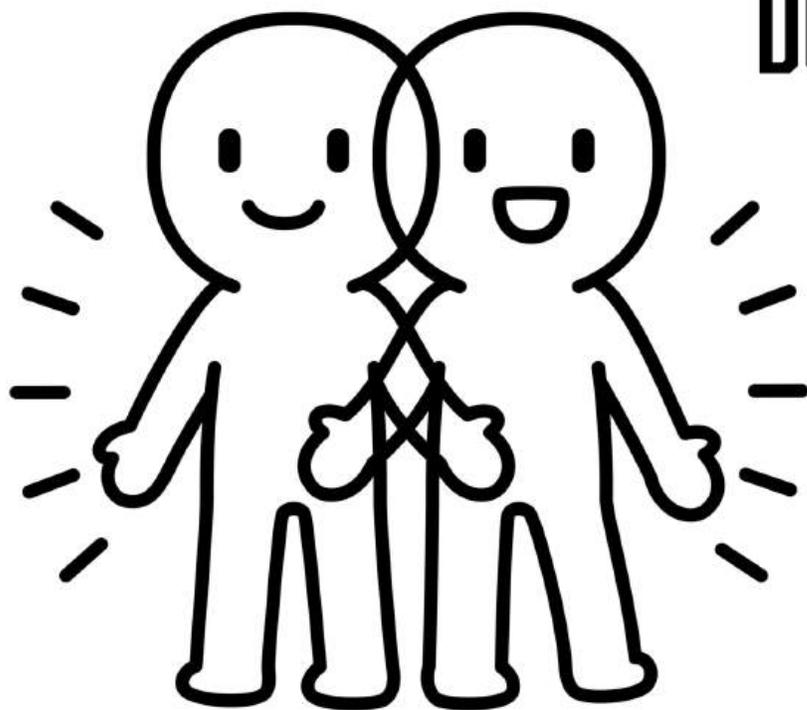
Cost - \$3.00 Per Person

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MARCH 25TH - 6:30 PM
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