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SEEKING FREEDOM by Pastor Ray

The pressures of this life. There will always be pressures in life because God judged the human race and condemned them to death when one "perfect" lady ushered sin into the world in a swift motion of snatching a piece of fruit from the ONE tree God said to leave alone. Sin entered the world but Jesus rescued us from the eternal death because God His Father loves us so much.

This morning I'm feeling the pressures of the life as a pastor. It has been building for a while and I wonder what the end will be like. I believe there is a Rapture coming and that it is just about to happen. I just prayed; God, when the Rapture happens will you please sever my memories so that the pressures of life are gone and not remembered at all? Will you please, immediately, set me free from all this stuff I deal with?

I want to experience the full love that God has to offer me; no memories of sin in my flesh do I want to remember when I meet Jesus and look into His eyes. I want so badly to experience freedom from the world's sinfulness. As a pastor I experience carrying other's pressures also. It's called walking alongside a brother or sister who holds within them a burden few or even no one knows. Those pressures can be transferred to me and I carry them because I am committed to telling no one. Once a friend brought up something he had earlier shared with me in confidence in front of Vickie. He was surprised that she was unaware of the subject. He assumed I had broken that confidence - she being my wife. It was about 15 years that I carried that burden. I was glad he brought it up because from that moment I no longer had to carry his burden. He set me free!

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Special points of interest:

- MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
- LIFE LINE MAY 10TH

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

We have a cloud of witnesses globally, nationally, and locally who provide incredible testimonies of generosity. Tethered to biblical accounts of giving, this six-session series with author and speaker Ann Voskamp explores examples of offering hospitality, time, money, spiritual gifts, and empathy to the glory of God.

Everything we have is a gift. Will we hold tightly to these gifts with a scarcity mentality or will we handle them with open hands?

Starting **May 16th**. Let Vickie know if you plan to attend.

LADIES DAY OUT

We will be making a decision April 21 at our next meeting as to what or where we would like to meet for our May 19 meeting. If you have any suggestions or ideas please let me know. And, bring a friend. The more, the merrier as "they" say. Hope to see you there.

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That's what I want right now from my Heavenly Father. To be set free from so much worldly stuff. Lord Jesus come quickly! Let's get this over, call home your bride and establish Mrs. Jesus, the Church, whom you love. Today would be a good day to hit your praying knees asking God to order the Trumpet Sound that calls the dead in Christ to come out of the grave then to call we who are alive to meet them in the air. Can you sense the time is near? Are you sick that you're losing freedoms almost daily? The time is near brother and sister; get ready, get prepared. How? Turn off the nonstop news media, get off the phone that keeps you from being with God. Today, ask God how much time you need to spend in His Word to make you wholesome. The truth is, if as much time was spent in the Word of God as spent on Face Book and news channels there WOULD be a change in each individual. Why do we wait? What power keeps us from making the change? Ask Jesus. He will show you the way.

Mother's Day is just around the corner; May 8th. The men will cook and serve breakfast to all you ladies who come to the feast...well let's stick with breakfast. If you'll be so kind to sign up on the sheet at the welcome table it'll help determine how many pigs and chickens to purchase. See you there!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 21th, 2022 at 8:00 AM at IHop in Blue Springs, Please invite your neighbor or a friend to join us. It's a good time to fellowship with other men in our community.

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer

We are all busy. Some of us can't remember the last time we rested or even had free time. Our busyness can feel productive but it is a toxic distraction, sapping our spiritual, physical, and emotional vitality. It may seem like we have no choice but to live at a frantic pace, but God has a better path for us.

Join pastor and author John Mark Comer in this five-part series as he addresses one of the greatest threats to our spiritual lives: hurry. Instead of allowing our calendars and screens to control our lives, Jesus offers us a new rhythm of life, overflowing with grace, peace, and beauty. New Wednesday night study at 6:30 PM

MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGEMENT by Rick Warren, author of "Purpose Driven Life"

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, God calls you to treat everyone with dignity. It doesn't matter if they act, think, or worship differently than you. He still wants you to treat them with dignity. Why?

Because that's what Jesus did.

Jesus accepted everyone. This doesn't mean He approved of everything people did. He doesn't approve of everything you do either, but He accepts you and treats you with dignity.

In John 8, Jesus treated a humiliated woman with dignity, but her accusers did not. Instead, they brought her before Jesus and said, *"This woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"* (John 8:4-5 NLT) Jesus knew they were just trying to trap Him into saying something they could use against Him, so He *"stooped down and wrote in the dust with His finger . . . stood up again and said, 'All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!'"* (John 8:6-7 NLT)

Nobody knows what Jesus wrote in the dirt, because the Bible doesn't tell us. Some scholars think He wrote down the sins of the woman's accusers: judgmentalism, arrogance, dishonesty, or spousal abuse. After all, Jesus, being God, knew their secret sins and wanted to get to the heart of the matter.

What did her accusers end up doing? John 8:9 says, *"They slipped away one by one . . . until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman"* (NLT). They didn't stick around to condemn her.

And Jesus didn't condemn her either. Instead, He showed her mercy. John 8:11 says, *"Neither do I condemn you,' Jesus declared. 'Go now and leave your life of sin'"* (NIV).

Did this woman do something wrong? Yes. She cheated on her husband. But Jesus protected her dignity in a public situation and dealt with her sin gently. He simply said, "Don't do this anymore." He changed her.

That's why I love Jesus—because He does the same thing with me. He treats me with dignity, even though I don't deserve it. That's what He does in your life too, when you accept His mercy. And, it's how He wants you to treat others.

Think it over: In what situation in your life do you have a chance to treat someone with the same kind of dignity Jesus does?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT!

Wednesday night dinners begin at 6:00 PM.

The cost is \$5.00 a person for ages 7 years through adult. 6 years and under are \$3.00. The menu for the month is listed on the right. **Please sign-up on the list on the information table each week.** If you are running late that night, please call the church so we can set aside the proper number of meals for you.

- **May 4, Tacos**, Spanish rice, black beans, cheese dip, chips, salad & dessert.
- **May 11, Smoked Turkey**, baked potatoes, veggie mix, rolls, salad & dessert
- **May 18, Brisket**, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, corn, rolls, salad & dessert
- **May 25, Grilled Chicken**, cheese potatoes, mixed veggies, rolls, cottage cheese, salad & dessert

National Day of Prayer

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REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, I WILL SAY IT AGAIN: REJOICE! Philippians 4:4

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We will be in your neighborhood soon on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Oak Grove - Cross Creek Baptist Mission

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MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Hey Ladies, it's that time of the year again! The men are in the kitchen fixin' up breakfast for Mother's Day, **May 8th**. Breakfast will be served at **8:30 AM**. Everyone's welcome, so please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the welcome table. Men, please let Pete Lyon know if you can help. We always look forward to this GREAT breakfast men!