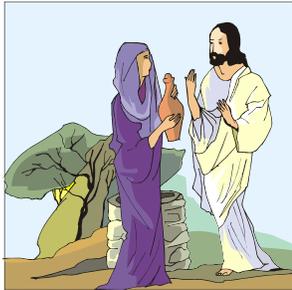


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North Bay Community Church



Dialogue with Danny: Waiting on God



Easter is here again. And with Easter is that familiar saying, "Christ is risen; He is risen indeed." Why do we say that year after year? How many times can He be risen? When is this going to be over and we don't have to say that again?

Well that is the meaning of it all isn't it? If He is risen why do we all still have the pains of life to suffer? If Death and Evil are conquered, Why do I still have to deal with it? Why are we still waiting for it all to be over?



Proverbs 16:9 says: "A man plans his journey by his own wit but it is the Lord who guides his steps." You can plan all you want but it is God who will finally take you where you need to be.

No one likes to wait, but have you ever wondered why? It's because delays show us that we are not in control. Someone or something else is calling the shots. Although we may be able to identify



the immediate cause-like a traffic light or the long checkout line-ultimately the One who controls all our delays is the Lord. Since He is sovereign over everything in heaven and on earth, even our time and schedules are in His hands.

This means that in every delay, we are actually waiting for God in one way or another. You might have thought that the expression "waiting upon the Lord" applies only to seeking guidance from Him or an answer to prayer. But it can mean so much more when you remember that He controls all your day-to-day inconveniences and frustrations.

In the Christian life, learning to wait is vitally important because until you do, you'll never be able to walk in obedience to God, have an effective prayer life, or experience the peace of resting in His loving sovereignty. We must learn to trust His judgment-about not just the big events in our lives, but also the trivial

ones which cause us to become irritated, impatient, or even angry. If we're sensitive to His instruction, each delay has a lesson.

The next time you face an unexpected or unwanted wait, remember that it comes as no surprise to God. He wants to teach us patience and increase our faith. He's more interested in developing godly character than He is in making sure your schedule runs according to your plans.

Yes Christ is risen; and because He is risen we too shall rise above our pains of life. But it will be when we have learned that this life is not about us and our plans; it is about God and His great plan for all.

Happy Easter! And Happy Waiting on the Lord!

God Bless from Pastor Danny

Community Missions

Our Easter food drive was held on April 2. The Crafty Ladies have been busy again and have made adorable Easter gifts for our

home-bound members and for Westchester Nursing Home. Coming in May will be our annual Haven Mother's Toiletry drive. Many

thanks to all who have so generously supported our drives and are making this a very giving year. The Community Missions Committee

Men's Breakfast

Do not forget our Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Wednesday, April 5, 8:30 am at Eve's Restaurant. If you haven't already attended be sure to set that date and be ready for fun time and just a great get-Together. Jerry Walters

Christian Education

Our Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:15 each Sunday morning in the Ron Rowand Room. The class is studying a book entitled "Troublesome Passages in the Bible" and is being led by Herb Angel. Please come and join us.

A new Men's Prayer Group with an emphasis on prayer, study, discussion and sharing

will begin meeting soon. Please look for more information in the weekly bulletin. You may call Don Clapp if you have questions.

We hope each member will complete a "Christian Education Survey" form which will be distributed over the next few weeks. The survey will help us plan the types of Chris-

tian Education programs that will most appeal to you, the members, and to help us identify members who might be willing to lead such programs. Based on the survey results, new Christian Education programs will be planned for implementation in the fall. Don Clapp

Ladies Breakfast

Join the ladies of the church for breakfast this Thursday, April 6. The first Thursday of the month we meet for breakfast at Bob Evans on US 19 at 9 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Enjoy the food and great fellowship. No reservations are needed. Bonnie Spears

Music Notes

Mark your calendar! Chancel Choir will present our cantata: Come Touch the Robe, by Pepper Choplin, on April 9th. You will not want to miss this musical exploration of Jesus as healer, servant and Savior! Sue Borden

World Missions

Prayer is important to our Christian life. Our missionaries need prayer for wisdom, encouragement and protection as they serve God.

Pray for them daily. You become part of their ministry. Joan Batchler



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April Events:

Easter Food Drive, April 2, 10:30 AM

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday, April 2, 10:30 AM

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday 4/9, 10:30 AM, Chancel Choir Cantata

Maundy Thursday 4/13, 7 PM Communion Service

Good Friday 4/14, 7 PM Service of Remembrance

Easter Sunday 4/16, 10:30 AM, Drama Service

Concert:

Suncoast Symphony 4/21, 7:30 PM, Free admission

