

MAY TIDES



North Bay Community Church

May 2017

Dialogue with Danny: It's Alright to Cry for Help



Bad weather is coming. We all know that the drought is about over and rain will come, but it will be in the form of Florida storms. So we need to prepare. But Florida storms are not the only storms we need to prepare for right now.



In Matthew 8:23–26 we have a familiar story: When he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?”



Are you the kind of person who grew up thinking you'd always be able to come up with a plan to solve any concern that crossed your path? Maybe you even believed that once you'd gotten capable enough at fixing problems, the automatic pilot of the good life would take over and you'd reach a day when nothing could faze you; you'd be able to sort everything out, box it up by category, and put it neatly on the shelf.

ONE LORD

ONE FAITH

ONE BAPTISM

Seems like nice thinking, right? But as we grow up, we start to figure out that day is never coming.

We can avoid storms and upheavals in our lives about as effectively as we can divert weather patterns over the Bay area. Despite occasional blue skies, dark clouds inevitably gather on the Gulf, reminding us of our daily need for trusting God. You cannot set your hope on the illusion that you will finally reach a point where life will be nothing but smooth sailing from here on out. Just about the time you think, “I don't really need to pray that much this week”—*Wham!* Reality hits. The fact is; this side of heaven, there will never be a day you won't need to trust the God who loves you.

The professional fishermen in the boat with Jesus that afternoon on the Sea of Galilee had seen a lot of bad weather in their day. They felt comfortable on the water, pretty sure of themselves, based on a lot of past experience. But there was something about this “storm” that blew in that was different to them. It was an unexpected storm, that sent them rushing to Jesus, imploring, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.”

Jesus orders the circumstances of our lives so that we will come to the place of crying out, “Lord, save me.” He knows we will never stop needing opportunities to grow, stretch, develop, and strengthen our faith in Him . . . because, as I'm often reminded, “nothing ever has nothing to do with faith.” The issue is always: “Will I trust God in this? Do I believe He will care for me? Do I believe He has my best interest at heart?”

Dialogue with Danny continued

Jesus knew the storm was coming. He could have stopped it before it started. He could have waited for clearer sailing before encouraging His disciples to come out on the water with Him. He knew when He lay down to sleep in perfect calm and confidence, that He was preparing them for a teachable moment. "O you of little faith."

When He was questioning their faith, He was not rebuking them so much as He was tenderly saying to them something more like, "You don't get it yet, do you?" He wasn't mad at them; he was sad that they still weren't convinced He could take care of them. He wanted them to realize, just as He wants us to realize, the absolute security found in trusting Him.

Your future will always hold waves, and those waves will toss you until you embrace the fact that God allows storms for your good. He won't let you drown. But He wants you, to want Him, to save you.

He creates the storm to remind you to trust Him. So when the storms come...trust God.

God Bless from Pastor Danny

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 is meeting each Monday morning at 11:30 in the Ron Rowand Room. All are welcome, and we hope you will consider becoming a part of this group. If you have questions, please call Don Clapp.

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 Christian 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

Garage Sale Leaders

We need one or two people to head up the next Garage Sale in January. You will have a lot of help each day. Please leave your names at the office.



Men's Lunch Bunch

The Men's Lunch is May 18, noon, at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar. Sign up May 7 & 14 in the Gathering Place. We will have a great day for fellowship.

Jerry Walters

Attendance

Please sign the registration pad on your pew on Sunday mornings. With some people returning back up north, or just being sick, we need to keep accurate records of attendance. We send letters to those not in attendance every six weeks to encourage them in attendance, and we don't want you getting one just because you forgot to sign the pad. Please help us.

Thanks,
Jerry Walters

Ladies Lunch Bunch

You are invited to lunch Tues., May 9, 12:00 pm at Long Horn Steakhouse, 35645 US Hwy 19, Palm Harbor. All women of the church are welcome. Please sign up at the table in the Gathering Place.

FEAST

Join us Sat., May 13, 1:00 pm at Curlew United Methodist Church, 2210 Cathedral Dr. in Palm Harbor to help sort canned goods from the US Postal Service Food Drive. East Lake High School Football team will be there to help. If you've got time FEAST needs your help.



Music Notes

I am so thankful for our wonderful choir! They are talented, dedicated, and friendly, and rehearsals are always fun. I thank them for a beautiful cantata, and for the wonderful fellowship each week.

I also want to thank David Rutter and Roberta Luckie for doing such an outstanding job with the narration and acting. Our sound guys were amazing as always!

Thank you so much to everyone.

Sue Borden

Indoor Picnic and Games

From the Fellowship Committee.... please be sure to sign up for the Picnic on May 20. We will have some games starting at 11:00 am that were a big hit last year, including a Putting Green, Bean Bag Toss and Horseshoes. Everything will be inside except for the Horseshoes and the MEN will be cooking!!!! Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided, bring a covered dish. Please sign up asap so we can get a count on the hamburgers and hot dogs.

See you there!

Sande Spencer



Bible Study

A new Bible Study Series begins Wednesday, May 10. Pastor Danny will begin a study on Prayer in the Book of Acts. It is entitled; Praying With One Another. We will look at our direction to pray for and with each other in the church. Don't miss this new series on prayer. Wednesdays at 11:00 am and 6:30 pm.

Community Missions

The mission of The Haven is to provide safety, support and education to anyone impacted by domestic violence. It is a very positive experience to those looking for a brighter future. We will be collecting toiletries for the Haven Mothers on May 7th. Let's show how much we care by responding in the usual Big NBCC Way! Please contact Jan Sinsel with any questions. Be blessed in your giving.

Haven Mother's Wish List:

Hairbrushes, combs, hair care products, lotions, powder, tooth care products, body wash, bars of soap, razors, gift cards and deodorant.

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services, missions and preschool.

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