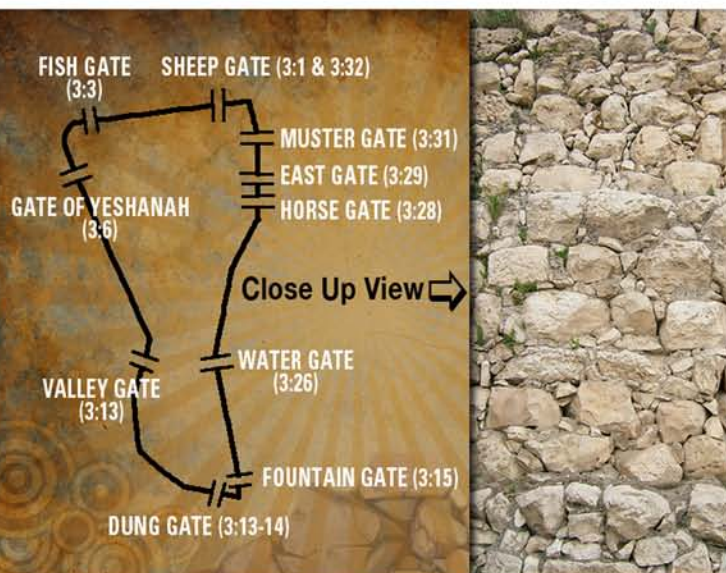


¹Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. ²And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. ³The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

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⁴And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. ⁵And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord. —Nehemiah 3:1-5 ESV

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Takeaway for Today: God uses people to accomplish His purposes.

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"I like work; it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours." —Jerome K. Jerome

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"A great many people have got a false idea about the church. They have an idea that church is a place to rest in... to get into a nicely cushioned pew, and contribute to the charities, listen to the minister, and to do their share to keep the church out of bankruptcy, is all they want. The idea of work for them—actual work in the church—never enters their minds."
—D.L. Moody

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¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

—Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

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¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...

—Philippians 3:17-20 ESV

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"next to him . . . after them"

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YOU Have a Place in God's Plan

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"If every member of Warren was just like me, what kind of church would Warren be?"

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YOUR Place is Important
in God's Purpose

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Nehemiah 3:10, 12, 23, 29-30

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"By arranging for each man to work close to his own home, Nehemiah made it easy for them to get to work, to be sustained while on the job, and to safeguard those who were nearest and dearest to them. This relieved each worker of any unnecessary anxiety. It also insured that each person would put his best effort into what he was doing." —Cyril Barber

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Your Place is Important in God's Purpose Because...

People Matter to God

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¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

—Mark 10:13-16 ESV

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Your Place is Important in God's Purpose Because...

Everybody is Somebody in His Body

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¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require.

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But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,
²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

—1 Corinthians 12:12, 23-25 ESV

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Your Place is Important in God's Purpose Because...

Every Member is a Minister

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¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... —Ephesians 4:11-13 ESV

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Did You Know?

Saturday, Feb. 5: 80 women from Warren ministered to 43 women in downtown Augusta at the Women's Ministry event, "Queen for a Day."

Scott Sizemore is featured in this month's Columbia County Magazine for his ministry in Swaziland.

Two of our students, Ben Stewart and Matt Davenport, left a meeting that focused on sharing faith with others and immediately found someone with whom to share their faith.

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For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. —Hebrews 6:10 ESV

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YOUR Place is a Platform for
God's Glory

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Sheep Gate

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All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—
to his own way; and the LORD has
laid on him the iniquity of us all.
—Isaiah 53:6 ESV

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Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world! —John 1:29 ESV

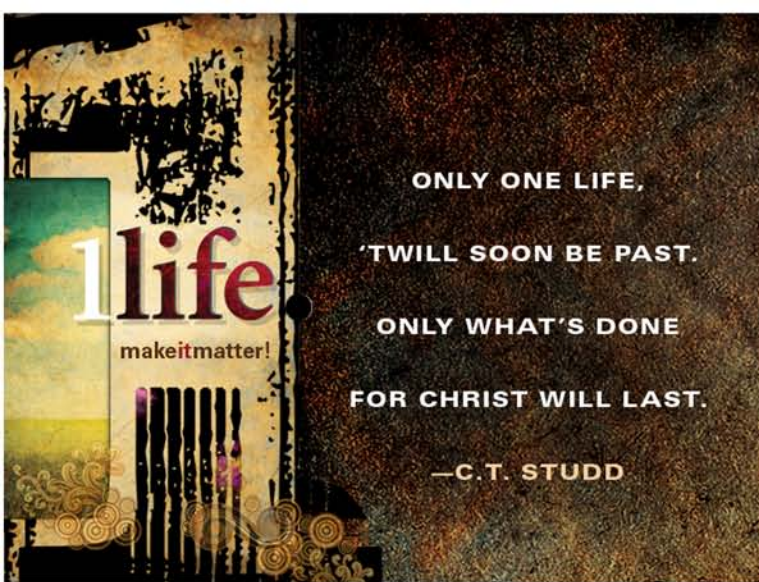
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⁸For by grace you have been saved
through faith. And this is not your own
doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of
works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we
are his workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God
prepared beforehand, that we should
walk in them. —Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

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