

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

August 21, 2020



Jonah 3:10

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Indoor Church &
Small Groups

Sunday August 23, 2020 — 9:30 AM

From Pastor Mike...



When I mention the book of Jonah in the Old Testament, what is the first thing you think of? For many, it is about the reluctant prophet Jonah and his journey in the belly of a whale. This is what this story in the Bible is known for, but may I suggest another storyline?

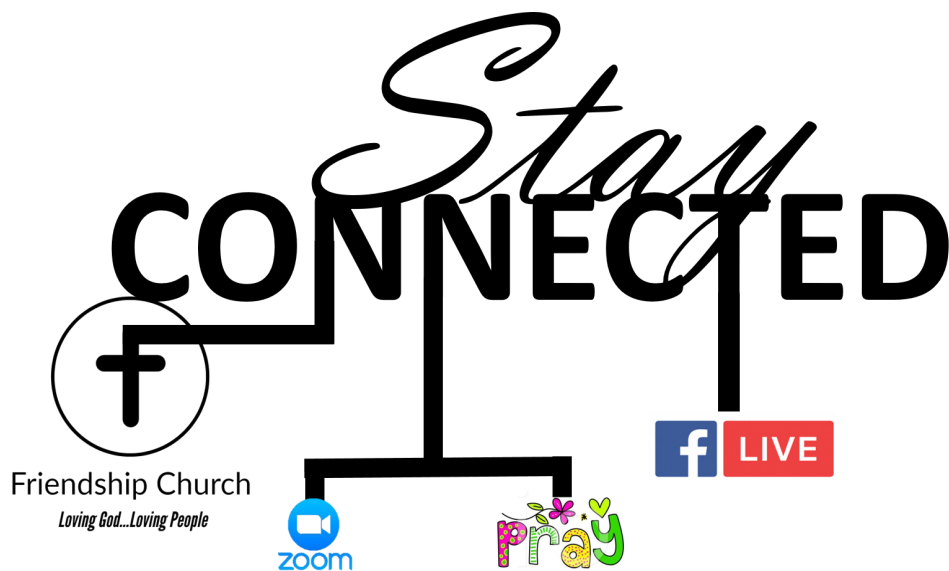
The story is about a wicked city named Nineveh. God was fed up with their wickedness and was about to destroy the great city and the countdown had begun – 40 days and counting. After a disgusting experience in the belly of the great fish, Jonah was now ready to obey God and delivered to Nineveh a sobering warning. Then, an amazing thing happened – this wicked city believed God! Jonah 3:5b says *“A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.”* This is known as the “Nineveh Moment.” A great disaster was averted and verse 10 says, *“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened.”*

Brothers and sisters, this is our Nineveh moment. The times are desperate and we, the people of God, must be desperate to pray and fast and seek God. It is time for us to put on “sackcloth” – humility, brokenness, repentance and faith. I am proclaiming a fast for September 18-28 – a time for us to seek the Lord in prayer and to ask God to relent (change His mind) about sending disaster to our country. Your children and grandchildren’s future hang in the balance. Will you join me?

Beginning Friday evening, September 18 at sundown – 7pm Zoom online prayer for 10 straight evenings.

I love you all – better days are ahead for us!

Pastor Mike



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Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at 7pm

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This Sunday's Gospel Project Lesson (small groups) **"Jesus Walks on Water"**

How easy it is to forget that Jesus has made a way for us to sit at His feet in intimate fellowship with the Triune God in prayer. Jesus took the time to outline exactly what prayer is and how we ought to pray, giving us a model of prayer that we can adapt for ourselves. Through prayer, we are able to speak to our Father in heaven because of the Holy Spirit's and Jesus the Son's mediating work. We pray to ask Him for what we need and long for, yes, but we also pray to commune with Him. In this session, we'll discuss how Jesus taught us to pray and we'll reflect on the amazing gift of communication that prayer is for the saints.

Sunday's lesson "*Jesus Teaches About Treasure*" - [CLICK HERE](#) to download your Sunday School lesson!

Most classes meeting online using Zoom. Check with your Sunday School teacher for dates and times.

Friendship Birthdays

August 23 – Richard Guraedy

August 24 – Natalie McFerron

August 26 – Diane Bowerman

Friendship Attendance, Aug 16

Small group Bible study - 44

Celebration worship - 75

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, August 2—\$4,063.31



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2 Corinthians 9:7

JOIN US



Location: Friendship Church Fellowship Hall

Day: Monday

Time : 10:30 AM

With global events signifying the end of our age, millions have begun seeking a greater understanding of Bible prophecy. The Book of Revelation, which concludes God's plan for humankind, is one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible, but the Decoding the Future series now shatters the debate by presenting newly discovered ancient anthropological findings from the time of Christ that prove the events of Revelation are not only true, but can now be easily understood as a road map through the end of days.



Women's Ministry Fellowship

Saturday, August 29 - 4pm to 6pm

At Martha Guraedy's home. Sign up Sunday so we know how many to prepare for. Bring your swimsuit, towel and a lawnchair and enjoy some great Christian fellowship!



THE RETURN

The Return is a movement, an appointed time, and a specific day set apart for one purpose – the return to God by coming before His presence in humility, in sincerity in prayer, and repentance.

The movement begins now and will continue through the entire year of 2020 leading up to 10 Days of Vigilant Prayer – Starting with the Biblical Feast of Trumpets and ending with the Day of Atonement (September 18-September 28). The central day of The Return will be Saturday, September 26, 2020 on the National Mall and throughout the nation and world.

Faith In Your Distressing Times

Of all people, God's saints should be shining examples of what it means to live in peace and triumph in these fearful days. He has given us an ironclad promise for life on this earth, especially when the enemy of our soul tries to walk over us. "My people shall know My name; therefore they shall know in that day that I am He who speaks: 'Behold, it is I'" (Isaiah 52:6).

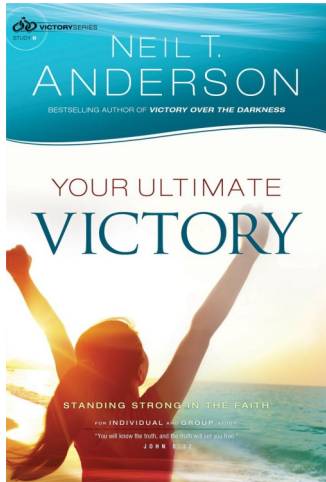
In other words, God is saying, "When you're in your darkest trial, I will come and speak a word to you. You'll hear me say, 'It is I, don't be afraid.'"

In the New Testament, Jesus reiterated this promise on many occasions, one of the most familiar instances being when he spoke to the disciples who were out on the boat in an awful storm. As the boat was being tossed about by wind and waves, the panicked men saw Jesus walking toward them on the water. Scripture says, "When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, 'It is a ghost!'" (Matthew 14:26).

Jesus immediately spoke to them, eager to ease their fears: "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid" (14:27). The word cheer means to be happy, relieved. And here, in the disciples' time of distress, Jesus tied the word to his identity. Remember, these men knew him personally and he expected them to act on his word by faith. He was saying, "The Father has promised that I'll come to you in your storm, and now I've come. Yes, it's me, Jesus, here with you in the midst of it all. So, cheer up!"

The Lord expects the same faith reaction from us in our distressing times. Think about it. Our Lord has never once failed his people. He urges us to look back and remember how he has delivered us time after time, in every instance. He has never allowed the enemy to destroy those who trust him.

The Lord longs for us to find our fulfillment in him and trust him completely. King David said, "All my springs are in you" (Psalm 87:7), meaning, "All my satisfaction is found in you, Lord. You alone are the wellspring of my fulfillment and you are all I need to be complete, joyful, happy and at peace."



NEW MEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 8—"Your Ultimate Victory"

Session Two: The Lure of Knowledge and Power

Location: Friendship Church

Date: Wednesday, Aug 26, 2020

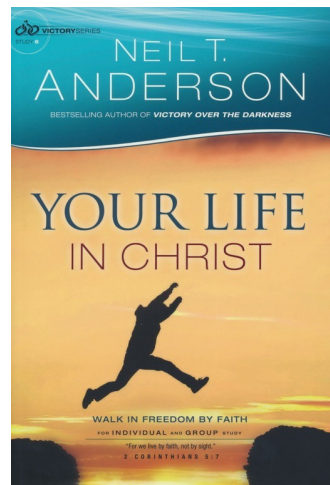
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Become Equipped to Withstand the Enemy

In *Your Ultimate Victory* Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to win the battle for your mind and stand strong in the faith. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood" (Ephesians 6:12)--rather, it is against things unseen, things often kept secret out of fear and shame.

In *Your Ultimate Victory*, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to win the battle for your mind and stand strong in the faith. In this last of eight Victory Series studies, you will learn how Satan attempts to influence your mind and how he tries to lure people with false knowledge and power. You will explore the tactics he has used from the beginning and how you can overcome his temptations, accusations, and deceptions. You will discover how to identify false teachers and false prophets and how to resist demonic influence, possession, bondage, and control.

It is the unique work of the Holy Spirit to shed light on the finished work of Christ. And in Christ, you have the resources to overcome every temptation and claim ultimate victory in Him.



NEW WOMEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 6—"Your Life In Christ"

Session Two: Faith Appraisal (Part 1)

Location: Zoom

Date: Thursday, Aug 20, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

In *Your Life in Christ*, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to walk in freedom by faith, according to God's will. In this sixth of eight **Victory Series** studies, you will discover how to discern God's will and assess whether you are walking in faith according to God's Word. You will learn biblical principles of leadership and how to disciple others and help them find true freedom in Christ from a biblical worldview perspective.



Gospel Project for Kids

GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS

Jesus Walked on Water

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- After feeding the crowd, Jesus sent His disciples back across the sea while He stayed behind to pray.
- Another storm came upon the disciples' boat.
- Jesus came to them, walking on the surface of the sea.
- Jesus showed He is God by walking on water.

Christ Connection: Jesus proved that He can be trusted. His miracles, teaching, death, and resurrection showed that He is who He says He is. Only Jesus can save us when we look to Him in faith.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS: As you discuss this familiar story with your children help them see that Jesus performed miracles to glorify God, to show He is the Son of God, and to care for people.

ASK:

Why can Jesus do things that would normally be impossible?

How does this Bible story help us trust Jesus more?

When is it hard to have faith in God?

What do you do when you feel afraid?

How do you feel knowing God's Spirit is always with you?

What can you do when you start to doubt God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: • Find a body of water, like a pond or a lake. Teach your kids to skip rocks across the surface. Remind them that Jesus' power proves He is God's Son. Only He can save us.

Friendship K.I.D.s Korner News (continued)



Art Of Parenting Class

God has a purpose and a Plan for your Family...but how can you know that plan, or where you are headed, or how to get to where He wants you to be without having a plan in place? That is what we are learning in the **Art Of Parenting Class.**

Each week we are learning about four qualities for children that give four clear goals for parents to pursue as they seek God's purpose and plan in molding their children. Nearly every issue or trap children will encounter can be linked to a young person's need in one of these four areas:

Identity: Every person is born with a unique, divinely imprinted identity. If we want to properly guide our children to a healthy self-identity, we must

acknowledge and support the Creator's design in three key areas: spiritual identity, emotional identity, and sexual identity. We must also communicate with them one of the most important messages they will ever receive--"You are made in the image of God. You are one valuable child."

Character: From Genesis to Revelation, character development is a major theme of God's work in people. And it's one of the major assignments God gives us as parents. Character is how your child responds to authority and life's circumstances.

Relationships: None of us was intended to make a journey through life alone. We need the strength, comfort, encouragement, resources, and power provided by God and others. We need to know how to live in an imperfect world with imperfect people, starting in our home. Loving God, Loving Others.

Mission: Every person needs a reason to live, a driving passion or calling that provides meaning and impact. Every child should be helped to understand that life is a dynamic relationship with God that overflows in love to other people—a love that the Holy Spirit uses to reconcile the lost to God. Everything else, as good or innocuous as it may be, is only a prop to facilitating this mission.

Serving God, Serving Others

Adapted from Dennis and Barbara Rainey Art of Parenting

Blessings, Mary Ann

