



FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

September 4, 2020



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II Samuel 24:25b

**I n d o o r C h u r c h &
S m a l l G r o u p s**

Sunday September 6, 2020 — 9:30 AM

Small Groups — 10:30 Church Service

From Pastor Mike...

God hears His people when we call upon Him. When King David purchased the threshing floor from Araunah the Jebusite, he then turned it into a holy place of worship to the Lord. This location is approximately where Abraham offered up Issac and is today the location of the temple mount in Jerusalem.



David earnestly sought after the Lord through prayer and worship. Here is the result – read this slowly – “The LORD was moved by prayer for the land, and the plague was held back from Israel.” **II Samuel 24:25b** (NASB)

You know what moves God’s heart? People that humble themselves and declare their dependence and need of Him. God’s heart is moved when His children come to Him with their requests. The heart of God is moved when we seek Him, not just for what He can do for us. The Lord’s heart is for us when we turn from our sinful ways.

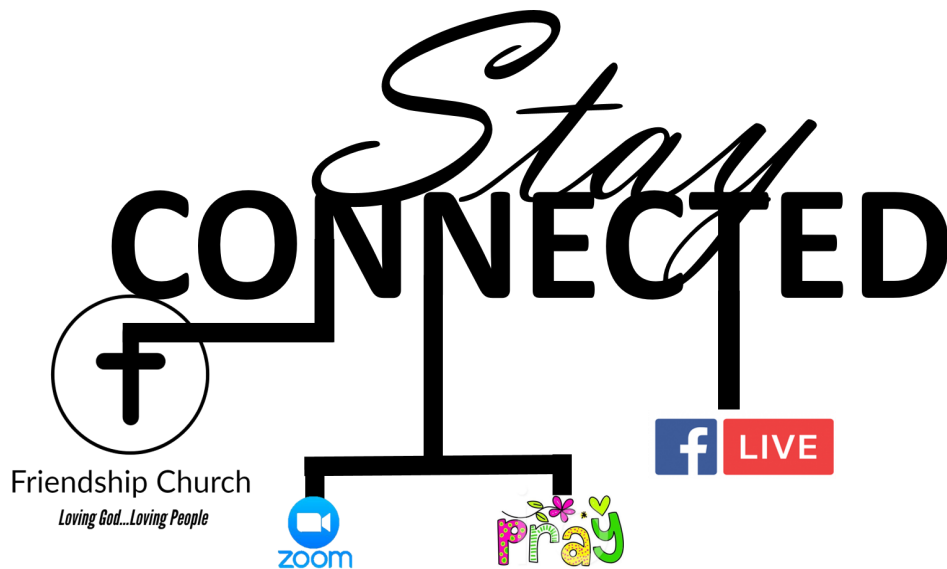
We can move God’s heart! The plagues of civil unrest, national division, Covid-19, and all others can be held back. Only God alone can heal this land. We need Him to hear from us – we need Him to forgive us our sins – and we cry out for Him to bring healing to our land.

Mark your calendars – Friday, September 18 through Monday, September 28 – **10 Days of Fervent Prayer for National and Global Revival**. We will be on Zoom praying together every one of these 10 nights at 7pm each evening. We have a prayer guide and a Biblical plan to guide us in a time of crying out to the Lord for help.

Psalms 121:1-2 “I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Lord, may we be your church for this time we live in.

I love you all,

Pastor Mike



SERVICES LIVE ON FACEBOOK

Every Sunday morning at 11am

ONLINE LIVE PRAYER MEETINGS

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at 7pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS

Check with your Sunday School teachers for times

Get updated prayer requests and announcements.

To sign up, text your name to 479.422.1079

This Sunday's Gospel Project Lesson (small groups)

"Jesus and the Kingdom (Gospels)"

Sunday's lesson "*Jesus Tells the Kingdom Parables*" - [CLICK HERE](#) to download your Sunday School lesson!

In the beginning, the all-powerful, personal God created the universe. This God created human beings in His image to live joyfully in His presence, in humble submission to His gracious authority. But all of us have rebelled against God and, in consequence, must suffer the punishment of our rebellion: physical death and the wrath of God.

Thankfully, God initiated a rescue plan, which began with His choosing the nation of Israel to display His glory in a fallen world. The Bible describes how God acted mightily on Israel's behalf, rescuing His people from slavery and then giving them His holy law. But God's people—like all of us—failed to rightly reflect the glory of God.

Then, in the fullness of time, in the person of Jesus Christ, God Himself came to renew the world and to restore His people. Jesus perfectly obeyed the law given to Israel. Though innocent, He suffered the consequences of human rebellion by His death on a cross. But three days later, God raised Him from the dead.

Now the church of Jesus Christ has been commissioned by God to take the news of Christ's work to the world. Empowered by God's Spirit, the church calls all people everywhere to repent of sin and to trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness. By God's grace in Christ, repentance and faith restores our relationship with God and results in a life of ongoing transformation.

The Bible promises that Jesus Christ will return to this earth as the conquering King. Only those who live in repentant faith in Christ will escape God's judgment and live joyfully in God's presence for all eternity. God's message is the same to all of us: repent and believe, before it is too late. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe with your heart that God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved.

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

Friendship Birthdays

September 8 – Crystal McDaniel

September 11 – Gayle McClelland

Friendship Anniversaries

September 9 – Doug and April Ruzicka

Friendship Attendance, Aug 30

Small group Bible study - 37

Celebration worship - 68

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, August 23—\$5,294.67



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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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.



Dixie Jackson Annual

Week of Prayer and Offering for State Missions

September 6-13

Friendship Goal: \$2,500



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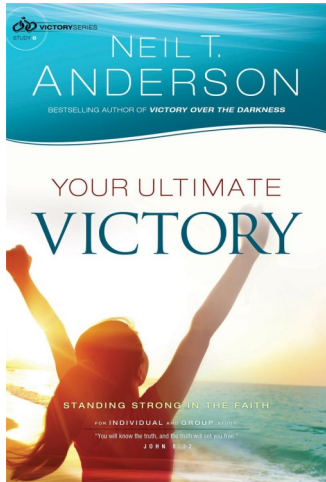
NATIONAL AND GLOBAL DAY OF
PRAYER AND REPENTANCE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

*For if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray
and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven,
and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

— 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

IT BEGINS NOW...
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MEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 8—"Your Ultimate Victory"

Session Four: Overcoming Accusation

Location: Friendship Church

Date: Wednesday, Sept 9, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

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.

WOMEN'S STUDY

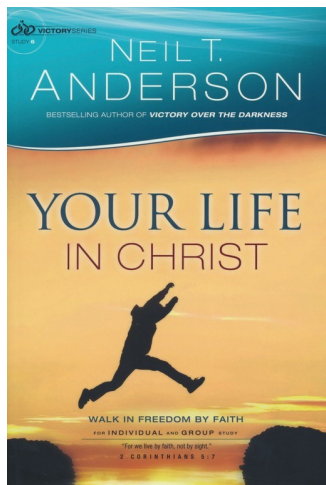
Victory Series Study 6—"Your Life In Christ"

Session Four: Spiritual Leadership

Location: Zoom

Date: Thursday, Sept 10, 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 K.I.D.s

We are excited to see kids coming back to in-person **GOSPEL K.I.D.s Bible Time**

Sunday mornings at 9:30.

Jesus told parables, or stories, to help people understand what the kingdom of heaven is like. Steven Smith helps us see the beauty of parables when he states, "The Parables of Jesus come from the very imagination of God." Have you ever thought about that? Every single parable gives us a glimpse into the imagination of the Creator!

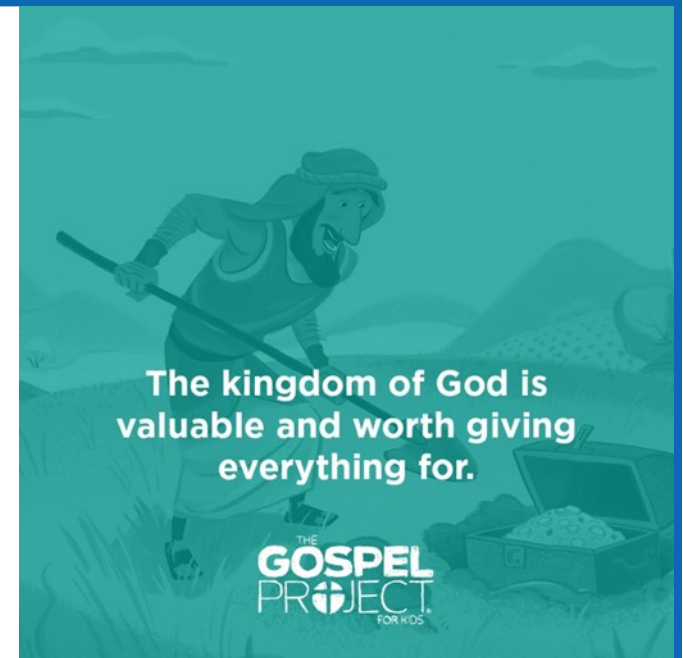
Jesus' parables show what it looks like to live in God's kingdom where Jesus reigns supreme. One day, these stories will become our reality when Jesus returns and reverses the curse of sin.

In addition to the value of God's kingdom, Jesus wanted people to understand that it will expand to fill the whole earth. Just as the mustard seed which grows into a tree that provides shelter for many, God's kingdom will grow and become a shelter for everyone who has faith. God's growing kingdom is more valuable than anything.

We hope to see your kids this Sunday as we answer these questions-

- What might we have to give up, to gain God's kingdom?
- How can we help God's kingdom grow?
- Whom can we tell about God's kingdom?

We are wearing mask and social distancing as we learn and sing about Jesus. Kimmie Bogan is teaching the lessons, with the help of Jennie Shrum. John Lane is getting the kids up and moving as they do fun activities and games.



Helping Your Kid Navigate Their 27 Different Emotions

Holly Crawshaw



Have you ever found yourself in tears for no real reason? Or have you ever been so frustrated that you wanted to throw something? (Maybe you even did!) Or have you ever woken up one morning with an overwhelming sense of anxiety but couldn't quite pinpoint what exactly you're so worried about?

Have you ever stopped to think about how your kid is (or isn't) navigating their twenty-seven emotions? Imagine being six years old and waking up with an uneasy feeling in your tummy and not really knowing what it's all about. You don't even know the word anxiety—much less the source of your discomfort.

That's the situation some of our kids find themselves in—experiencing a wide range of emotions and not having the context, life-experience, or even the language to talk about them. There are a few simple steps you can take as a parent to help them navigate their variety of emotions and process what they're feeling.

1. First, Recognize the moment.

Whether or not your kid expresses their emotions openly, they're definitely experiencing them. If you have a more reserved child, knowing when they're feeling emotional may require you to observe changes in their behavior. Are they more quiet than normal? Have less of an appetite? Are they sleeping significantly more or less? Be a student of your kid and keep a pulse on when they're not quite themselves.

2. Then, Remove them from the source.

Tell your kid that it's okay to respectfully walk away from a situation or person before they take action on how they're feeling. Give them permission to go into the other room and scream into a pillow. Walking away helps them take control of their emotions.

3. Next, Tell them to breathe.

It is scientifically proven that you will be incapable of thinking until you get blood and air back to certain parts of your brain once the adrenaline of a particularly emotional moment moves it elsewhere. Tell your kid to take deep breaths in and out until they seem calmer or more stable.

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4. Then, Help them name it.

You can't manage your emotions if you don't know what you actually feel. Create a feelings chart so they can easily and visually determine what they're feeling. Or, if they already know how they're feeling, give them a sliding scale to rate it. For example, How angry are you? From "a little mad" to "ready to scream your head off"? Or, Are you more sad or less sad than that time it rained out your birthday party?

It may seem silly, but giving them context for what they're feeling will help your kid weigh and process the levity of their current emotional state.

5. Finally, Refocus.

Give them a next step in addressing their emotion. If they're bummed about failing their math test, suggest the two of you sit down and look at the incorrect responses to see where they went wrong. If they're mad that their sister got a playdate and they didn't, get out the family calendar and make a suggestion for the next time they get to have a friend over. Don't solve their problem—just redirect their focus.

The most important thing you can do when it comes to helping kids navigate their emotions is to communicate that all emotions—even ones that make us uncomfortable are okay. There is no "bad" or "wrong" way to feel—only unwise or hurtful ways to respond.

Reassure them that what they're feeling is temporary, but that the way you feel about them will never, ever change.

Blessings, Mary Ann

