

CANS –

Nurturing: Building Bridges of Trust – Ephesians 4:7-16

1) John 1:1-2; 1:14

- God came to this world to _____ and to _____.
- A mission of _____ with us.

I. Accept His _____ – Ephesians 4:7-11

- The grace extended to you is intended to _____ others.
1 Cor. 15:9-11
- Disciples of Jesus were _____ and _____.
- Discover _____ gift.

II. Accomplish the _____ – Ephesians 4:12.

Our Mission: Make _____ who make _____.

- Accomplish the task by _____.
- Equip: a bringing to a _____ of _____.
- Supporting ligaments = Truth & Common Experiences
- More than just _____. James 1:21-25

III. Attain the _____. - Ephesians 4:1-16

- Recognize _____ from a _____.
- ἀληθείω - _____ the truth; to act truly or sincerely.

Building Bridges of trust.



Messenger

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us.

Is Today That Day?

Jesus caused people to ask lots of questions. Many things he said needed clarification because the things he talked about are not part of our casual conversation. When the disciples had questions, Jesus would not always directly answer, but He would encourage them to have faith. One example of this is in John 14:1-ff, where Jesus urges his disciple to trust him. In this context, he addresses several issues that challenge them. Issues like His departure, He and the Father being one and sending the Holy Spirit. All of these issues are directly linked to the future of the disciples and Jesus is teaching them to look forward to the day when they wouldn't ask any more questions. Not that they wouldn't have any questions, but that they would find themselves at a point where peace and faith became the real attitude of their hearts. It is that day Jesus urges us to look for. Because on that day, maturity will replace childishness and faith would replace doubt. On that day, you will understand that God reveals things in accordance to his will and good timing. On that day (John 16:23), you will experience a confidence and a freedom that will allow you to move forward in your life. Up to that point in your life, you will have depended on your own wisdom and ability. Human ability and wisdom are useful, but limited. But with the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the changes that take place inside, you no longer operate according to human wisdom, but the wisdom of the Spirit. "Once your inner spiritual nature is willing to submit to the life of Jesus, your understanding will be perfectly clear, and you will come to the place where there is no distance between the Father and you, His child, because the Lord has made you one" (Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest). Explanations regarding the issues of life will no longer come from your mind, but your spirit, your true inner nature.

Before that day, the inner nature is still influenced from the broken experiences of your life and is guided by the thinking that is prone to judgment and violence, instead of peace and understanding. This would lead us to think "that day" is the day we become a Christian. This could be true, but I know many people who have made the decision to be a Christian but are still walking in the darkness and shadows and not in the light.

Jesus concludes the question session with a warning, that we will be tested. The old life dies hard and doesn't go quietly. Jesus would be killed and the disciples would be scattered. Christians will have challenges and will have to fight. We have to know this for when it happens, we can have peace and able to persevere the same way Jesus did. He has overcome the world.

Sermon Summaries

Morning *Nurturing: Building Bridges of Trust – Ephesians 4:7-16*

I love to buy things that need to be put together. The things we buy that come in a box, come with instructions. Those instructions are written by the people who made the product. Usually, if we follow the instructions, the products will look like the picture and we won't have parts left over. If we have parts left over, it will be just a matter of time. God wants the Body of Christ to grow. We may have some ideas, but the instructions that He gave us are what we should follow. In our passage this morning, Paul gives us some specific instructions on how to build up the Body of Christ.

Evening *Life of Joseph: The Testing of Your Faith – Genesis 39:21-23*

As disciples, we want to grow in God's grace. We want to be mature and complete. Even when I am seeking the Kingdom and His righteousness, my personal weaknesses will get in the way. That is where the testing of our faith comes in. That is why it is necessary. God does have a plan for our lives and in some cases, those plans are big. Should we think that God would do any less in our lives than He would in Joseph's life? The testing of our faith prepares us for something bigger.

Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
Suspended until Sept 15 th	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Gordon Gower Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell

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ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	64
AM Worship	87
PM Worship	23

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$3995
Weekly Contribution	\$4524

What Makes Me Feel Safe

She asked what makes me feel safe.

In reply I say: To have beside me

The Almighty God. No circumstance will chafe,
External factors will never trouble or guide me.

I do not say that God is in my pocket.

He's no one's personal genie, idol or charm.

I fear his holy Name — let no one mock it.

But under his wing his people come to no harm,

For they possess what even death can't touch:

No human can destroy eternal hope.

And this, my friend, is no religious crutch,

But true reality to help you cope

And — more than cope — to flourish, grow,
enlarge

Your sights and borders. First, to him we must

kneel

And know the Lord of all the earth is in charge.

Security like this we all can feel.

By J. Randal Matheny

Things to Know

Elders, Deacons, Preacher Meeting
August 12th 7pm

Men's Retreat

Sept 17th & 18th. Flyers on back table.

POTLUCK

August 15th after morning worship. It will be an indoor picnic. Sandwiches, chips, etc. Bring your favorite picnic food and plenty to share. Questions see Maxine Dillahunty

*But grace was given to each
one of us according to the
measure of Christ's gift.*

Ephesians 4:7

GIVE YOURSELF

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5 NIV

PRAYER REQUESTS

Betty McInnes (Syble Mann's mother) went home to be with the Lord on Monday August 2nd. Steve & Syble will not be having a memorial service here at Mt Vernon, there will be a service in California. Please keep the Mann family in your prayers.

Troy Kenner (Glenn Kenner's son) doing much better after diagnosis of COVID

Tracy Schoen (Marcia & Jesse Serrano's daughter) doing better, still having some balance and memory issues. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, God has heard them and answered! Love to all from Marcia, Jesse & Tracy!

Betty Lou Patterson (preacher's wife from Sedona) has been having brain seizures for some time now, she was recently put into Mountain Valley Rehab in Prescott Valley to receive therapy for this.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Rusty & Bonnie Parker** many difficulties with Rusty's dementia

~ **Suzanne Lacey (friend of Gowers)** kidney and lung cancer.

~ **Brandy Aquafedda (Denise Miler's niece)** cancer treatment.

~ **Carolyn Fields (friend of Larry Miller)** has terminal cancer.

~ **Allen Till (Dolores Buehler's son-in-law)** cancer treatment

~ **Rita Bowden (friend of Sally Guest)** stage 4 cancer.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

Always giving thanks
to God the Father

for everything..

Ephesians 5:20

