

This Week's Words for Meditation

When Nothing Goes Right

"David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God."

1 Samuel 30:6

Have you ever had one of those days where nothing seems to go right? As the verse above attests, David was certainly having one of those days! Shortly after losing an important military alliance, he and his army found the burned remains of the village of Ziklag. The Amalekites had taken captive all the people of the village, including the wives, sons, and daughters of David and his army. David and his men were disheartened, to say the least.

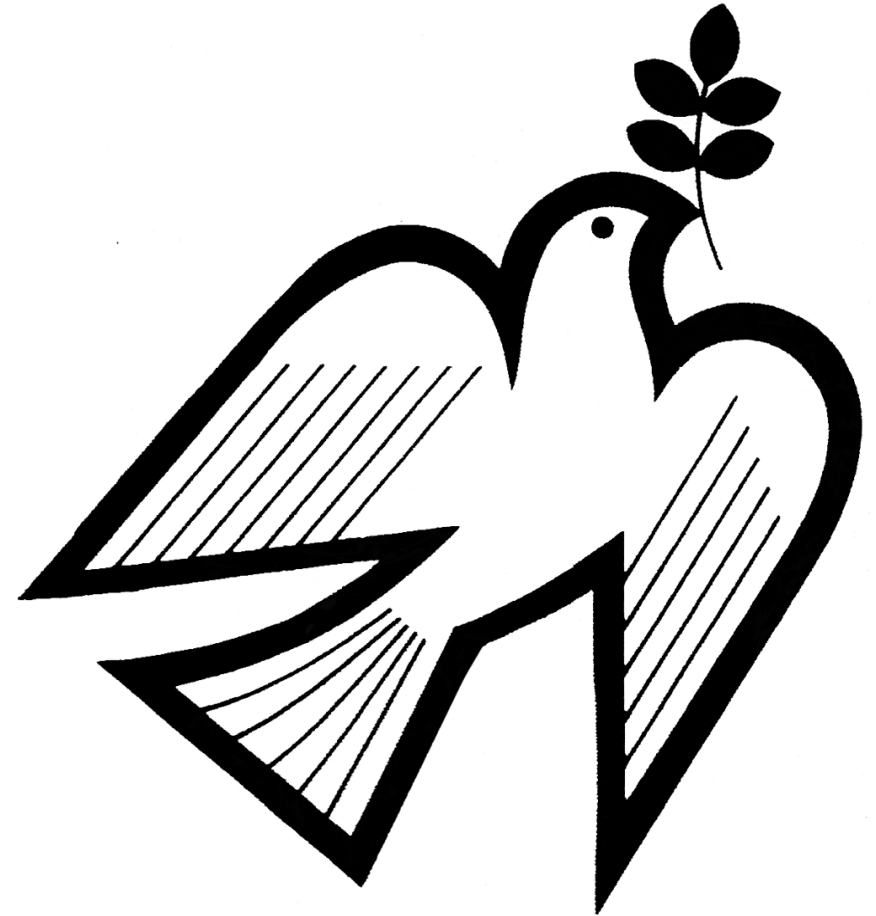
David could have given up, but he didn't. He turned to the Lord for strength. It's not important to know if God delivered David from his physical troubles (He did). What is important is that when David was spiritually distressed, God was there to strengthen him.

God still grants strength to His people. He gives His Word to remind us that there is no problem too big for Him. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God showed that He is even stronger than sin and death. Our Lord gave us Baptism and His Last Supper to strengthen us. God also works through other believers to encourage us and to remind us of these promises.

You probably won't face stoning in your life, but when you feel overcome by other troubles, remember that you can always turn to the God of strength.

Lord, when we are distressed and bitter, help us to find strength in Your victory over sin, death, and the evils of this world. Amen.

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WORSHIP THEME: Based on Today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31)

Welcome Visitors! To all who enter the doors of this church, we extend a special greeting. It is our sincere desire that you will find warmth and fellowship here, and that God may give you a beautiful Sabbath day. Please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex, giving your address (including apartment number) and zip code. Please come and worship with us again!

A Note About the Lord's Supper: The Lord's Supper will be offered at both of our services this morning. If you have any doubts or questions about your ability and worthiness to receive His Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion), speak with Pastor before coming forward. Please Note: Should anyone be unable to partake of the wine, we will have a small amount of cups filled with grape juice available in the center of each communion tray for your use. Also, please note that gluten-free wafers are available in a small bowl on the wafer plate for anyone with a gluten allergy.

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God by Ruth Poe in memory of Loved Ones.

TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE

(The Order of Service for today is Divine Service Setting One and can be found on Page 151 in the Lutheran Service Book.)

+ We Lift Our Hearts In Worship +

Pre-Service Music and Prayer Time (Please observe a quiet time prior to the service to allow for private prayers and meditation.)

+ WELCOME AND GREETING +

Opening Hymn: #148BoB "Living Stones"

Verse 1:

Jesus Christ is our Cornerstone. He's the Rock; He's the solid foundation.

We are building on Jesus alone, building up as the people of God.

Verse 2:

Each of us is a living stone, precious stones in the building of Jesus.

In this house we don't stand all alone; we are one.

We're the people of God.

Chorus:

Living stones, we are living, living stones. Built on Christ, living stones, holy people of God, building on the firm foundation.

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Verse 3:

Jesus, You are our Cornerstone. You're the Rock; You're the solid foundation.

We are building on Your love alone. Build us up as the people of God.

Verse 4:

Each of us is a living stone. We're alive in the love of Jesus.

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The Invocation (p. 151) (Spoken)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession and Absolution (p. 151) (Spoken)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit of the Day-Psalm 146; antiphon Psalm 146:2 (Spoken responsively)

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Praise Hymn: #154BoB "Majesty"

Chorus:

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Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from His throne unto His own;

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Verse:

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Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks to You, Holy LORD, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His
glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with
angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify
Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

The Sanctus: #92BoB *"Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts"*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

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The whole earth is full of His glory,

The whole earth is full of His glory,

The whole earth is full of His glory; Holy is the Lord.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p. 161)

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those
whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our
sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished
for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to
forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully
to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.
Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all
the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.
Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O
Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Words of Our LORD (p. 162)

Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread,
and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples
and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in
remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had
given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup
is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance
of Me."

The Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's
death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Pax Domini (p. 163)

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

(Spoken) **A - men.**

The Agnus Dei: #139BoB "Lamb of God"

Verse:

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.*

*Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

Chorus:

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

Verse:

*I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.*

Chorus:

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

The Distribution

Communion Hymns: #41BoB "Come to the Table"

Verse:

*Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.*

Chorus:

*Come at the Lord's invitation, receive from His nail-scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.*

Verse:

*Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.*

Chorus:

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#169BoB "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

Verse 1:

*What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Chorus:

*Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

#239BoB "What Is This Bread?"

*What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
Oh, taste and see— the Lord is peace.*

*What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
Oh, taste and see— the Lord is King.*

*So who am I, That I should live and He should die
Under the rod. My God, my God,
Why have you not forsaken me?
Oh, taste and see— the Lord is free.*

*Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear.
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
Oh, taste and see— the Lord is real.*

*Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
Oh, taste and see— the Lord is good.*

The Post-Communion Canticle (p. 164)

(Sung) *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Allelu - ia.*

The Post-Communion Collect (p. 166)

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Spoken) **A-men.**

The Benediction (p.166)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

(Spoken) **A-men.**

The Closing Hymn: #156Bob "May the Feet of God Walk with You"

May the feet of God walk with you, and his hand hold you tight.

May the eye of God rest on you, and his ear hear your cry.

May the smile of God be for you, and his breath give you life.

May the Child of God grow in you, and his love bring you home.

The Sending

Go in peace - Serve the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

The Postlude (This ends the service.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All members attending this morning's services, please be sure to sign up for Communion. Visitors are asked to please fill in the yellow Communion Registration cards available from the Ushers and in the Pews.

Visitor Information can be found at the Greeters' stand next to the guest book. Please come and worship with us again!

Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes are now all in session beginning at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. Pastor Bob conducts a Bible Study class at the back of the Church. Mohan facilitates a study on the Book of John. His class meets in the main building in the "long classroom." Pat Callahan conducts his class as they read through the Bible. They have been studying the Prophets and are currently in the Old Testament in the Book of Amos. Come and join one of these studies this morning, whether you are dropping off students for Sunday School or are just curious about the Adult Bible Studies - all are welcome!

LWML Sunday will be celebrated NEXT Sunday, October 6th! We invite all to come and join us in the LSC after the 10:45 service for lunch and listening to our guest speaker, Katrina O'Malley from Sophia Way. Please join us for lunch and discussing all the ways we can "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

Thank you everyone for your generosity in providing school supplies for our LWR school backpacks. We would also like to thank Office Depot in Bellevue for selling us 240 notebooks at their sale price of \$.10 when it was a limit of 5. The backpacks will be delivered the first weekend of November.

Attention High School Youth! The Youth Group will let their "lights shine" as they carve pumpkins together on Friday, Oct. 18 from 7-9pm. Watch for an Evite if you have a High Schooler!

Leah Circle is hosting the Christmas Brunch on Dec. 7 @ 10:00 AM. The donations we are asking to begin with: Diapers (infant thru training toddlers); Bibs and socks. P.S. A little later we will receive a list of what we need most. Please watch the bulletins and the Newsletter.

Notes from Rise and Shine: The preschool would like to remind everyone that your children are more than welcome to use the toys in the preschool rooms. The preschool rooms are a part of the church in which we show respect. Please help your child(ren) learn to show respect by having them put everything they have used back in place before they leave. Your support is appreciated.

From the Church Secretary: Please notify Barbi of any changes to your email address. Check the church phone directory and make sure ALL your information is up to date.

Prayer Chain Warriors - If you are not already on our prayer chain list, but would like to be, please contact Barbi at bcallahan@allsaints-lcms.com