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When Time is At Hand

When the two-minute warning occurs in a football game all players move into an endgame mode of urgency. The plays are strategically planned to win the game and all contestants know that there is no time to waste. All decisions are crucial and the final steps are very important.

The countdown at a space launch creates a moment of heightened excitement as all observers focus on the very dangerous and exciting moment of igniting the powerful booster rockets. Everyone's attention is captured and focused on that one location.

The final kick generated by a runner attempting to win the race causes all observers to lean into that moment anticipating the final victory at the finish line.

The anticipation in the final few moments before an important event heightens the heart rate, intensifies the senses and increases our breath rate. We tend to forget many of the periphery issues that demand our attention. The miniscule worries of day-to-day concerns melt into obscurity.

When our life is on the edge of eternity, we think of only a few things of importance. We think of relationships and human commitments. We forget about our owed bills and odd jobs left undone. We prioritize our statements to others and consider last minute duties. In Jesus' final gathering with his followers just before his arrest and crucifixion he prepared for the evening Passover meal saying, "My time is at hand." Matthew 26:18

How empowering it is when we know that "our time is at hand." If we all could know such a definitive moment in our life then we would focus our efforts and statements to those who need it the most. We wouldn't waste so much time treating the important as trivial.

We would prepare and prioritize attempting to maximize our moments. We would stop making irrational decisions and rightly consider our steps.

David wrote in Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." A heart of wisdom will direct our path, helping us to focus on the important and filter out the trivial. May God lead us all to know that our time is at hand!

- Tim Blair

Gospel of Luke

Bible Class

Led by Trent Herbert

1. Why might the disciples have needed Jesus to teach them to pray?
2. What are the parts of the Lord's prayer., how would you describe each line?
3. Should this be our prayer every day? Why/why not?
4. Where else in the gospels do we read of this teaching (vs5-13)?
5. What is the point of this teaching? What should we get from it?
6. Explain Jesus' response to the Pharisees about how He casts out the demons?
7. Why did Jesus respond to the voice in the crowd (vs28) as He did?
8. Everything that Jesus did had a reason. Why did He not wash His hands before the meal?
9. Most people think that Jesus was all about love. Yet we see Him condemning the Pharisees and
- 10.the lawyers. Did Jesus speak more about love or did He condemn more?
- 11.What is different about Jesus now?

This week in Luke we will continue in Luke chapter 11.

We will be in the second half covering vs 29-54. We spent the last two weeks talking about the first half of the chapter. I thought that we would go through chapter 11 in one week, but we ended up taking longer, having exceptionally good discussion about prayer and by what power Jesus is casting out demons.

This week we will be looking at the second criticism from the crowd, the need for a sign. He will then give the "woes" upon the pharisees.

I hope that you will be able to join our study on Zoom.

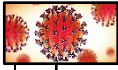
Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Call Laura Fry or
360-876-2604
for Zoom Meeting ID

Our Prayer List

- Shelby's mother passed away around 6 pm May 3rd. She is with her cousin right now. Please keep Shelby and her family in your prayers for comfort and healing and for Gary who was with her.
- The Chasteen's dog, Ziggy had surgery on Monday. Ziggy is so friendly, it's hard for her to stay still. Pray for her during her recovery time.
- Pray for the Fry's as they start their journey home, continual prayers for Lisa and Daniel.
- Bonnie's grandson, Chris and his son Levi are traveling home today (Wednesday) from Medford.
- Continue to pray for Ken Avery.
- Gary and Barbara's granddaughter, Sarah, has her last internship to finish with her Radiology program. She was hired by Virginia Mason in Seattle Friday. The proud grandparents said, "Prayers helped."
- Praises to God our Father who never fails.
- Keep the Fry's who are traveling home this week. Pray also for the rest of their family.
- Karri Schmeltzer's mother for healing.
- LaDonna's daughter Laurie will be released within the next few days and will be coming home to LaDonna's. Praise that she is able to be released and prayers for her healing.
- Pray for Renny Woodrow and his family over the passing of Darlene.
- Pray for Sarah Benjamin whose grandmother passed away. Pray for her grandfather who has blood cancer.
- Continue to pray for René Powless' mother Irene for her comfort. Also, pray for René, who takes care of her on the weekends.
- Continue praying for Tim Colwell.
- Karen Taylor has requested prayers for her friend, Debbie Nagel for healing, both physically and spiritually.
- Frankie Gower as she awaits definite dates for surgery. Pray also for the medical staff.
- Pray for Daniel's continued healing.
- Pray for Rosalie Palmer who is traveling to the Carolina's to be with her granddaughter.
- Pray for Oilda Harris' daughter, Frances who lives in California; that God will watch over both of them.
- Pray for Trent and those who are involved in the Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday evenings.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.

POCOC Web Site (<http://pococ.weebly.com>)

- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video.
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**



MASK UP.
SIX FEET.
SMALL GROUPS.

It takes all THREE.

Sunday Worship (10:30 am – 12:00 noon)

There **WILL** be “in-person” worship

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ



Speaker: Avery Stafford
Scripture: Avery Stafford
Prayer: Wayne Hammock
Communion: Dave Snynn

To worship from the Parking Lot:
 Tune your radio to 93.1 FM
 You must be in the parking lot to tune in.

Children will be dismissed after communion (with parent’s permission)
 for **Children’s Worship** downstairs

Classes

Bible Classes Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15am	Adult: James Greer – Auditorium	Children: Combined Class Downstairs
Luke Class Zoom Meeting: Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Call Laura Fry or 360-876-2604 for Zoom Meeting ID	
Ladies Prayer Group Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, 10:00 am		
Prayer Meeting Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, 5:00 pm		

Happy Birthday!

May: Julia Karn – 17, Jason Hooper II – 19, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26, Gene Gerard – 28, Sarah Hill – 31

June: Judy VanLeuven – 11, Obidiah Herbert – 14, Lila Mason – 15, Miki Gross – 23, Kenny Benjamin – 24, Cathie Cates – 26, Pilita David – 26, Greg Warner – 29

Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments

Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, but not able to pass the offering plate, there is a tithe box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) The collection box will be in the foyer.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ
4135 Carr Lane SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366

May 9, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 5,591.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

When I Go Home

Original Hymn by G. M. Eldridge.

In the moment He appears, and the light of heaven shines
I'll forget every fear; every pain I'll leave behind
Then I'll see Him as He is, and I'll know Him as I'm known
Every tear wiped away when I go home

Ever present is the thought that a moment waits for me
When, unworthy as I am, His glory I will see
I will empty all my praise before my Father's throne
Every tear wiped away when I go home

If the trial I endure, and your presence I can't find
Be near me, Lord I pray. Bring back unto my mind
That Your promises are firm, and I'm never on my own
Every tear wiped away when I go home.



Fun Fact:

The songwriter of this hymn, G. Michael Eldridge, is also the one who recorded all four parts (No, they're not quadruplets). [clink the link](#)

Listen to the song here...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z98Zvr1CyXg&list=PLRRb1aKII8lwIIHuM4UkDU7ksuSbSaFwZ&index=54>
