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Social Media – A Reflection

There are a lot of opinions about social media. Some people love it. Some people hate it. Some people hate it but still use it. It seems everyone has strong feelings about social media, but what is it? It is many things, but at its core, it is us. Social media is a reflection of who we are.

Social media is what we make it. We get to choose what we do with it.

We can choose to pray for people.

We can choose to encourage.

We can choose to promote hope rather than fear.

We can choose to be joyful.

We can choose to love our enemies rather than speak ill of them.

We can choose to strengthen relationships.

We can choose to bless rather than curse.

We can choose to assume the best of others.

We can choose to promote good causes.

We can choose peace rather than anger.

We can choose to help.

We can choose to tell the truth.

We can choose to be kind.

We can choose calm rather than outrage.

We can choose to act like Christ.

We are either part of the problem or part of the solution. Choose wisely.

Acts Chapter 4 Study Questions

1. Who arrested Peter and John? Why?
2. What did the Sadducees believe about resurrection?
3. How long do you think Peter had been preaching?
4. Did they arrest the healed man as well?
5. What did the rulers want to know?
6. How were Peter and John described?
7. What caused the rulers to believe they had been with Jesus?
8. What were the ruler afraid of?
9. What was Peters response? Should ours be the same?
10. What did the disciples pray for?
11. Describe how the early church looked and operate

The church was created on the day of Pentecost. It was spoken of by Jesus. In Acts we see how we enter into the Kingdom. The gifts that we receive when we chose Jesus and submit to Him through baptism, when we share in His death, burial, and resurrection. We become His possession. In Chapter 4 Luke tells us of a lame man at the gate called beautiful. How he is restored and how the crowd reacted. We learn about the rulers' views of the disciples and of the early church. More than that we learn about the heart of the early disciples. When they are challenged, they chose God and rather than ask for comfort from the persecution, they ask for boldness to keep speaking for God. May we have the same prayer. Please join us as we look deeper into Acts.

Mark it down:

God loves you with an unearthly love.

You can't win it by being winsome.

You can't lose it by being a loser.

But you can be blind enough to resist it.

For heaven's sake, don't. For your sake, don't.

- Just Don't -

- Max Lucado

Our Prayer List

- From Bob McDaniel:

Sharon's doctor's appointment for the 25th was rescheduled to February 9th when she will have a push enteroscopy. The capsule endoscopy revealed a couple of bleeders which could possibly be the reason for the anemia along with a "lesion of unknown origin in the small intestine". The enteroscopy will involve taking care of the bleeders and a biopsy of the lesion.

Prayers are appreciated and thankful for God's faithfulness. They are thanking everyone who is praying.

- From Laura Fry:

The box of cards and gifts arrived Monday afternoon. Linda was really touched by the thoughtfulness. The Bible Class children made coasters and Linda had the ones next to her bedside removed and replaced with the children's coasters. Tomorrow (Tuesday) is Linda's birthday so opening the cards will truly be a day of joy. Laura thanks everyone for loving the Frys for deeply and so faithful in prayers.

She wrote "The family of God in Port Orchard is such a blessing."

- The Woodrow's friend Johnny Ulrich in Idaho passed away on January 23rd, leaving behind his son Mike, his daughters and their families. His wife Wanda preceded him in death. Pam is requesting prayers for peace and prayers for the family and all those who knew him.
- Rick Velasco has requested prayers for his friend Rod's dad who doesn't have long to live. Please pray for the family.
- As of January 21st, Linda Fry is now at home. She is on chemo and her pain is under control. She will go tomorrow for more labs to see if she can tolerate the chemo again on Friday. As always, they appreciate all the prayers.
- Prayers for Covid healing for Sandi Warner's son Michael and protection for the family from Covid.
- Pray that Bonnie's daughter Penny wasn't exposed to Covid. She will have a test tomorrow. If so, she will have to stay somewhere as she isn't able to be around her husband Tony, who isn't well and cannot get Covid because of his medical condition. Pray for them please.
- Karen Taylor's son Aaron and his family have all come down with Covid.
- Joseph Beigler's father recently passed away from cancer. Please lift him and his father's family up in your prayers.
- Prayers for Karen Taylor for healing. She fell at her daughter's home.
- Praise - Pat Woodrow's heel is now healed and she won't need nurses any longer.
- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve treatment for his cancer.
- Pray for Bonnie's son-in-law Tony, who will have a procedure to hopefully input a stent where there is a blockage.
- Nancy Armenta will have surgery on March 22nd to remove a stage 3 cancerous cyst on her kidney to prevent it from spreading any further.
- Karen Taylor's friend JC Pate has stage 4 cancer in his throat, lungs and liver. Keep JC and his family in your prayers.
- Jon Powless is scheduled on February 15th for surgery to remove the skin cancer on his head.
- Our medical personnel and also first responders and all they are dealing with because of the problems associated with Covid.
- Our nation and leaders. Port Orchard Church of Christ and our deacons, our leadership team and brothers and sisters.
- Pray for those who experience feelings of anxiety, stress and even depression loss of jobs normally and additionally from Covid.
- Praise to God for all he provides to care for our needs.

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

- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristen 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**

Sunday Worship for February 6, 2022 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon)

(Children are dismissed after communion for Children's Church)

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

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

Speaker: Avery Stafford	Singing: Jon Powless	Scripture: Avery Stafford	Prayer:	Communion:
9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium Jim Snead / Trent Herbert / Brad Orser		Children Class: Downstairs Combined Class		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID				
Acts Class (Zoom) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm		Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 pm		
Men's Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 10:00 am		Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am		

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

We are meeting inside the building, but we are still not passing trays row by row. Be sure to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 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.

Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com	January 30, 2021 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,731.00
	If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

Happy Birthday!

February: Christopher Hill – 7, Melvin Byrd – 9, Terri [Hall] Whallon - 9, Zari Keagle – 9, Deloris Lawler – 9, Jason Hall – 20

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The God Who Stays

Verse 1

If I were You
I would've given up on me by now
I would've labeled me a lost cause
'Cause I feel just like a lost cause

If I were You
I would've turned around and walked away
I would've labeled me beyond repair
'Cause I feel like I'm beyond repair

Pre-Chorus

But somehow You don't see me like I do
Somehow You're still here

Chorus

You're the God who stays
You're the God who stays
You're the one who runs in my direction
When the whole world walks away
You're the God who stands
With wide open arms
And You tell me nothing I have ever done
Could separate my heart
(From the God who stays)

Verse 2

I used to hide
Every time I thought I let You down
I always thought I had to earn my way
But I'm learning You don't work that way

Bridge

My shame can't separate; my guilt can't separate
My past can't separate; I'm Yours forever
My sin can't separate; my scars can't separate
My failures can't separate; I'm Yours forever
No enemy can separate
No power of hell can take away
Your love for me will never change
I'm Yours forever



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLlq0t1Ykso>

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