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CHANGE IN ME!

Our lives are filled with many varied experiences and situations which become a matter of prayer. Sometimes we may ask God to remove the circumstances from us which seem to be so challenging to our focus. I know I have done this when such seemed to continue to trigger negative thoughts and a lack of inner peace. Though I would ask God for His Will to be done, I have still expressed my personal desire in prayer because I know He already knows the thought is there. I have even expressed, "God, you know what I want."

However, as time has gone on and the circumstance or situation has not changed, I have come to realize what I needed most was to learn to harness my own inner thoughts and learn to be at peace in spite of whatever was outside my control. More important than the situation changing was the need for change within me! It was not the removal I needed for my own growth, but rather to learn to not allow what was going on around me to determine what goes on within me. I needed the opportunity to compel me to more fully trust God being at work -- in His way and according to His timing -- and for me to find contentment in my relationship with Him. Perhaps once I have learned that, God may eventually choose to remove whatever it is, but not until then.

Was this not what Paul also came to terms with in view of something in his life which he desired to have removed?

We read, *"So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.*

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'

"Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:7-9 ESV)

We don't know what that thorn was, but whatever it was, Paul earnestly desired for it to be removed. What he came to terms with was the acceptance of the sufficiency of God's grace and the reality that because of his own limitations or weaknesses, the power of Christ in and through his life would be made more evident. It was not a matter of what Paul had been privileged to see and understand (2 Corinthians 12:1-6), or his own personal abilities that made the difference, but rather God's abiding grace to soothe the soul. May you and I also come to know the sufficiency of His grace and find peace within regardless of that which seems to be a thorn in our side!

Have a great day EXPERIENCING THE SOOTHING SUFFICIENCY OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE!

- Carl Hanson



*Just a
thought...*

"Faith is the bridge between where I am,
and the place God is taking me."

- anonymous

"One day you will look back and be
thankful that it went God's way and not
your way,"

- Jason Robinson

Acts Chapter 3 Study Questions

1. What time of day is the ninth hour?
2. How many people do you think saw the lame man every day? Think about people that you see often that are hurt. Would you recognize them?
3. Why do you think it was important for the lame man to look at Peter and John?
4. How would you react to seeing the healing?
5. How did the healing help Peter? What might its purpose have been?
6. What is similar and different with Peter's sermons?
7. What appeals and evidence does Peter make to the crowd?

In Chapter three we see Peter and John headed to the temple at the hour of prayer. They must have passed by the lame man many times as they regularly went to the temple. What was different about this day? Why did Peter stop, talk, and heal the man? How was this miracle used for the glory of God? We can read through scripture and never ask any questions of it. In our class we try to bring the text to life and dig into the context, customs, and the historical backdrop as we engage the text. I encourage you to join us Sunday nights at 6pm on Zoom. You can just listen to the class or join in the discussions. Hope to see you there!

Our Prayer List

NOTE: You can now go to covidtests.gov to order free home covid tests.

- Rick Velasco has requested prayers for his friend Rod's dad who doesn't have long to live. Please pray for the family.
- Continue prayers for Linda and the Fry family.
- 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.
- Tammy White will be having a CT scan on Wednesday, the 19th as a check up on her brain tumor.
- Sharon McDaniel will meet with her doctor on Jan 25th to go over the results from her camera swallow test.
- 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.
- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve treatment for his cancer.
- Jon Powless received the results of his biopsy. It is cancer. He has an appointment on January 20 with ENT/Otolaryngology to determine the next step.
- Continued prayers for René Powless and her sister Kay over the passing of their mother. Cards may be sent to the family at: René Powless, 6870 SW Old Clifton Rd, Port Orchard, WA 98367.
- Pray for Bonnie's son-in-law Tony, who will have a procedure to hopefully input a stent where there is a blockage.
- 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.

If Miracles Don't Exist, Answered Prayer is Just a Coincidence

"But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind."

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 JANUARY 16, 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: Brad Orser	Singing: Jon Powless	Scripture: Brad Orser	Prayer: Wayne Hammock	Communion: Dave Snyppe
9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium Jim Snead / Trent Herbert		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 16, 2021 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,400.00
If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104	

Happy Birthday!

January: Isaiah Zepf – 13, Karen Taylor – 18, Caleb Smith – 23, Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30

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

Broken Praise (Job)

Verse 1

If one more person takes my hand
And tries to say they understand
Tells me there's a bigger plan
That I'm not meant to see
If one more person dare suggest
That I held something unconfessed
Tries to make the dots connect
From righteousness to easy street
Well I I won't deny
That I've relied on some assumptions
A man's honest life entitles him to something

Chorus 1

But who am I to make demands
Of the God of Abraham
And who are You that You would choose
To answer me with mercy new
How many more will wander past
To find me here among the ashes
Will You hold me. Will You stay
So I can raise this broken praise to You

Verse 2

Who else will see my suffering
As one more opportunity
To educate to help me see
All my flawed theology
If one more well intentioned friend
Tries to tie up my loose ends
Hoping to with rug and broom
Sweep awkward moments from the room
But I, I can't forget
I have begged just like a madman
For my chance to die
And never have to face the morning

Chorus 2

But who am I to make demands
Of the God of Abraham
And who are You that You would choose
To answer me with mercy new
How many more will wander past
To find me sitting in this ash
Will You hold me, Will You stay
So I can raise this broken praise to You

Verse 3

But You were the One who filled my cup
And You were the One who let it spill
So blessed be Your Holy name
If You never fill it up again
If this is where my story ends
Just give me one more breath to say hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6PP-YS-FqU>

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