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See As Jesus Sees

[Scott Elliott]

"And he said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'" (Luke 8:48)
In the Gospels, there is a story about a woman who is desperate for help. She has had a medical condition for twelve years, and no one has been able to help. One day, she finds Jesus in a crowd and reaches out to touch the fringe of his garment. Miraculously she is healed, but that is not the end of the story. After this healing, Jesus seeks her out in the crowd, looks her in the eye, and then blesses her with words of affirmation.

We need to pay close attention to all the actions of Jesus. It is important that Jesus heals this woman who has suffered from a physical ailment for years and years. It is equally important that Jesus seeks her out in the crowd, acknowledges her, and blesses her. Here is a woman who has not only suffered physically but has been marked unclean and rejected by society for twelve years. People have avoided her. She has been shunned. She has not had a normal conversation with anyone in a long time. She has not been seen. This is why Jesus does what he does.

The need to be seen is something people are thirsting for in our culture. All around us people are not being seen. We live in a technological age where we would rather stare at a screen than make eye contact with the person we are standing next to. We interact with kiosks rather than human beings. We live in a polarized age where we dehumanize people who are not on our side. If someone does not agree with our agenda or belong to the same political party as us, we tend to think less of them as a person. They may get canceled, blocked, or simply go unseen. We live in an age when everything is politicized. An issue like poverty or homelessness becomes political rather than personal. Instead of taking the time to understand the complexities of a person's unique situation, we dismiss them as lazy, greedy, or taking advantage of the system. They go unseen.

Jesus calls us to see the people all around us. We are to see the people serving us at the grocery store or restaurant. We are to see our neighbors and people in our community. We are to see our enemies and people with whom we disagree. We are to see people who need help, people who are hurting, and people who have fallen on hard times. We cannot love our neighbors, or love our enemies, or help the poor if we do not see them.

*May we learn
to see as Jesus sees.*

Know, Grow, Go!

"Teach me *knowledge* and good judgment, for I trust your commands."
- Psalms 119:66

"Speaking the truth in love, we will *grow* to become in every respect the *mature* body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."
- Ephesians 4:15

"For this God is our God forever; He will be our *guide* even to the end."
- Psalms 48:14

Our Prayer List

- Continue to pray for Heather's younger brother Chris Chilton. He will be seeing the doctor on August 30th about having his kidney removed.
- Pray for Frankie's healing. She is now at Life Care Center on Pottery here in Port Orchard. Her room is #14, however before visiting, please contact Laura Fry for visitation information.
- Pray that Barbara Chasteen will continue to recover. Pray also for Gary.
- Oilda Harris' dad in Cuba passed away last week. Pray for her.
- Pray for the medical staff and their treatment and her recovery. Praise they may have finally found what has been causing Brooke so much discomfort and pain.
- Please continue to pray for the McDaniel & Celletti families
- Kathy Bedford's blood sugar has been very low and she also has a ruptured spine. She is wheelchair/bed bound. Please pray for her.
- Pray for the children who will be starting school soon.
- Richard heart attack
- Barbara Foran has asked us to pray for her son, Richard Heard, who recently had a heart attack.
- For all those who are struggling for many different reasons, pray for them to find peace.
- Bruce and Debbie Sharp (friends of Judy Van Lueven) would like prayers for their grandson Adam who is 16 and has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Pray for his medical team as they proceed with treatment and for his healing. Pray also for the family.
- Barbara Chasteen is doing good. Continual prayers for her complete recovery. Keep Gary in your prayers also.
- Pray for Cindiann Bradburn who is having concerns about the safety of her children. Pray she will make the right decisions.
- We received a request from Viola Cleo Bradshaw through our church website for healing for herself and for Cordelia Vogel for healing and family.
- Prayers for our SLT and ministries. Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings – both physical and spiritual.

Labor Day Weekend Family Camp-out

at the church

Sunday September 3rd thru

Monday, September 4th

Invite your friends and family

Attention All Women

We will begin a Secret Sisters meeting in September. The women from Ekklesia will also be joining us.

It will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, beginning in September and going through June.

If you are looking to get closer to God and to have closer unity with your sisters in Christ, then this is for you.

September 14th will be our first meeting. It will be an orientation and name drawing. We will always have a meal prepared at the meeting to enjoy dinner together.

We will spend time with a devotional and prayer, as well as having craft nights, game nights, and theme nights.

The goal of this group will be to encourage each other as well as to get to know each other better.

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

- Weekly Bulletin – Go to <http://pococ.weebly.com/> then click on Bulletin & Newsletters
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online. Click on Teachings
- Current Event Calendar - Click on News & Events
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous video recordings, too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the desired video.
Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.



Sunday Worship for September 3, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children's Church after communion) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Fuzzy Volpitta	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Brad Orser	Communion: Dave Snyppe	Offering: Floyd Whitlock
September Servers – Brian Bungart Nio Velez Dan Gross Terry Bratcher					
9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium Led by Trent Herbert			Children Class: Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
Men's Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			Ladies in the Word Upstairs Overflow Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
Bible Class & Prayer Colossians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			Ladies Prayer Group LaDonna's home Thursdays 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			August 27, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 4,283.00		
			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also 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 below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

September: Savanna Wilson – 1, Sydney Monk – 4, Dave Lawrence – 13, Jon Powless – 15, Kayli Benjamin – 17, Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29

October: Tim Duffy – 4, Bob McDaniel – 8, Lisa Bratcher – 13, Brian Bungart – 15, Cindy Snead – 17, Paula Hill – Laura Fry - Sandi Warner – 18,

Scars In Heaven

Verse 1

If I had only known
The last time would be the last time
I would have put off all the things I had to do
I would have stayed a little longer
Held on a little tighter
Now what I'd give for one more day with you

Verse 2

'Cause there's a wound here in my heart
Where something's missing
And they tell me that it's going to heal with time
But I know you're in a place
Where all your wounds have been erased
And knowing yours are healed is healing mine

Chorus

The only scars in heaven
They won't belong to me and you
There'll be no such thing as broken
And all the old will be made new
And the thought that makes me smile now
Even as the tears fall down
Is that the only scars in heaven
Are on the Hands that hold you now

Verse 3

I know the road you walked was anything but easy
You picked up your share of scars along the way
But now you're standing in the sun
You've fought your fight and your race is run
The pain is all a million miles away

Bridge

Hallelujah Hallelujah
Hallelujah for the Hands that hold you now

Verse 4

There's not a day goes by that I don't see you
You live on in all the better parts of me
Until I'm standing with you in the sun
I'll fight this fight and this race I'll run
Until I finally see what you can see



<https://youtu.be/qCdevloDE6E?si=pSpQbOC9bglAVx4>

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