

Welcome to **Journey** EVANGELICAL CHURCH



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Today's Service August 4, 2024

Call to Worship.....Elder Peter Leung
Worship Through Communion..... Pastor Phil Yoder
Congregational Worship Through Song Terri Wong
Worship Through Scriptural Message..... Pastor Phil Yoder
Congregational Worship Response..... Terri Wong
Worship Through Benediction Pastor Phil Yoder

Sermon Notes – Truth Brings Recovery!

Matthew 4:3-10, 5:1-10 | Jesus refuted three lies of the devil with three truths. When we believe and live these truths, recovery becomes possible through a life of obedience to Jesus.

Lie #1: We can provide for our own_____ (Matthew 4:3-4)

Lie #2: People need to see the_____ (Matthew 4:5-7)

Lie #3: Worship anyone or anything but_____ Matthew 4:8-10)

Believing the truth brings RECOVERY!

_____ that I am not God (Matthew 5:3)

_____ believe God exists (Matthew 5:4)

_____ my life into Christ's care and control (Matthew 5:5)

_____ express and examine my sins (Matthew 5:8)

_____ submit to changes God desires (Matthew 5:6)

_____ all my relationships (Matthew 5:7)

_____ a time for God to examine me (Matthew 5:3)

_____ myself to be a messenger for God (Matthew 5:10)

Where can I recover the image of God this week?

Discussion Questions

1. From what book of the Bible were Jesus' responses in Matthew 3?
2. How did Satan's statements twist God's Word in each temptation?
3. Where do I need to realize "there is a God and I am not that God?"
4. What sins can I earnestly confess to God and a caring friend?
5. Where can I yield myself fully to God this week?

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Connect with Journey

Journey EC's Website & Facebook Page | journeyec.org & facebook.com/JourneyEvangelicalChurch

You can contact an Elder or Deacon | elders@journeyec.org
deacons@journeyec.org

The Deacons would like to support you in prayer. You can email prayer requests to prayer@journeyec.org

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) | Church members who would like to serve on PNC please contact Elder Hiro Kono at hd.kono@verizon.net. The submission date is extended until the appropriate number of candidates are selected.

Connect through Volunteering | Sign-up opportunities on the Deacons Welcome Cart in the foyer. Help needed in Audio/Visual (sound, slide projection, OBS streaming), Worship, Children's Ministry, Facility Management, Bulletin, SERVE Ministry, Hospitality/Church luncheons

Connect through church fellowship on campus

Tuesday 8/6 | 10am - 12pm OFF Mens Bible Study
10:30am - 12pm JEC Sisters Bible Study
2-4pm Ping Pong

Friday 8/9 | 7:30-9:30pm Youth Ministry

Saturday 9/14 | 9:30-10:30am ESL is on summer break and will start classes again on September 14th.

The Apologetics of Your Assurance of Salvation

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Are you numbered with the wheat, or are you grouped with the tares? Jesus warned that the Church would contain both (Matt. 13:24-30). Which are you?

"How can I be sure I'm saved?" They read texts warning our hearts are "deceitful" and "desperately sick" (Jer. 17:9), and they note Jesus' condemnation of those who called him "Lord, Lord" whom he rejects saying, "I never knew you" (Matt. 7:21-23).

1. God's Sure Word

God's promise. In the most famous passage in the Bible, Jesus promises that whoever believes in him "shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Paul's response to the Philippian jailer's query, "What must I do to be saved?" is simply, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:30-31). John writes, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13).

Clear, unambiguous, biblical promises—is objective, giving us confidence that our trust in Jesus

secures our salvation no matter where our emotions take us in the moment. God's objective promises, not the subjective sense of his presence, are our basis for encouragement.

2. The Spirit's Internal Assurance

Paul tells us that "the Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God." Internal sense of assurance given by God's Spirit confirms our "adoption as sons by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!'" (Rom. 8:15-16).

The subjective element is anchored to the objective promises. The two are inseparably linked. Clearly, multitudes *feel* they are "right with God" when, according to Jesus, they are not. Our subjective confidence in the objective finished work of Christ secures the promise for us.

3. Our Noble Conduct, Godly Character, Perseverance

Our noble conduct, our godly character, and our perseverance in the faith further confirm that we are adopted children of God.

Peter says we should apply diligence in our faith to manifest virtues that are characteristic of a

growing Christian—moral excellence, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love. He then offers this exhortation: "Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to *make certain about His calling and choosing you*; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble" (2 Pet. 1:10).

A Warning...

Yes, Scripture offers warnings. Our hearts often deceive us. Many who say "Lord, Lord" will be lost if they do not truly belong to him—a fact revealed by their current behavior. We need to be sober, aware of the dangers so we can diligently guard against them.

That doesn't mean we can't be confident we're safe in Christ, though. First, we can rest in God's promises based on the objective work of Christ. Second, the Holy Spirit testifies to our hearts that we belong to the Father. Finally, our conduct, character, and perseverance display clear evidence that we belong to Jesus.

Join us at our Adult Bible Hour Class to learn more about What we believe, Why we believe it and How to share it!

Elder Josh Cain

After service, please stay for refreshments and fellowship.