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Today's Service June 9, 2024

Call to Worship Elder Rick Chou
Congregational Worship Through Song Jerry Low
Worship Through Scriptural Message Pastor Phil Yoder
Congregational Worship Response Jerry Low
Worship Through Benediction Pastor Phil Yoder

Sermon Notes - Laying Down Our Earthly Weapons

James 4:6-12 | James reminds us that our earthly weapons of selfish ambition, critical talk and worldly action do not bring us the ultimate joy or victory that God desires. Instead, God gives us heavenly weapons to use in the spiritual war.

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Which earthly weapons will you put off and which heavenly weapons will you put on today to win the spiritual war?

Discussion questions:

- 1. In your life, where has God given "greater grace?"
- 2. How would you give counsel on "steps to living in humility?"
- 3. As the Holy Spirit draws you, how will you respond with practical steps of putting on heavenly armor and weapons?
- 4. Is there an "evil" thought about a brother/sister in the Lord that needs to be halted? Is confessing and asking forgiveness in order?
- 5. Why is God on the throne and not you?

The church is in a time of transition and the elders realize that there is confusion and misinformation regarding what the circumstances were that led to Pastor Ted's resignation. We are arranging for a church meeting on June 23rd to discuss future plans for Journey. Until then, the elders would like the congregation to know that they are available to meet with any congregant or small group to answer questions as best they can, without violating the terms of the Non Disclosure Agreement. Please contact any of the elders and they will set up a meeting with you.

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6/30/24 Sunday - Beauty and the Beast at the Rose Theater | No more tickets sales. For information contact Tom or Marilyn Yee at JEC or email/text them at myprayer48@yahoo.com or 562-900-8758. Payment for tickets already reserved due by June 16, Sun. (cash or check to Tom Yee).

7/7/2024 - All Church Picnic on the lawn after service. | Church (thanks to Anne Chou & Deacons) is providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Volunteers are needed to bring the sides. We need 3 people for each - potato salad, macaroni salad, desserts, and 2 people for cut fruit. We also need volunteers to help with set up (easy ups and serving tables) and clean up. To sign up to help, talk to any Deacon (Paulah, Darryl, Valerie, Jeff, Shirley, Agnes, Allie, Pat, Teresa), or email deacons@journeyec.org Stay for food, fun, and fellowship! BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS.

Upcoming on Church Campus

6/16 Sunday | Kenny W., JEC GO worker, will be sharing from the pulpit on this special Fathers Day Service. Come and hear Kenny in person, since there will be no livestream that day.

6/30 Sunday | Service to honor graduates

Prayer requests can be emailed to prayer@journeyec.org and the Deacons will be praying for you.

Kids Alive Ministry in Guatemala at Oasis By Adam Joe, JEC Global Outreach Worker

In Guatemala at Oasis, a holistic care center for child survivors of sexual violence, I begin each day



with a walk around Oasis, praying for the joy of the Lord to be my strength, and praying for every girl that I work with daily at Oasis.

Girls like "Janey", a 16 year old survivor of violence, who loves to draw; like "Lucia", a 15 year old survivor of violence, mother to a 10 month old baby girl, who loves hearing music blast out of a speaker; like "Rebecca", a 13 year old survivor of violence, who loves to play futbol.

Since 2021, I have been serving as a missionary in Guatemala through the ministry Kids Alive, working in spiritual formation and storytelling with survivors of violence at Oasis, which is a residential care center for children, all who are sent here under Guatemalan court order for their protection and restoration.

For the past 2 years, I have worked with all the girls in Oasis, forming leadership teams composed of Oasis girls, like Janey, Lucia and Rebecca. The mission is not just doing things for the girls at Oasis, it is now a mission "with" the girls. Girls are now leading other girl, preaching and doing Bible studies, leading worship and praying for other girls, generating an organic curiosity at Oasis among peers, to want to study the Bible, and to get to know Jesus for themselves.

Each of the girls at Oasis have experienced some of the worst things imaginable in this world. They have had their childhoods robbed, and been told that they are worthless and weak. At Oasis, God has called me, and my teammates, to help each child discover that they are beloved daughters of God, that they are art, they are clean, they are chosen, and they are powerful.

Every day I take a walk around Oasis to pray. Sometimes the walk is just me or the laughter of girls in a class. Other times it is seeing girls like Rebecca, 13 years old, waiting outside for her social worker to take her to a forensics examination as the ministry works to build her case in the justice system against the person who hurt her.

The work is hard. The stories are hard. Walking in step with the Holy Spirit with the most vulnerable, and accompanying children who have experienced so much pain, in a ministry seeking to bring the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven, is where God has called me to be. Thank you, Journey family, for all your support and prayers.

If you would like to get information on how to support Adam, please talk to the GO Team (Linda, Paulah, Sophie, Teresa) or email us at goteam@journeyec.org