

BETWEEN YOUR CHURCH... AND HOME!





A CHURCH FAMILY DISCOVERING "NEW BEGINNINGS"

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What Would Jesus Do?

In Charles Sheldon's book "In His Steps" we find ourselves in the town of Raymond where life is much like it is in other towns around the country. People have responsibilities and go about their busy affairs day in and day out. Sheldon introduces us to many of the upstanding and church-going citizens of the community, and we get a peek into whom they are, what they think, and the role religion has on their experience.

Before too many pages, though, we notice a haunting theme. In spite of all of their religious activity and good-sounding words they have completely missed the heart of what it means to follow Jesus. They are a modern example of the busy men in the Samaritan story who see the hurting man lying by the side of the road bleeding and unconscious from his wounds. "Poor man, something should be done for him," they think as they cross over to the opposite side of the highway to hurry on to their next important appointment.

A few of the folks in Raymond are challenged by their own inconsistencies. "How is it that we say one thing, yet do quite another?" They begin to ask themselves a very simple question when faced with choices and challenges in their daily lives. "What would Jesus do?" It becomes a useful tool that transforms religious people who enjoy pursuing good things into godly people who hunger to allow Christ to live through them.

"I have been mistreated by someone." How would Jesus react? "I just don't get along with certain folks." How would Jesus relate to them? "Some very ugly things have been said in our business sessions and church gatherings." What would Jesus say? "People from far away places move into my community and seek out help and friendship." What would Jesus do? "The fields are white unto harvest, but I am unwilling to step into the fields." Where would we find Jesus? "I am critical of my brothers and sisters and don't mind telling others how I feel." What would Jesus think of such attitudes and words? "I see hurting people everyday, and I do hope someone helps them, but I am very busy taking care of my own needs." What would be Jesus' command?

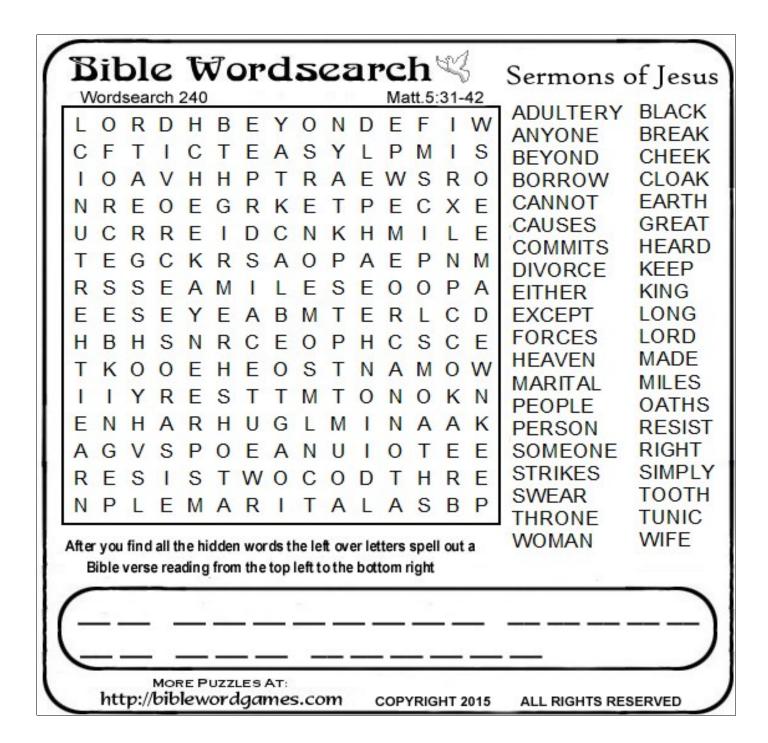
To be hearers of the Word only and fail to flesh out the love of Christ by our deeds pitifully misses God's design and purpose. All of our thoughts, words, and actions should be carefully measured by the standards the Lord has set before us. We will be pleasantly surprised by the results.

Love is always patient, Love is always kind, Love is never envious Or vaunted up with pride. Nor is she conceited, And never is she rude, Never does she think of self Or ever get annoyed. She never is resentful, Is never glad with sin, But always glad to side with truth, Whene'er the truth should win. She bears up under everything, Believes the best in all, There is no limit to her hope, And never will she fall.

What would Jesus do? He would love.

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 11am Three Score and More 7 pm Pastor Search Com	4	5
6 12:15 Property/ Baptist Men 12:15 WMU	7 7 pm Finance Com	8 7 pm Deacon's meeting	9 7pm Business Meeting	10 7 pm Pastor Search Com	11	12
13	14	15	16 6 pm Family Night Dinner 7 pm Bible Study	17 7 pm Pastor Search Com	18	19
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27	28	29	30 7 pm Bible Study			



Three Score and More

On Thursday, August 6, 2015 we had an "*Ice Cream Social*" at the church. It was great 'cause what's the best part of eating (what we do best, remember) -- it's dessert !!! We had several flavors of ice cream, a dozen different toppings and even some delicious cobblers. If you had a sweet tooth, you were in heaven.

Most were seen going back numerous times trying to decide which was their favorite, of course. One was even seen eating her bowl after the ice cream was gone. It's a fun bunch -- you should have been there. Thanks, Sandra.

Three Score and More meets the first Thursday of each month, so if you have celebrated 60+ birthdays come on out and join us !! You will have fun and count it a blessing.



September 3rd- Nancy Lawhorn

September 14th- Reva Meade

September 15th- Steve Manuel

September 18th- Arlene Wheeler

? Bible Quiz?

The 12 men in Jesus' inner circle of followers had a variety of backgrounds, but most of their occupations are unknown. Which combination of jobs listed below correctly matches two of Jesus' disciples?

- A. Fisherman & Doctor
- B. Fisherman & Tax Collector
- C. Carpenter & Tax Collector
- D. Fisherman & Farmer





A Note from the secretary:

If your birthday isn't listed, please let me know, if it doesn't show up, I don't have it, and if you have anything that you would like to announce in the newsletter please let me know, thanks!!

Also, address changes, phone numbers and emails, and if I have your email the newsletter can be sent that way!

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The WMU is extending an invitation to all woman of the church, to come and join us in our meetings, activities, projects and please bring your ideas. We would like to hear your ideas and suggestions and have the opportunity of working with all the woman of the church.

