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PRAISE IN THE PROCESS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Jeremiah 20:13
"Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers."

Even though he was in the middle of some deep soul-searching and personal turmoil, Jeremiah affirmed this crucial truth God. Jeremiah's ministry wasn't going well from a human perspective. He was persecuted by those in authority. His own friends ridiculed him and longed for his downfall. He was even

questioning God's treatment of him. Yet he understood the awesome character of God. God is good even when circumstances are bad. God is protector when His people are threatened by evildoers. Because of all that, God can be praised even in the midst of trials.

These two truths are essential for courageous Christian living. Circumstances do not define the character of God. While God uses circumstances, He is separate from them. No matter how challenging our circumstances, we can always affirm the goodness of God. The second truth is that God can be praised in any circumstance. If we praise God because of who He is – not only for what He does – we

will find that even in our most difficult seasons we still have reasons to celebrate Him.

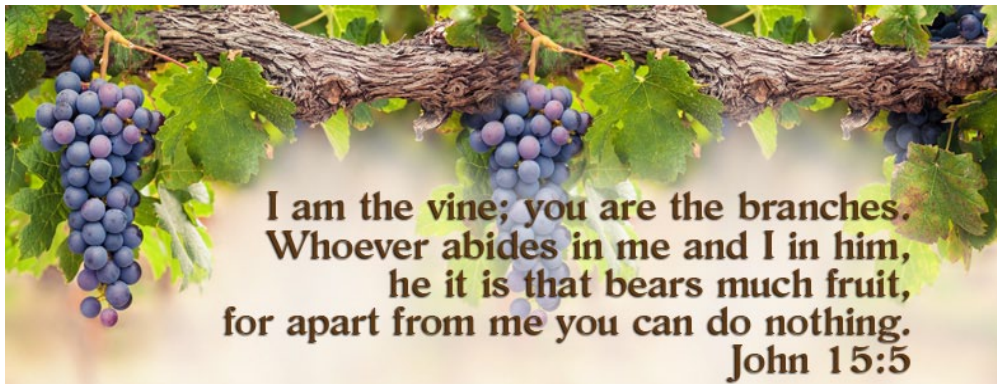
May God help us to focus on His benevolent character when we walk through deep waters. May praise rise with our prayers even before deliverance comes.

Sing to God this week. Praise Him. He is good. He deserves to be praised.

God bless you,

Pastor James

HOW'S YOUR FAITH? IS IT AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thanks to all our volunteers who helped make VBS the success it was.
- There will be communion in the morning service this week.
- Ladies are invited to the **Ladies Group outing to Dingmans Fall on Saturday Jul 31**. The carpool will leave from church at **10:00 am**. Feel free to bring your kids and pets if you'd like.
- In-person Growth Groups conclude this week.
- Bible reading plans for 2021 are available at the Information Table and on our website. Pick up a copy or download one today. Also, please read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM	EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM	WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM
Jul 27 Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com	Aug 1 and Aug 15 in-person at church.	Aug 1 In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.
GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM	YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM	KIDZONE SUN @ 11 AM
Jul 29 & Jul 30 in-person at church. CONCLUDE THIS WEEK.	Jul 30 Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 & older	Aug 1 Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.

QUICK TIPS

Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!