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SURVIVING THE HEAT

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Psalm 1:3
He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*

During the second week of June 2022, sections of the US experienced a significant heatwave with temperatures of up to 114 degrees in Arizona. One man died while trying to refuel due to the extreme temperatures. Forecasters are projecting temperatures consistently above 90° in our area for this week. Folks will deploy various methods to weather the hot weather including staying in air-conditioned spaces, plunging into pools or lakes, and limiting strenuous physical activities. But what can Christians do when facing a spiritual heat wave?

In this sinful, broken world, Christians find ourselves in a perpetually arid spiritual environment. We live in a constant “heat wave.” Survival – let alone flourishing – seems like a mammoth task. Yet David assures us in Psalm 1 that it is entirely possible to flourish in the challenging circumstances of earth. Using a plant as an analogy (verse 3), David reveals how to keep our souls hydrated and flourishing in every season and situation of life. We need to take two steps.

First, the believer must saturate himself with the Word of the Lord. Verse 2 calls us to delight in the law (Word) of the Lord and to meditate on it. Delight means to take great pleasure in something. Unlike many who have to force themselves to endure tiny servings of the Word, this individual loves the Word. She cannot wait to get into her scriptures and devour large helpings. She gorges on the Word. She not only reads the word, but she meditates on it. Day and night! She thinks deeply about it, so she understands it. When she understands it, she takes the next step: she obeys it.

According to verse 1, the righteous person does not walk in the ways of the ungodly. He refuses to be influenced by their worldviews, attitudes, and values. Instead, he walks in the Way of the Lord. He persistently practices what he learns from Scripture. This step is absolutely crucial. It is the secret to flourishing. Nobody flourishes just by knowing the Word. It is the doing of the Word that changes lives and develops strength to endure the searing heat of life in a sinful world. As Christians, we must be hungry to learn the Word of God, and eager to practice it. Since we must live in this fallen world for now, we must take these steps to weather it.

We can flourish. Even in the spiritual heat. May God help us to persevere in the Way and Word of the Lord so that we can remain fresh and flourishing Christians.

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

AUG 2

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

AUG 5

In-person at church.
For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

AUG 7 & AUG 21

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

AUG 7

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service
Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

AUG 7

In-person service & livestream

Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.

- There will be Communion this Sunday. If you will be participating from home, please have your supplies ready.
- We'd love to see you at the in-person services soon.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. 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!