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DOUBLE FAULT

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Jeremiah 2:13
For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

A double fault is one of the most agonizing calls for a tennis player. It means the player made an error on two successive serve attempts and consequently loses the point. It is one thing to be beaten by an opponent, but it is quite another to make unforced errors. Of far deeper consequence is the double fault God charged to His people in Jeremiah 2:13.

Calling the heavens to bear appalled witness (verse 12), God accused His people of a spiritual blunder of epic proportions. Not only had they turned from Him the Spring of purest water, but they had also constructed cisterns – broken cisterns at that – to attempt to satisfy their deepest spiritual needs! Although God triumphantly delivered them from slavery, and miraculously led them safely through the dangerous and barren wilderness into a lush, prosperous land, the Israelites turned from God to serve useless idols – with devastating consequences. Their foolish disloyalty disrupted the flow of God’s blessings, and eventually exposed them to desolation and destruction by their enemies.

Christians and non-Christians alike continue to make the same double fault today. Rejecting God’s

gracious call and working in our lives, we convince ourselves that we can forge alternate sources of ultimate satisfaction. We weary ourselves pursuing wealth, pleasure, meaning, and purpose apart from the God who created us to live in vital intimacy with Him. We discover sooner or later that our foolish alternatives leave us wasted and broken. Yet, stunningly, many of us continue to hew out more broken cisterns.

May God help us to recognize that real and lasting fulfillment comes only from a close relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. And may we abandon the broken cisterns and return to the One who alone can satisfy our deepest longings.

God bless you,
Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

NOV 15

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

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

NOV 18

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

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

NOV 20

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

NOV 20

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

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

NOV 17 & NOV 18

In-person at church.

CONCLUDE THIS WEEK
Prep question are on our website or the Info. Ctr.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

NOV 20

In-person service & livestream

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

- Baptism this Sunday following the morning service.
- Nominations for church officers for 2023 will occur on Sunday.
- John & Teri Eckert are to be received into membership. If you have any comments, please contact Pastor James.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Meadows at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Growth Groups conclude this Thursdays and Fridays at 7pm at church. Preparation questions are available at the Information Center and on our website.
- Calvary School of the Bible (CBS) offers a 3-year program with courses on Christian living, ministries, theology, and Bible book surveys. Check out this link to some uploaded classes www.cbcpoconos.org and contact H. Lee Thompson directly at hleet1412@gmail.com for more information.
- 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!