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The Encourager

Let's Be Encouraged...

I would like to offer up some word of encouragement as Easter approaches. In fact there are four ways that Easter can encourage us.

First, Easter shows us that our faith has not been misplaced. After being with Jesus for three years and watching all he did, the disciples' faith crumbled when he was nailed to the cross. They thought that everything they believed in was gone. However, when Jesus was raised from the dead Easter morning they marched out from behind their closed doors to capture the world for their Lord. His resurrection validated their faith, and ours, in him, "And Jesus Christ our Lord was shown to be the Son of God when God powerfully raised him from the dead by means of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 1:4).

Second, Easter shows us that our Lord has not forsaken us. The Apostle John writes, "That evening, on the first day of the week, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. . . ." (John 20:20). But with the resurrection of Jesus they knew they had not been forsaken by their Master: ". . . be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). Because of the resurrection, Jesus now

lives in each believer's life through His Holy Spirit.

Third, Easter encourages us by showing us that our life doesn't end with the grave. Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning proved to us all that life does not end with the grave. Jesus said, "I am the living one who died. Look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave" (Revelation 1:18).

Finally, Easter encourages us by showing us that our tomorrows will be better than today. That "Good Friday" may have seemed dark and full of pain. Yet, the disciples' sorrows were swallowed up by the joy of Easter morning. For those of us who place our faith in Jesus, we know that in Christ our tomorrows will always be better than our today. Let me remind you of the words of Jesus: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. "In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also" (John 14:1-3).



Items for the May Newsletter are due to the Church office by 5pm on April 18. The deadline for Sunday Announcements and Bulletins is 2pm Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's communications. Church office hours are 3-5 pm Monday-Thursday, Fridays if necessary. The Church office will be closed on Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25 for Easter.

Family Conference & Potluck

Sunday, April 10



Community Food Bank collection days:



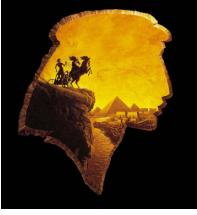
March 16 & April 13

You may place your nonperishable donations in the box located in the foyer. The Food Bank is greatly appreciative of your generosity.

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Patchwork--10 am First Touch Outreach -- 6:30 pm	2 Prayer Group--9:30 am AWANA, Rock Solid Youth, Adult Wed. Word -- 6:30 pm	3 Worship Team Practice -- 6:30 pm	4	5
6 Sunday Services -- 9 am Lord's Supper Served Bible Study--10:30 am	7	8 First Touch Outreach -- 6:30 pm	9 Prayer Group -- 9:30 am AWANA, Rock Solid Youth, Adult Wed. Word -- 6:30 pm	10 Worship Team Practice -- 6:30 pm	11	12 Ladies Coffee Break--10 am
13 Sunday Services -- 9 am Bible Study--10:30 am	14	15 Patchwork--10 am First Touch Outreach -- 6:30 pm	16 Prayer Group--9:30 am Community Food Bank Pick up AWANA, Rock Solid Youth, Adult Wed. Word -- 6:30 pm	17 Worship Team Practice -- 6:30 pm	18	19
20 Sunday Services -- 9 am Bible Study--10:30 am Deacons' Meeting --4pm	21	22 First Touch Outreach -- 6:30 pm	23 Prayer Group--9:30 am AWANA, Rock Solid Youth, Adult Wed. Word -- 6:30 pm	24 Worship Team Practice -- 6:30 pm	25 Ladies Luncheon--11:30 am	26
27 Sunday Services -- 9 am Bible Study--10:30 am Team Leadership Meeting--12pm	28	29 First Touch Outreach -- 6:30 pm	30 Prayer Group--9:30 am AWANA, Rock Solid Youth, Adult Wed. Word -- 6:30 pm	31 Worship Team Practice -- 6:30 pm		

Upcoming Sermon Series: Moses



Should he go forward or backward? If he went forward, he would likely drown. If he went backward he would be killed by the people who were chasing him. So what did he do? He followed the

direction laid out for him by God and went forward through the sea on dry ground to safety on the other side.

Like Moses, we've all been between a rock and a hard place in our lives. We have had trouble nipping at our heels and heart-ache staring us in the face. Some choice! What do we do? We do what Moses did! We follow God's direction through the trouble or heartache to safety on the other side. Moses' choice was to go forward or turn from following God. He made that choice every morning. That's also our choice every day.

Over the next several weeks, you will be lead on a incredible journey, not only through the Red Sea and the desert, but deep into the heart of Moses himself. It's a journey that changed his life, and it's a journey that will change your life, too. This series of messages are entitled, "Moses: Man of Dedication." Join us as together we learn the marvelous lessons God taught to His dedicated servant, Moses.

Easter Worship Opportunities



Good Friday Banquet:

April 22 at 6:30 pm

Sunrise Service: *April 24 at 6 am*

Worship Celebration: *April 24 at 9 am*

Children's Party & Easter Egg Hunt: *April 24 at 9 am*



If you ever shop at Safeway, please sign up your Safeway card with eScript. No internet? Call the church office—we'll do it for you. All proceeds benefit our youth.

Prayer of Abandonment

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you; I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all Your creatures—I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands, I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you Lord, and so need to give myself to surrender myself into your hands, without reserve, and with boundless confidence, For you are my Father.

Charles de Foucauld, c. 1900
French Catholic Missionary to Algeria

Women's Events



Ladies' Coffee Break—March 12 at 10 am.

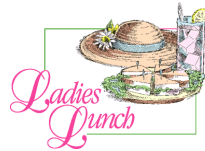
Ladies' Coffee Break—April 9 at 10 am.

Ladies Luncheon—March 25 at 11:30 am at On The Border.

Ladies Luncheon—April 30 at 11:30 am at Macaroni Grill.

Patchwork—March 1 & 15 at 10 am.

Patchwork—April 6 & 20 at 10 am.



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