

**“SO THAT YOU WILL BELIEVE”**

**JOHN 17:20-18:27**

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**2ND STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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**.PPT 1 ...**

Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Community Church. Thanks for coming into God’s presence with a desire to hear God’s voice. As 2<sup>nd</sup> Street’s lead pastor-teacher, it’s my prayer that each of us will make the choice to take on more of the character of Jesus Christ so that His *thoughts*, His *words*, His *priorities*, and His *actions*, become, our *thoughts*, our *words*, our *priorities*, and our *actions* ... so that in ways big and small, we’ll be **ENCOURAGED** and **EQUIPPED** to surrender to God’s desire to change us from the inside out so that together, we’ll be able to pursue the purposes of God in our generation. I know that it’s a lot to ask for ... but hey, we serve a big God!

**.PPT 2 ... THE 3 PARTS OF JOHN 17 ...**

**vv. 1-5 | *Jesus prays for His own needs.***

**vv. 6-19 | *Jesus prays for the needs of His disciples.***

**vv. 20-26 | *Jesus prays for the needs of His future followers.***

We’ve looked into the first two parts of this prayer already, and this morning we’re going to look at the third part ... and then we’ll go into **JOHN 18:1-27**, which tells us how this long night ends, with Jesus’ arrest and mock trial, and Peter’s denial of Jesus, as he turns His back for a short time on his friend, his Rabbi, and his Messiah. Rough times are ahead for both Jesus and His disciples –and so it shouldn’t come as a surprise that Jesus is taking time to go to pray. In **ROMANS 8** the Apostle Paul tells us that the Jesus who prayed for us 2,000 years ago, is still our intercessor today – making our needs known to God the Father in heaven.

**.PPT 3 ...**

**“If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference, as Jesus Christ *is praying for me.*” - Robert Murray McCheyne**

**.PPT 4-5 ... JOHN 17:20-23 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

<sup>20</sup> “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

<sup>22</sup> “The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;

<sup>23</sup> I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

Jesus and His disciples are East of Jerusalem, headed toward the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. The other Gospels say that when Jesus spent time praying on this night He was already in the Garden. But remember that each Gospel writer is giving their own eyewitness account of what happened. The differences in their stories doesn't reflect inaccuracies, or a cover-up. It's simply a reality that four different people having the exact same experience, will emphasize things differently from one another when writing the events down.

But whether Jesus was praying this prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane or somewhere along the way, He was pouring out His heart to God in prayer. He prayed for Himself. He prayed for the disciples He's spent the past three years with. And now in the last seven verses of **JOHN 17**, Jesus prays for every person who would ever make the choice to follow Him as their Rabbi.

And so if you're here this morning and you're in a relationship with Jesus, then this is a prayer that Jesus prayed specifically for you! And to sum up what Jesus prays for, He tells His Father God that it's His desire that all of His followers be united in love ... and that He wants the visible love between Christians to be a sign to the world of who God is and what His heart is for you and me.

**.PPT 6 ... JOHN 13:35 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

**<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**

Gang, is this what the world is seeing from you and me? I know that as followers of Jesus we've gotten it right some of the time ... but if we're honest, we'll admit that Christians have also shown the world *division, fighting, and backbiting*. And what we're usually divided over is what we believe.

You might believe one way about *spiritual gifts*, and I might believe something slightly different. You might believe one way about the *Rapture of the church*, and I might believe another. You might believe one way about *predestination, election, and eternal security*, or any number of other doctrines, and I might believe differently. You might believe one kind of *worship music* is the best way to come before God with your praise and adoration, and I might believe differently.

But as people who believe Jesus was right when He said in **JOHN 14:6** that He's **the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes into a relationship with God the Father except through Him**, God wants us to be united in love with one another. This is why we pray for other Christian churches each week –even ones that we might have some doctrinal differences with. Because what's important is our mutual love of Jesus Christ and our willingness to follow Him.

Listen to what the Apostle Paul wrote in **EPHESIANS 4:1-6** concerning the things that followers of Jesus Christ need to be in unity with other Christians about ...

**.PPT 7-8 ... EPHESIANS 4:1-6 (CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION)**

**1-3 ... I beg you to live in a way that is worthy of the people God has chosen to be His own. Always be humble and gentle. Patiently put up with each other and love each other. Try your best to let God's Spirit keep your hearts united. Do this by living at peace.**

**4-6 All of you are part of one body. There is only one Spirit of God, just as you were given one hope when you were chosen to be God's people. We have only one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. There is one God who is the Father of all people. Not only is God above all others, but He works by using all of us, and He lives in all of us.**

Friends, these have got to be the beliefs that unify us with other followers of Jesus Christ. If you're part of the Body of Jesus Christ, then you've got a lot of siblings - not only here at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, but in churches all around Newberg, Oregon, and across the face of the earth. God wants us to get along. And it's not about *cloning* or becoming *identical* Christians ... it's about *harmonizing*.

**ILLUSTRATION ... It was said that George Whitefield (England | 1714-1770) was such a powerful evangelist that 30,000 people would regularly attend his open-air meetings. History tell us that Whitefield was so anointed and eloquent, that many orators and actors would come just to watch him, listen to him, and try to learn from him.**

**Charles Wesley, a contemporary of Whitefield, also preached to multitudes. And yet the Christian doctrines these two men held were miles apart. In fact, when it came to certain doctrines (especially God's sovereignty and mankind's free will) they placed paid advertisements in the newspapers explaining why they believed what they did —and why the other guy was wrong. I promise that I won't ever do. Even though *The Graphic* could probably use the ad-revenue!**

**In fact, the disagreements between Whitefield and Wesley, were so intense at times, that people must have thought they hated each other. But any question about that was finally put to rest one day when a newspaper reporter asked, "Tell me, Mr. Whitefield, do you expect to see Charles Wesley in heaven?" "No, I won't see Charles Wesley in heaven" Whitefield answered. "Oh, he'll be there. But he'll be so close to the throne of Jesus Christ, and I'm going to be so far back, that there's no way I'll be able to see him."**

Man, I like that! Here were two pastor-teachers who held very different doctrinal views from one another, and whose ministries had very different focuses, and yet they made the choice to have unity through love in their diversity. Do you see it?

**.PPT 9 ...**

**"Unity doesn't eliminate diversity. The absence of diversity is not unity; it is uniformity, and uniformity is dull. It is fine when the choir sings in unison, but I prefer that they sing in harmony."  
- Warren Wiersbe, *Be Hopeful*, p. 53.**

**.PPT 10 ... JOHN 17:24-26 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

**24 “Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**

**25 “O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;**

**26 and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”**

In these three verses, Jesus is looking **FORWARD** to the time when all His followers will be with Him in heaven. In the past few months some of you have had people you loved, your spouses, or your children, born or unborn, go to heaven to be with Jesus – and someday you’ll see them again face-to-face. Oh, what wonderful reunions we’ll have, won’t we?! Praise God that heaven isn’t just a *hope*, it’s a *reality*!

And as Jesus closes this prayer, He focuses on His desire that you and I be united with Him and with other Christians **IN THIS LIFE**, so that the world will have the opportunity to see the *relationship* and the *unity* that exists between God the Father, God the Son Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit. And that someday all His followers will be united with Him and with one another for eternity in heaven. And I see an important **FAITH LESSON** for us to look at before we move on into **JOHN 18** ...

**.PPT 11 ... FAITH LESSON ...**

**It's common for people to have conflicts. But how we work with others (the ones we get along with, and the ones who are a challenge), is one of the key ways our faith in Jesus Christ matures. It's easy to think we're better off without people who are different than us, or who rub us the wrong way. But the truth is that we'll never grow to maturity in Jesus Christ without each other.**

I love how the Apostle Paul describes our life together as the church as a *living organism* in **FIRST CORINTHIANS 12:20-22** ... using the human body as a metaphor for how we're connected and united with one another here at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**.PPT 12 ... FIRST CORINTHIANS 12:20-22, 27 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)**

**20-22 There are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, “I don't need you.” The head can't say to the feet, “I don't need you.” Some of the parts that seem weakest and least important are really the most necessary ... 27 All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it.**

When we're going through hard times, we need someone to reach out and help us. And at other times, we're the one God uses us to reach out to someone else who is struggling. But we all need each other to stay sharp and mature in our faith. Here's how King Solomon writes about this truth in *The Old Testament* books of **PROVERBS** and **ECCLESIASTES** ...

**.PPT 13 ... ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10; PROVERBS 27:17 (NEW CENTURY VERSION)**

**9-10 Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together. If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help. <sup>17</sup> As iron sharpens iron, so people can improve each other.**

You may not be crazy about that person who rubs you the wrong way. But there's a good chance God wants to use them to **sharpen** you. Regardless of what you might believe, there is no such thing as "*healthy Lone Ranger Christians*".

**.PPT 14 ... JOHN 17:24 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

**<sup>24</sup> "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**

And now in **JOHN 18-19**, we come to this familiar sequence of events that begins with the story of Judas betraying Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (**18:1-11**), Jesus' informal hearing before Annas (**18:12-27**), Jesus' mock Roman trial before Pilate (**18:28-19:16a**), and then His crucifixion and burial (**19:16b-42**).

**.PPT 15 ... JOHN 18:1-3 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

**<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples.**

**<sup>2</sup> Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples.**

**<sup>3</sup> Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.**

The fact that John tells us that Jesus and His disciples "**entered**" the Garden of Gethsemane, implies that it may have been a walled garden. But what's clear is that it was nighttime, and Judas' plan of betrayal was being carried out full-steam ahead.

A **cohort** was made up of 600 Roman officers. And when you add 600 Roman officers to the Jewish chief priests and Pharisees, you've got a pretty outrageous-sized posse to arrest just one man! And even funnier is the fact that it wasn't enough!

Back in **JOHN 13:10-11** Jesus told Peter that He knew one of His disciples was going to betray Him. So Jesus was completely aware that everything that was happening was in sync with the plans of God the Father. The disciples were about to fall away from Jesus for a few days, and Satan was beginning to think it was his plan, not God's that was winning. But how many of you know that no matter what it looks like, God always has a plan ... and that God never loses control of His plan? And I see a **FAITH LESSONS** for us here.

**.PPT 16 ... FAITH LESSON ...**

Let me assure you of something ... *Jesus knows what's happening in your life right now.* He knows about the letter you'll get in the mail tomorrow that will make you anxious and fearful. He knows about the person you love whose health is fine this week, but who next week will be ill. He knows what's happening with you and your job ... or that you've lost your job and need a new one. He knows it all.

And when you find out what Jesus already knows, and when your first instinct is to give up, or turn your back on Him, remember this: God has a plan. And at no time is He going to lose control over it.

.PPT 17 ... JEREMIAH 29:11-13 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)

<sup>11-13</sup> 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

.PPT 18 ... HEBREWS 13:6 (PARAPHRASED)

<sup>6</sup> Jesus has said, "I will never desert you or forsake you." And because of this, we can confidently say, "The Lord is my Helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me if Jesus is for me?"

Friends, right now, or just around the corner in your life, there may be **someone** turning his or her back on you. There may be a **cohort** about to arrest you. There may be a **conflict** just about to erupt in your life. But God has a plan, and no matter what it looks like, believe me ... God hasn't lost control. Not even for a second.

.PPT 19 ... JOHN 18:4-6 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)

<sup>4</sup> So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, "Whom do you seek?"

<sup>5</sup> They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am He." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

<sup>6</sup> So when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

I find it interesting that in the last 20 years or so, especially on the television shows playing on TBN, that there are so many Christians wanting to fall over backwards under the power of the Holy Spirit. And yet here in JOHN 18, this band of Roman soldiers and Jewish officials come to arrest Jesus and when He tells them Who He is in v. 6, the Greek literally says "**they went backward rapidly and fell to the ground.**"

In *The Old Testament*, King Saul **fell backwards** when he was on his way to kill David. In *The New Testament*, Saul the Pharisee **fell backwards** when he was on his way to kill Christians. Throughout the Bible, you'll hardly ever see **a friend of God falling backwards** –it's always the **enemies of God**. But here's what we do see throughout

the Bible ... the **friends of God are always falling forwards on their faces**. Get a concordance and look it up ... Abraham, Moses, Aaron, Joshua, David, Ezekiel and more ... the **friends of God are always falling forward on their faces in worship of God**. So if you really want to **fall down**, then let me suggest that you **fall forward** in *worship* and *humility*, instead of **falling backwards** in *unbelief* and *fear*.

**.PPT 20 ... JOHN 18:7-9** (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)

<sup>7</sup> Therefore He again asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “I told you that I am He; so if you seek Me, let these go their way,”

<sup>9</sup> to fulfill the word which He spoke, “Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one.”

Let me ask you a question ... “**Would you welcome others to try to assassinate your character? Or would you help them, once you invited them?**” Jesus did. And the reason Jesus was able to do this was because He had a clean conscience and a secure trust in God. He knew justice would ultimately prevail, and that His enemies could do no lasting harm to Him. And out of that knowledge He welcomed His accusers (v. 4), He identified Himself to them (vv. 5, 8), and He even protected them from retaliation by His disciples, who were more loyal to Him than to those who’d come to arrest Him (v. 11). And throughout this whole process of accusation and arrest, Jesus demonstrated *grace*. Let’s look at vv. 10-11 and see what I mean ...

**.PPT 21 ... JOHN 18:10-11** (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)

<sup>10</sup> Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave’s name was Malchus.

<sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?”

Notice that Jesus’ innocence didn’t do much to protect Him from *suffering*, *pain*, or *death*. But what Jesus’ innocence did do was that it gave Him a humble confidence rooted in something far beyond anything here on Earth. And because Jesus knew in His heart that He would ultimately answer to God’s judgment not mans, He was free to suffer, even unjustly. And in doing so, He left all the issues of justice up to God, instead of resorting to *retaliation* or *revenge*. And He offered *grace* and *healing* to those around Him ... even those seeking to end His life.

**.PPT 22 ... JOHN 18:12-14** (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)

<sup>12</sup> So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him,

<sup>13</sup> and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

<sup>14</sup> Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.

Just a moment ago all Jesus did was say, “**I AM He**” and the whole mob fell backwards. And now, as He’s arrested and bound, He seems powerless. What gives? I love what the Apostle Matthew tells us in his gospel about what happened next ...

**.PPT 23 ... MATTHEW 26:53 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

**<sup>53</sup> [Jesus said to Peter] “Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?”**

Angels are powerful creatures ... and **12 legions of angels** is anywhere from 36,000 to 72,000 of them! So Jesus had more than enough power at His disposal to take care of this posse of 600 men and a few Jewish religious leaders. But Jesus chose not to because He knew it was His refusal to save Himself that would save you and me. He allowed Himself to be brutalized so that you and I could be restored. It’s by His wounds we’re healed. I love how Jesus talked about this reality in **MARK 10:45** ...

**.PPT 24 ... MARK 10:45 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

**<sup>45</sup> “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give up His life a ransom for many.” [emphasis added]**

And now John’s camera lens turns outside Annas’ house, and shows us what’s happening with Peter, who was one of only two disciples who followed Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane back to the Temple. We’re not sure who the other disciple is. Some people think that it was John, but because we don’t know, it doesn’t do much good to speculate. And then John tells us about Peter’s denial of Jesus, and about Jesus’ questioning by Annas, and finally, about Peter being confronted with the reality of his denial of Jesus. Let’s read **JOHN 18:15-27**.

**.PPT 25-26 ... JOHN 18:15-18 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

**<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest,**

**<sup>16</sup> but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.**

**<sup>17</sup> Then the slave-girl who kept the door said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.”**

**<sup>18</sup> Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.**

**.PPT 27-28 ... JOHN 18:19-24 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

**<sup>19-20</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching. Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.**

<sup>21</sup> “Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said.”

<sup>22</sup> When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, “Is that the way You answer the high priest?”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?”

<sup>24</sup> So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

**.PPT 29 ... JOHN 18:25-27 (NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)**

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You are not also one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it, and said, “I am not.”

<sup>26</sup> One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?”

<sup>27</sup> Peter then denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

We’ll come back to **vv. 15-27** for a bit when we’re in *The Gospel of John* again – a couple of weeks after Easter. But as we wrap up this morning I want us to focus our hearts and minds back to **the unconditional love** Jesus has demonstrated for us throughout *The Gospel of John*, and especially now, that the cross is drawing closer and closer ...

Peter *forsakes* Jesus and yet, as we’ll see when we go on in our study of *The Gospel of John* at what happens after Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection ... we’ll see that Jesus, in His unconditional love, didn’t *forsake* Peter. After the resurrection, Jesus called Peter by name. He reached out and loved him. He lovingly forgave him. Jesus Christ is so good, so patient, and so kind, toward Peter, two thousand years ago, and to us here and now. Do you see it?

What disturbs me most about Peter’s denial of Jesus isn’t Peter’s denial, which is one of the few events that’s detailed in all four Gospels. And probably almost everyone who’s heard the story of Jesus Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection has also heard the story of Peter’s denial of Jesus. But what *amazes* and *disturbs* me is this: History tells us that throughout the rest of Peter’s life, wherever he went, there were often cruel, unforgiving people following him ... people who crowed like a rooster to mockingly remind Peter of his failure. Do you know the weight of other people’s unwillingness to forgive you and give you another chance to begin again after having fallen down and blown it? It can be almost unbearable.

And I’m *surprised* and *grieved* - at how many Christians I’ve met who are skilled at keeping a detailed account of *other people’s failures*. People who’ve let them down. People who’ve failed at this, or who’ve stumbled at that. And yet remember what the Apostle Paul tells us about “**God’s agape love**” in **FIRST CORINTHIANS 13:4-5**?

**.PPT 30 ... FIRST CORINTHIANS 13:4-5 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)**

<sup>4-5</sup> **Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, *and it keeps no record of being wronged.* [emphasis added]**

***Love keeps no record of being wronged.*** Has someone failed you? Forgive them, forget it, and move on. “Impossible,” you say. But I’d disagree. The Bible says ...

**.PPT 31 ... PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)**

<sup>13-14</sup> **No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.**

Forget what happened last year, last month, or last week. Like it says in **LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23**, **God's compassion and God's mercies are new every morning ...** and as followers of Jesus Christ, ours should be too.

In our study of these verses this morning, God has directed us toward following the example of Jesus Christ, and making the choice to live out God's love for one another. This morning, right here, right now, I encourage you to allow yourself to be crucified, and to invite God to begin His work of forgiveness in your heart. Allow yourself to forget all the wrongs that have transpired in the past ... all the hurts done against you ... and start new, start fresh ... right here, right now.

With Peter's denial of Jesus, and Jesus' great love both in mind –if you've harbored bitterness against someone, ask for their forgiveness. If you've hurt someone, repent and make it right. If you've forsaken a friendship or a relationship ... if you've turned your back on someone you've loved, follow Jesus' example. Don't leave this morning with anything in your heart but love for one another.

God doesn't care if you're not the one who started it. All He cares about is that that you end it and make it right with Him and with others. Be a vehicle of God's unconditional love, and let His maturing, healing work **IN YOU**, and **THROUGH YOU**, continue. God wants to heal relationships here this morning. God wants to free hearts from the bondage of unforgiveness on this Sunday before Easter. God wants the world to see His love flowing through your love for each other today. Will you be crucified today? Will you forgive and forget today? Will you let the new life of Jesus Christ be known your words and through your actions? Blessed be the WORD of the LORD.

**.PPT 32 ... NEXT SUNDAY ... EASTER!**

**THREE SERVICES ... 8:00 | 9:30 | 11:00**

**COME PRAYING AND EXPECTING! WHO IS GOD ASKING YOU TO INVITE TO JOIN YOU FOR WORSHIP AT 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET NEXT SUNDAY? BE OBEDIENT TO THE NUDGES GOD GIVES YOU ABOUT THIS, THIS WEEK.**

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