



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

The Hope for Real Change

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Luke 15:11-24 (NIV)

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

Prayers for May 17 - 23, 2020

West Siders :: Doug and Sherry Teachout

West Side Ministry :: ESL/Citizenship Program

Mali Children :: Gouandio and Djenebou

Local Church :: West Highlands Baptist Church - Kennewick

Additional Concerns :: Robert & Margaret Storms, Lil Leggett, Gerry Wyatt, Dan & Sue Batchelder, George & Jan Jacobson, Janet Bell, Tom Abrams, Hideki Long, John & Martha Zimmerman, Steve Schlahta, Beverley Raffety, David Bondurant, Kelsey Pratt, Kadi Hinkle, Tyler and Rochelle Holm

In Military Service :: North Carolina-Mike Parkman; South Carolina-Adam Hardy; Illinois-Noah Ellis; Nevada-Jared Hoey; California-Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington/Oregon-Jacob Ellis

The rosebud today welcomes Lyle Martin, born May 6 to Jason and Caroline Shaw (Seattle). He joins big brother Rolland (2 yrs) and the Bantas (uncle Adam, aunt Linnea, and cousins Kiera and Liam). His happy grandparents are Will and Maja Shaw.

This week we are praying for Andrew and Amy Funka working with Alongside Ministry in Prague, Czech Republic. They recently wrote: *“Many Christian brothers and sisters are sharing reminders that God often tells us ‘Do not fear.’ Hopefully that message is sinking in deeply, past our hearing and our understanding and into our hearts. Here restrictions are slowly lifting. Gatherings of up to 100 people have just begun with strict distance and hygiene rules. The Barrandov Mission team is taking a chance and offering a seven-week online course: Christianity Explored (Objevování křesťanství). I say ‘taking a chance’ because we are not sure the participants are ‘ready’ for it. Maybe this is a time to step out, ‘ready or not.’ We have been praying and we trust God is doing more than we see.”*

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