

Prayers for November 8 - 14, 2020

West Sider :: Matthew Winter

West Side Ministry :: Children & Family ministries

Mali Children :: Konegue and Issa

Local Church :: Pasco Church of the Nazarene

Additional Concerns :: Lil Leggett, Margaret Storms, Grace Jackson, Gerry Wyatt, Dan & Sue Batchelder, Tom Abrams, Hideki Long, Debbie Mellinger, Janice Wellington, Karen Curtis, Sheridan DeLeon, John & Martha Zimmerman, Bud Dodson, Glenda Schmidt, Ward & Carol Hughes and Family (Ward's sister-in-law Bonnie Gagnon died)

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

This week we are praying for Tyler and Rochelle Holm with PC-USA in Malawi (currently in Kentucky in response to COVID-19). They recently shared the following praises and prayer requests:

- *We are thankful for our good health and security.*
- *COVID-19 cases are continuing to rise in Malawi - pray for health, safety and for those with food insecurities.*
- *Pray for the country of Malawi, its government, its leaders, its students, its future, and also pray for our local partner the CCAP, and the universities that we work for.*
- *Pray for balance as we continue working with our students and projects in Malawi while also connecting with Churches and individuals in the US, via Zoom.*
- *Mphatso has begun public school here in Louisville and hopes to be able to remain in online instruction until our return to Malawi.*

For private prayers, contact the Prayer Chain:

- Online at westsidechurchrichland.org and click on Prayer,
- Email at ws1prayerchain@gmail.com, or
- Call Roz Rodgers at 509.946.4299.



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

Stumbling

2 Samuel 6:1-11 (NIV)

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand.² He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark.³ They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart⁴ with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it.⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

⁶ When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled.⁷ The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.

⁸ Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

⁹ David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?"¹⁰ He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.¹¹ The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

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SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

- a. An inspiring image: Uncle Seamus
- b. How do we get there?

II. Understanding life without God

- a. sad story - enemies, confusion, and death

III. Wrestling with reality

- a. A story about Stumbling
- b. Why did Uzzah die?

IV. Warning: Religion can be deadly

V. Understanding: Reality and Freedom

- a. Freedom From and Freedom For

VI. Turning to Jesus

- a. Another question
- b. Passive vs Active Obedience

VII. Conclusion

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. What is your earliest memory of worship?
2. What is your best memory of worship?

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Read 2 Samuel 6:1-11. Why do you think David got angry?
2. When is religion positive? When does it become dangerous?
3. How do we guard against the error of Uzzah?
4. What are foundational truths that God gives about how we are to worship Him?
5. What do you think American culture gets right about freedom? What does it get wrong about freedom?
6. Why did Jesus die? How does the garden of Gethsemane help us understand Jesus' active obedience to save us?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?