



Family

West Chicago Church of Christ

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A Preacher's Perspective

Balance is so important in our understanding of scripture. Paul's wonderful statement of confidence in the way God had used him could be seen as an expression of the record of the great things Paul had done to achieve his eternal reward. But a careful reading of 2nd Timothy (as well as Paul's other writing) would make it clear that Paul's boast is primarily about what God had done with him, for him and through him.

In chapter 1, he makes clear the source of all his power and success:

"So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have

entrusted to him for that day." **2 Timothy 1:8-12 (NIV)**

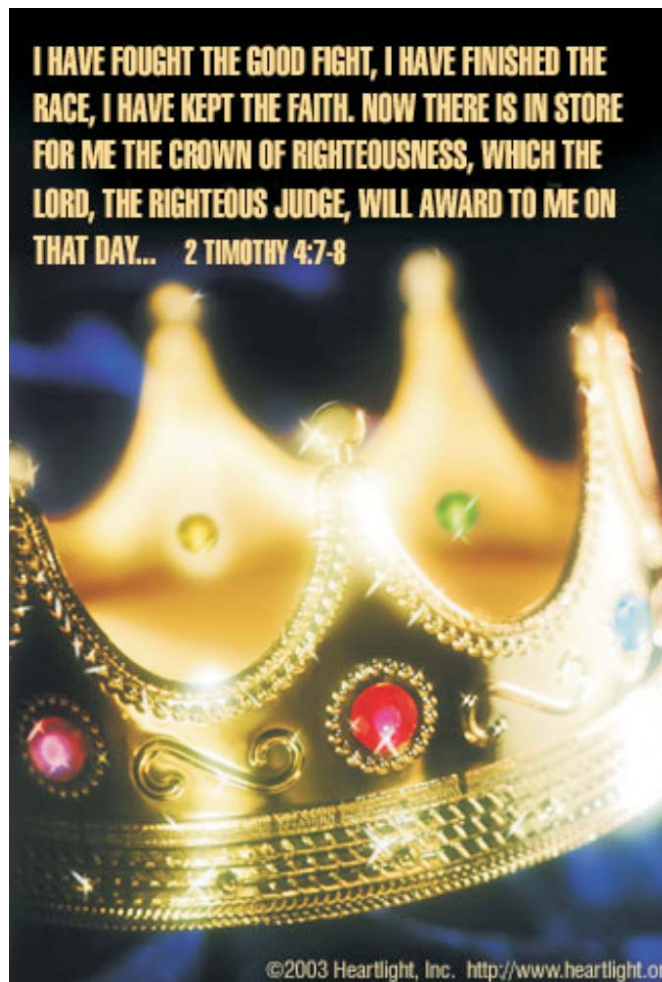
It's not as if there is nothing for us to do, just nothing in which we should boast except that Christ has called us to be His available instruments. Paul was as clear as anyone could be that it was the power of God's Holy Spirit working in him, in Timothy, and in the church of ages to come, which was the irresistible force transforming and saving the world.

But until we have believed the truth, scripture's testimony about who we are, whose we are, and where we are, we are not capable of the great work to which we have been called. Just as Jesus called the saints in Smyrna, we are called to be "faithful unto death," and only then will we receive our "crown of life." (**Rev. 2:10**)

It's an easy trap to focus on the charge to be faithful as work we should perform. In one sense, it's true. But our faithfulness is in the faith we hold that Jesus is Lord and that He has accomplished everything according the purpose of His will. The work we are doing is His work. He will see it to completion and we will finish the course in Him: "And I am sure that he who began a good work in

you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." **Philippians 1:6**

So, with Paul, we take comfort in the amazing power of the Lord Jesus which turns our lives of frustration and failure into victory in Christ.



Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging.

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. All other children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room, which is also located at the back of the auditorium. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and in the fellowship room downstairs. The adult class which meets in the auditorium is interpreted for the deaf, as well as this morning's worship.

Our Small Group Fellowship program takes place during the fall, winter and spring months and is on the first and third Sundays of each month and is in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our elders.

Elders:

Don Brewster **Bob Jett**
Chuck Miller **Bob Voigts**

Deacons:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership
Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence
Cliff Plummer: Fellowship, Benevolence, Education
Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership
Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership
Paul Stirrup: Stewardship & Leadership, Benevolence



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This Morning...

Please take a moment to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest this morning. Please pass them to the aisle to be picked up before the sermon. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

- Welcome
- Singing - Cary Gray
- Announcements - Paul Mullins
- Singing
- Prayer - Steve Link
- Singing
- Lord's Supper - Curt Robinson
- Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
- Sermon - Chuck Miller
- Singing
- Prayer Card Responses and Prayer - Bob Voigts
- Announcements
- Singing
- Closing Prayer - Paul Mercer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 29 Charlie Hearn, Rhonda Triplett
 July 30 Christopher Robinson
 August 2 Jamie Miller
 August 4 Jake Tinch

Dates to Remember

August 2 Food Pantry Delivery
 August 4 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 August 6-10 Midwest Encampment
 August 15 Seniors Breakfast
 August 19 Parents of Teens Luncheon
 August 24 Family Movie Night
 August 31 RCC Labor Day Retreat



In Our Prayers...

Taylor Baum, who attends Shelby Root's school, is 9 years old and was diagnosed with leukemia in April. She is going through chemotherapy treatments and possibly bone marrow transplant in the near future. If you are interested in being a bone marrow donor, go to www.marow.org.

Leveda Manning, Justin Avey and Theresa Link's aunt, is in a lot of pain with hip problems. She is scheduled for hip replacement surgery at the end of the month.

Chuck Miller has a ruptured blood vessel in his leg which has caused swelling and stiffness.

Stephen Stilwell, Bridgett Fordyce's father, is having reconstructive surgery on his elbow.

Darrell Vaden is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Linda Vantreese is at Pershing Convalescent Home, 3900 Oak Park Ave., Berwyn, 60402. Call her at 244-2416.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Andrea Bailey - a former member from California
 Irene Barnes - Lynette Root's aunt
 Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's mother
 Lisa Beverly - Sandy Boyd's sister who has MS
 Bonnie Bingham
 Jim Brannon - Pat Brewster's brother-in-law
 Mary Brent - Joe Kirts' sister
 Bob Czernik - Chris's husband
 John Day
 Al Dorsey
 Chad Englebach - Marie Hayes' grandson
 Amy Ferguson - a former member from Montana
 Jean Gray - Linda Vantreese's sister
 Josephine Haggerton
 Thomas Haggerton - Josephine's nephew
 Sarah Hayden & family - Maria Zeisler's relative
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Amy Kalupski - sister-in-law of Julie Chavez's friend
 Joe and Star Kuhnle - Chuck & Bobbye's foster son
 Sue Lake - Marion's sister-in-law
 Don Lemley
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother
 Steve Link
 Jack Lockett - the father of Charlie, Mike, Shelley,
 Julie Chavez, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Joan Lockett
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son
 Laura Mahan - Shirley Rucker's daughter
 Steve & Melissa Massie family
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's niece
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of
 Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Melinda Poff - the sister of Jason Willis
 Neil & Pat Ronzheimer - Nancy Doggett's sister &
 brother-in-law
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler

Bruce Snyder - Bob Voigts cousin
 Ollie Taylor - the niece of Lynette Root's friend
 Eudie Voigts - Bob's mother
 Jim & Jamie Winner
 Jeremy & Jim Whitman
 Donna Young's parents
 Michael Young - Alan's brother
 Rick & Gina Zamora - Melissa Massie's brother and
 sister-in-law

Mothers-to-be:

Natalie Conner - Sally Hearn's niece
 Kelly Ieler
 Laura Leo - Bob & Betsy Jett's daughter
 Tami Urso - Dan & Linda Vantreese's daughter
 Gina Zamora
 Olivia Zeisler - Maria's daughter-in-law

Armed forces overseas:

Greg Billings - Justin Avey's employee
 Evan Boyd - Tim & Sandy's nephew in Afghanistan
 Dustin Meritt - Justin Avey's employee
 Tychia (Keesha) Price - a friend from RCC in Iraq
 David Teel - Justin Avey's employee
 John Tokarewich - the father of Sabrina Link's friend

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown - Honduras
 (especially for their adoption process of Soledad)
 Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria
 Dry Bones Ministry - homeless teens in Denver, CO
 Juan & Roxanna Flores - Honduras
 Leonardo Ken & family - Honduras
 Keith, Kim, Candace, Laura & John Mark Lango
 - Brazil
 Makinde Olufemi - Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

Nursery Workers

Theresa & Sabrina Link



Collection Counters

Jeff Ieler, Rick Root



Sign Language

The last class for this session of sign language classes will be July 30. The classes will start again in September.

Julie Chavez is teaching a sign language class for elementary school-aged children through the DuPage Center for Independent Living. Check out the flyer/registration form on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Midwest Encampment

Formerly known as the Lake Geneva Encampment, the **Midwest Encampment will take place from August 6 - 10 at Greenlake, Wisconsin**. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

Ladies Class

Following is the schedule for the Wednesday Ladies Bible Class. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated with the fellowship/devotional at Franciscan Court last Wednesday. Everyone had a great time!

- Aug. 1: Devotional – Barb Voigts
- Aug. 8: College Student Devotional – Katherine Lemley
- Aug. 15: Service Devotional – Frances Shearer
- Aug. 22: 1 John Devotional – Joanne Johnson (2 weeks)
- Sept. 5: Spiritual Disciplines (17 week study)

Youth & Family News

TEEN PARENTS: Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 19.** A luncheon meeting is scheduled for immediately following morning worship in the fellowship room.

Family Movie Night is Friday, August 24, at 8:30 p.m. The movie will be *Dreamer* with Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning. Join us in the side yard!

