

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Dear Friends of Faith,

WELCOME VIRTUAL CHURCH!

It's a joy to know that through the miracle of modern technology we can still meet together as the family of God, sing the songs of Zion, and hear the infallible, inerrant, inspired Word of the Living God!

WE ARE PRAYING THAT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS THE VIRUS WILL RECEDE AND OUR WORK FOR GOD WILL PROCEED! We are continuing to make preparations and plans for HOLY WEEK--Maunday Thursday Communion, GOOD FRIDAY LIVING LAST SUPPER, and RESURRECTION SUNDAY, Sunrise 7am, Worship 11am, Angel Hunt 12:30pm and Praise at 6pm

We are so thankful for your financial support. As you can imagine not having services makes this need more acute. You may send your gift to the church or go to our webpage and donate via paypal WWW.FCCSTLOUIS.ORG.

ARE YOU A PAWN OR A KING?

I'm no chess champion but I know this, a pawn has the fewest options on the Chess board. It can only move directly forward 1 square on the board, except on their first move they can move 2 squares forward, and they can move diagonally forward to capture an opponent's chess piece.

The most important piece on the chess board is the King. When the King is gone the game is over. You can win without pawns. You cannot win without the King.

So my question for you today is simply this, "On the great chess board of life, do you think of yourself as a pawn or a King?"

The Bible says, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he..." How we see ourselves matters.

Do you think of yourself as the least important piece? Insignificant? Do you think of yourself as completely limited in your options?



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Please turn off the ringers on your cell phones. You are welcome to text PR a question 314-607-1424.

Incapable? (Impotent?)

Do you think of yourself as destined to be sacrificed? A means not an end.

It was not coincidental that after America decided to remove God from our national conscience, ban Him from our classroom and bar Him from the public square, that we turned from the inspired Word of God to the philosophy of Nietzsche (who said God is dead), the psychology of Freud (who said it's your mother's fault), and the science of Darwin (who rejected Biblical Creation for naturalistic evolution). Then realizing that we were teaching our children that their lives were cosmic accidents (who only because their mother decided to carry them to term--840,000 were no so lucky last year in the USA) and that there really is no ultimate purpose for their existence we decided to teach them "values clarification" (which was actually values obfuscation) and "self esteem" exercises. Too many of them were killing themselves, having believed that their lives were pointless and painful.

So how about you? Are you a pawn or a King? How does that make you feel as you look over the chessboard of life?

Christians, stuck at home, forbidden to go to work, go to school, or go to church, are you a pawn or a King?

Rather than be distressed by what we are, we are blessed knowing whose we are! Whether we are pawns or Kings, if we are God ordained, Sovereignly made, Spirit driven pawns or Bishops or Kings--who cares a snap about our position on the chess board of life. We are Created in the image of a holy God, ordained to live by the Giver of life, and purposed by Him to live for Him! So much for insignificance! *If God be for us, who can be against us?*

God took the Prophet Jeremiah down to a Potter's House. Seeing the potter turning his wheel and fashioning a clay pot Jeremiah was surprised when the vessel was marred. Rather than toss his work away, the Potter continued to work and simply fashioned a different vessel. Indeed you and I were not only fashioned, but we are being fashioned--made to fulfill the Potter's beautiful purpose. "As clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand!" (Jer. 18:6).

Rather than feel trapped by our circumstances, we may be liberated by the knowledge that where we are is not without significance, for the hand moving us is omnipotent, omniscient, and absolutely loving. We quote some Scriptures so often that I hope that they do not lose their impact. Romans 8:28 is one of those favorites. Here's the context:
CONCLUSION INSIDE



LIVING HOPE

For Sure. For Ever. For You.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
1 Peter 1:3

RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 12

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

Welcome to FCC!

We trust you sense God's presence and that you feel very welcome here.

Please let us know how we may help you.

11:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

& SUNDAY SCHOOL for
PRE-SCHOOL thru HIGH SCHOOL
FREE NURSERY

5:45 pm PRAYER

6:00PM

EVENING PRAISE &
PREACHING

Think **HIGHER**
LOVE Deeper
Live **GREATER**

- THE APOSTLES CREED -

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; descended into the grave, the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Scriptures of the Month

Each month we are encouraging God's people to memorize a passage of Scripture

*Wait on the Lord: be of good courage,
and he shall strengthen thine heart:
wait, I say, on the Lord.*

PSALM 27:14

FCC NEWSLINE

Important Announcements and Updates

■ **THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!** We are very honored that you have come and hope that you will feel at home here at FCC! We would love to keep in touch. Please text (314) 607-1424 or e-mail: PastorRick@FCCStLouis.org, or fill out a contact card on our welcome table.

■ **FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WE MAY NOT SHAKE YOUR HANDS TODAY.** It is because we love you we are refraining from that today!

■ **WE ARE PLANNING A WORK DAY AROUND THE CHURCH TO PREPARE FOR RESURRECTION SUNDAY!** We will have to wait until the all clear is given to plan this work day. We want the church to be spotless and attractive for worshippers this Easter!

■ **THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD** We are very grateful for all who faithfully support FCC with tithes & offerings. WE MUST RAISE OUR \$3100 MORTGAGE PAYMENT THIS WEEKEND.

Mon. of Mar	Monthly Need	2020 Total	2020 Goal
\$ 5,023.00	\$9,500.00	\$25,333.85	\$125,000

■ **WE WILL STREAM THE SERVICES AT 11AM AND 6PM TODAY. YOU CAN SEE THEM ON WWW.FCCSTLOUIS.ORG or by going to YOUTUBE FCCSTL-LIVE.** INVITE OTHERS TO WATCH WITH YOU!

■ **THANKS BROTHER JIM!** The new frame around the nursery two way glass is professional and top notch! We are deeply grateful for you and for Brother Ron Feger installing the frame this week.

■ **28 DAYS TO RESURRECTION SUNDAY. READ OUR DEVOTIONAL** We will have a daily devotional available on line, sent via text message, or through our facebook and Web Page: www.FCCStLouis.org.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU EASTER!
Call or Text for Info or Rides (314) 607-1424

**7a SONRise
11a WORSHIP
6p PRAISE**

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FCC PRAYER & PRAISE

Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

- JOHN BIONDI (Elise)
- LOGAN LEWIS
- TAMMY LEWIS
- AL LOCKHART
- GRANNY FARMER'S family
- ALBERTA WALKER
- RUTH GEORGE
- NEIL GOODRICH
- NORMA GILLHAM
- JANE FEGER
- BILLY BARNES' FATHER
- ANN MATLOCK
- CHRISTY DODSON
- JOE & BECKY GOBER
- YVONNE MASON
- SIS. BEVERLY NELSON
- KAYLA FEGER and her baby
- KAREN MYER
- MARK JENNINGS
- HOWARD GERDES Family
- HEATHER EVANS
- CHRIS BLACK'S FAMILY at the loss of her dear mother.
- CHRISTY DODSON

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Here is the crux of the matter. If you have come to see yourself as God's Creation (and you are), and if you are sure that God is totally trustworthy (and He is), then rather than fear that you may be sacrificed--embrace that sacrifice! The Apostle Paul begs the Romans, "I beseech you brethren, present yourselves a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:1,2).

Think of it. We are either going to make ourselves a living sacrifice, following in the footsteps of our Savior, or we are going to sacrifice eternal bliss for a moment of illusory self fulfillment.

2020 CALENDAR

PALM SUNDAY & HOSANNA PARADE!
Sunday, April 5, 2020

GOOD FRIDAY LIVING LAST SUPPER
Friday, April 10, 2020

RESURRECTION SUNDAY
Sunday, April 12, 2020