

PATHWAY

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A. W. Tozer said, "Nothing twists and deforms the soul more than a low or unworthy conception of God." I think that is true, because if you don't understand who God is, if your view of God is warped, then it will affect you in the way that you live. We must have a proper understanding of the character and nature of God.

What you believe will enable you to get through the challenges and the difficulties of life. And there is no better place to start than with God himself and what the Bible says about Him.

When Paul was on the tempest-tossed sea on the way to Italy and it looked as though everyone on the ship would die, God assured him that he would arrive safely in Rome. So Paul was able to tell the crew, "Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me, and he said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.' So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said." (Acts 27:23–25)

Paul believed God, and we should too, because we live in a storm-tossed world. We don't know where the problems we're facing today will lead. These are uncertain times, and we need a real certainty that will help us get through it. Though times and circumstances change, God never does. All but God is changing day by day. God says, "I am the Lord, and I do not change" (Malachi 3:6).

When you believe God, it doesn't necessarily change your circumstances, though sometimes it will. But more often than not, it will change you.

Harvest: Greg Laurie, Daily Devotions

Coming Up

- Saturday, March 3: Branch Adventures Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner: 5-8 pm
 - Sunday, March 11: Saranac Housing Commission Dinner, South Bldg: 6:00 pm
 - Tuesday, March 20: Secret Prayer Pal Reveal: 6:30 pm @ Ellen Lipscomb's House
 - Friday, March 23: Teens All-Nighter @ Craig's Cruisers
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Announcements

- On Saturday, March 3, **Branch Adventures will be holding a FUNdraiser Spaghetti Dinner** in the Ebenezer Center from 5-8 pm. Dinner will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and drink. There will also be a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Branch Adventures Scholarship Fund, which is available to families who are unable to pay the full cost of camp. If you would like to help at this event, donate to Branch Adventures, or contribute an item for the silent auction, please see Caroline Dibaba.
 - Sunday, March 11 is our next **Community Dinner at the Saranac Housing Commission**. We will be in the South Building (main building on Parsonage Street). Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. Please sign up at the information table if you would like to contribute to this month's meal.
 - The **Ladies' Secret Prayer Pal** reveal and new sign up will take place on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm at the home of Ellen Lipscomb. Please bring a gift for your current prayer pal and a snack to share. For more information regarding the prayer pals, contact Connie Jordan.
 - On Friday, March 23, our teens will be participating in an **All-Nighter at Craig's Cruisers** in Grand Rapids. Cost is \$15 and includes pizza, go-karts, laser tag, trampoline park (\$3 extra for socks), Ninja Warrior course, cruiser coaster, bumper cars, and ropes course. Teens must sign up by March 7. Each teen can bring one new friend at no additional cost. **ADULT DRIVERS ARE NEEDED!** Please contact Ellen Lipscomb (616.822.0718) for more information.
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Global Partners : Goal - \$6,750 Received - \$5,040 (75%)
WKFM: Goal - \$300 Received - \$76 (25%)
Parsonage Kitchen Remodel: Goal - \$15,000 Received - \$7,110 (47%)