

PATHWAY

a Wesleyan church

April 8, 2018

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The journey of thought... It is where we live most of the time. We know things – or we think we do. and we base our activities on that which we know. There is no other way to behave. But God wants us to change our thinking so that He can change our hearts. The Israelites knew how to be slaves. They worked hard and were rewarded with food. So that is what they knew. They did not know God. They only knew service for reward. God wanted to take them on a journey to change that mindset. They did not understand the concept of trusting God for daily supply. They needed to change their thinking but didn't know how. They didn't even know that they needed to change their thinking. So they went on a journey of learning how to trust.

We need to go on a journey of trust, too. If God was to shape the hearts of these people he would need them to change their thinking. He led them to the edge of their understanding and then showed them who he was. He was their supply. He was their healer. He was their everything. He is the I Am that he told Moses about. He had drawn them out of their circumstance. He was drawing them out of their pattern of thinking – their pattern of trusts. To draw them in to new trusts – new realities – new hopes. He had a new way of thinking available to them and if they entered in He would change their hearts – draw them fully in.

The same challenge was on Peter after the resurrection of Jesus. “Do you love me supremely?” was the gist of the question that Jesus asked. It is a question of trust. Peter only knew friendship, but he did not know ultimate trust. Peter could comprehend Jesus as a friend, but not much beyond that. Peter was full of shame and self-doubt. So God took Peter on a journey of the mind. Peter's saving grace was that he was willing to go on a journey with God and was willing to change his mind. Once Peter's mind changed, God got hold of his heart. May all of us be willing to let God change our minds so that He can get ahold of our hearts!

- Pastor Mark Lipscomb

Coming Up

- Sunday, April 8: Community Dinner, Housing Commission West Building, 6:00pm
- Monday, April 9: Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 11: Supper's Ready and The ROCK, 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm
- Sunday, May 6: Local Annual Conference, TBD

Announcements

- Chuck and Sylvia Hutchinson's **small group** has started back up! The group meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, and they are studying spiritual gifts. There is still room for new attenders! See Chuck Hutchinson for more details.
- It's almost summer, and **Branch Adventures** camps will be starting up soon! Please register soon if you plan on your child going to camp. For more information, Contact Caroline Dibaba or Kim Paton. This year's Branch Adventures schedule is:
 - Day Camp (going into grades 1-6) : June 11-15
 - Worship Camp (going into grades 6-12) : June 18-22
 - Horsemanship Camp (going into grades 1-9) : June 19-22
 - Adventure Camp (going into grades 6-9) : July 23-27
 - Extreme UP (going into grades 7-12) : July 23-29

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Traditional Service, West Berlin Chapel, 8:15 am
Contemporary Service, Ebenezer Center, 10:00 am
Wednesday: Supper's Ready, 5:00 pm
Wednesday: The ROCK, 6:00 pm

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Global Partners : Goal - \$6,750 Received - \$5,040 (75%)
WKFM: Goal - \$300 Received - \$0(0%)
Parsonage Kitchen Remodel: Goal - \$15,000 Received - \$7,110 (47%)