



And Also With You

NOVEMBER 2014

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NOVEMBER

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)

Children's Chapel
6:30pm
The Union's
Worship Service
(nursery provided)

MONDAYS

6:30pm
Graham Cook Small
Group-Sandy Sinclair-
455-5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study-Susan Jones
990-2973

12:00 noon
Holy Communion

FRIDAYS

8:15 am
Men's Group-Tom
Sinclair 422-3169

CHALICE BEARERS

Nov 2

Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

Nov 9

Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

Nov 16

Kitty Barksdale
Janic Terry

Nov 23

Bob and Jane
Grafe

Nov 30

Susan Jones
Maggie Rockett

The Third Step: Praise



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

Lately, the Lord has been teaching me about *process*. Each trial involves a *process*. Understanding the *process* gives us the distinct advantage that helps make us more than conquerors

in Christ Jesus.

2 Chronicles 20 illustrates the *process* a person goes through to survive a given trial or difficult season of life. In 2 Chronicles, Jerusalem is besieged by an enemy army. The king, Jehosaphat, acknowledges the problem. This sounds obvious, yet health begins with acknowledging that there is a problem. Jehosaphat's problem is that a vast army wants to conquer his kingdom—his world. Isn't this the enemy's plan for the problems we encounter?

Step 2-King Jehosaphat resolves to inquire of the Lord and seeks help and direction from the King of kings. A contemporary version of this is when we put our needs on a prayer chain, take extra time during difficult periods to fast and pray, beseeching the King of heaven for answers.

Step 3-We have been praying, begging God, fasting, hoping for help and yet no answers have come. Circumstances begin to look dire with little hope of resolution.

The future appears dismal and all those earlier words of encouragement now sound false. This stage is called "death of a vision". We are inches away from believing the lie that God has forgotten us. This is when 2 Chronicles 20: 20-22 illustrates the next step in the *process*—PRAISE. When we acknowledge the problem, have asked everyone we know to pray, have waited for some time without an answer, we then are to praise our heart out! This is probably the most important step of the four step *process* on surviving a trial. You praise like never

before. Instead of praying without ceasing, you praise without ceasing until Step 4 occurs.

Step 4-The spoils go to the victors! Step 4 is the reward. It is the "well done good and faithful servant". God saves the day and allows us to reap the spoils (2 Chronicles 20: 24ff).

Once again, the steps are:

- **Acknowledge the problem**
- **Pray!**
- **Praise!**
- **Trial ends with God doing the impossible**

Time and time again I have worked my way through the four steps. I have even gotten to the point of being able to discern when breakthrough is near and when it is still far away. When it is a ways away I am always tempted to despair. Doubts and lies flood my mind such as, "There is no way God can solve this problem," or "God might

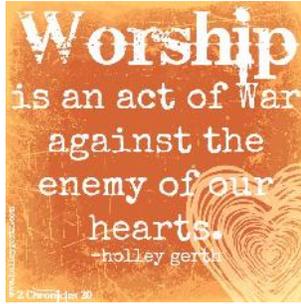


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have come through in the past but this is really the end. You have used up your points!"

It is at these moments when praise is the most critical form of action. Praise does not make the journey end any faster, but praise does re-



minds us of God's unchanging character. As we praise the Savior of the World, we once

again experience His goodness. Once again we are reminded of His faithfulness. Praise recalibrates our thinking so that lies are exposed and truth can prevail. Praise is nuclear in its ability to damage the strongholds of the enemy.

So do not give up. If you are experiencing Step 3 and all seems hopeless, begin to praise like never before. Confess and worship the goodness God. You are closer to the end than you realize. Do not let your feelings damage your faith. Instead, like King Jehosaphat, praise until you see the salvation of the Lord in your trial.

Blessings,
Scott Davis +

Sunday, Nov 23 Bring a side dish or dessert. The main dish—you guessed it—Turkey!



"The Christ that saves you is a speaking Christ; the Church knows Him by voice and can discern His tongue amongst a thousand."

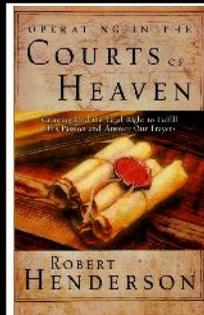
—Samuel Rutherford



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"Don't ever cry out for rescue. God is not here to rescue you from your current situation. He is here to transform you into the person He wants you to become via every circumstance and situation that enters your life."

—Graham Cook



Great book that Father Scott recommends this holiday season.



The Wednesday Bible Study is sponsoring Christmas Child gift boxes through the Samaritan's Purse. The boxes are either \$7 per box donation or you can fill your own. Boxes will be taken to a drop off site Nov 17-24. For further questions, please contact Elizabeth Bonner at 716-2089.



FA BACK Time Change Sunday -Nov 2



Congratulations to the Rev. Mark Price and Jacque Johnson on their marriage on Nov 1 -Father Scott officiating



If you want something to get you into the Christmas mood then you will not want to miss Christmas Spectacular at U. of Mobile. The dates are Nov 20-24 at Dauphin Way Baptist Church-Mobile. Tickets are \$5 each and can be ordered at 442-2563.

