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I am Tired, I am Weak, I am Worn

Haven't we all felt that way at one time or another? Maybe it was from a hard week of work or perhaps dealing with a house full of kids during the summer. For some of us it might be from training for that marathon race.

Like the favorite song "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" expresses, this life has its strains, difficulties, and challenges. We become tired, weak, and worn. Like Martha in Luke 10:40-42, we find ourselves **cumbered** [distracted with care] about many things in life. We have "**care for**" and "**take thought of**" a variety of things in life. Martha's choices are compared with that of Mary, and we learn a lesson in priorities.

As we are "cumbered about" with the many things in our lives, how much work and service for our Lord are we involved in? Are we finding ourselves tired, weak, and worn from laboring so hard to serve God and teach His word to precious souls who are in danger of an eternity of condemnation? Each member of the Lord's body has been left a major responsibility by our Lord. Paul clearly states this main objective of the Christian when he penned **2 Corinthians 5:18**. He relates how God had "reconciled us to Himself through Christ." Then he relates that when Christ ascended into Heaven, **He "gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation."** Our most important role in serving Jesus Christ is to teach the gospel to lost souls to bring reconciliation into their lives to allow them the hope of eternal salvation. Am I committed and involved in this effort to reconcile lost souls? What could be more important to the spiritually minded?

As we ease further into this New Year, may each of us evaluate where we are exerting ourselves in life. Another well-known song states "**O land of rest, for thee I sigh!** When will the moment come, when I shall lay my armor by and dwell in peace at home?" "**We'll work till Jesus comes, and we'll be gathered home.**" That "gathering home" will be for those who have worked for the Lord. In view of my having been given that ministry of reconciliation, I have to ask myself, "Am I tired, am I weak, am I worn" in this labor? May we determine that "**We'll work till Jesus comes.**"

Your Elders

To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



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Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

The teens and I had a great time at Evangelism University in Savannah, Tennessee, this past weekend. The weekend was packed full of wonderful lessons, beautiful singing, and heart swelling fellowship with one another. I am very thankful for EU and what it means to our young people at Chase Park.

The theme for this year was “all in.” The lessons and classes all centered around the idea of being “all in” for the Lord. After the lessons and classes, the teens and I talked about what it means to be “all in” and some of the difficulties associated with doing so. To reinforce the things we learned and discussed that weekend, I plan on writing articles about being “all in” for the next several weeks. I hope they will be a blessing to you as you

strive to be “all in” for God in your life!

Being “all in” for God starts with our heart being committed to Him. If we make the decision to be “all in” for God with our heart, things like our hands, feet, and eyes, words, etc., (we will discuss these in future articles) will follow suit.

What does being “all in” for God with our heart mean? How might a person whose heart is “all in” for God live their life from day to day?

First, a person who is “all in” for God is a person that has made the decision to follow Christ. Our obedience to the gospel is paramount to being “all in” for God. In John 14:23 Jesus said, *“If anyone loves Me, He will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”* If we are going to

be “all in” for the Lord, we must be in Christ. If you are a non-Christian, I want to urge you to become one and would love to show you how to do that through the word of God.

Next, for the Christian, being “all in” for God is the idea of having a heart completely devoted to Him and His service. A person who is “all in” for Christ has an unquenchable desire to do His will. One of the ways we can show the Father we are “all in” for Jesus is to continue to do the work of Jesus. Jesus was about people, Jesus was about souls. Being “all in” for Christ includes serving those around us. There are people we come in contact with each day searching for a way out of the darkness. Will you show them you are “all in?”

Helping Those Around Me—*Nathan Adams*

The most effective outreach is one in which every Christian takes a personal responsibility to impact the people in his/her daily life. It is that personal responsibility that is clearly evident in those early Christians that were driven from their homes by persecution (Acts 8:4). Organized church outreach activities would have been very difficult in such circumstances. However, those Christians took it upon themselves to show and share Jesus Christ. Considering that such a focus had great results for the church in the very difficult times of persecution, it is still a good plan for the church today. Consider the following ways in which YOU can impact people for Christ.

First, study to know God’s word. You cannot share what you do not know. Seek to have a deeper understanding of the Bible and its teachings. Go beyond “straw man” arguments and simple issue oriented study to knowing the truth as a whole. There is no error taught, that a strong knowledge of the truth cannot overcome.

Second, pray consistently for the lost you know. We need to pray that God in His providence will open doors for us to bring people closer to Christ. If we do this, we should be on the lookout for these opportunities and pray for the courage to make the best use of them.

Third, Christians should make Jesus a part of their daily conversation. When Jesus is at the center of our lives, how can He not be in our daily conversation? Part of the “good news” of Jesus is that He blesses those that are

His. People in a world that do not care need to hear about a Savior who does. Tell people how Jesus has blessed your life, it will create an interest within them that will open doors for teaching.

Fourth, live faithfully in all aspects. True faith that is lived will provide legitimacy to what one says. Acts 1:1 says that Jesus both began to do and to teach. That is the proper order. People do not care to hear you talk about that which you do not do yourself. Show it and then people will be interested in why you live in a way that is so different from everyone else.

Fifth, we need to improve the hearts of those around us. It is naive to think that every person is just going to jump at the chance to have a Bible study. I wish that were true. Often times, we will need to invest time in a person to help them become open to their need for the gospel. We may need to help remove some of the thorns or break up some of the hard soil that keeps the seed of the truth from taking root in their lives.

Sixth, exercise wisdom of when and how to speak to them about religious matters. We should carefully choose the battles that we fight and the manner in which we fight them. Always show the love and patience toward them that God has shown toward you.

May we individually take responsibility to impact our world with the gospel.

News Of Interest

Sick

HealthSouth Rehab

Louise Merryman

Carol Baran, (Mike Baran's mother)

Huntsville Hospital

Robert Nance

Crestwood Medical Center

Jaunez Tanner

Home: Leo Johnson, Don Cox, Bob Trammell.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Betty Meadows** and **Lisa Smith**, respectively, in the death of their mother and twin sister, Teresa Honea.

Balance Class

Tuesday, Jan. 24; Thursday, Jan. 26; 1:30 p.m.

Pantry Item

Canned Fruit

Directory Additions

Baptisms

Corey Griffin, son of Keith and Meg Griffin, was baptized into Christ Sunday night, January 1.

Anna Sims was baptized Friday, January 13. She is the daughter of Michael and Mindy Sims. Congratulations to Corey and Anna!

Membership

John and **Rebecca Powell** placed membership Sunday morning, January 15. They previously worshipped at the Lincoln congregation. John is a driver for a contractor and Becky is a homemaker. Be sure to meet and welcome them to our Chase Park family.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Potluck Lunch

A.C.T.S. Class and **Ladies Class**, potluck lunch today, dining room. Visitors are invited.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Ron McCall**

Song Leader:

Hospital Visitation

Team #4 (**McCall**), please pick up your assignments following evening worship.

Question-and-Answer Session

Today, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry Devotional

Today, after p.m. service, dining room.

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, January 25. No lunch.

5th Sunday Singing

Sunday, 5:00 p.m., January 29.

Men's Retreat

February 3—4, Camp Ney-A-Ti. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Ladies Retreat

February 10—11, Camp Ney-A-Ti. \$35.00 per person. Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Thank You

"Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered."

Family of Era Brake

Special Emphasis Day
Sunday, February 5th



Guest Speaker:
Denny Petrillo
President & Instructor
Bear Valley Bible Institute
Denver, Colorado

Come & See **JESUS**

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| 9:00 AM | Worship | "Come and See Jesus In Prophecy" |
| 10:15 AM | Bible Class | "Come and See Jesus In His Miracles" <i>7th grade through all adult classes combined in auditorium</i> |
| 11:00 AM | Fellowship Meal | |
| 12:30 PM * | Worship | "Come and See Jesus In His Claims" <i>* Starting time for PM worship is approximate</i> |

Statistics

Sunday, January 15, 2017

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| AM Worship | 377 |
| Month Average | 369 |
| Bible Class | 322 |
| PM Worship | 250 |
| Wed., Jan. 18 Bible Classes | 279 |
| Regency Ret. Worship | 40 |
| Offering | \$16,367.84 |
| Budget | \$18,000 |
| Average '17 | \$18,091 |
| Over Budget for year | +\$274.00 |
| Building Fund | \$0 |

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Services

Sunday

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| Worship | 9:00 a.m. |
| Bible Class | 10:15 a.m. |
| Worship | 5:00 p.m. |

Wednesday

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| Super Seniors | 10:00 a.m. |
| Bible Class | 6:30 p.m. |

Web Site Home Bible Studies

<http://bible.us/e/Hdj>
(Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God's Holy Word