

MARC'S REMARKS

Our Monthly Teen Devotionals

For the past several years, individual members of the congregation have consistently opened their homes to our teenagers. You have provided numerous opportunities for them to freely socialize among each other. Thank you to everyone who has extended hospitality to our fine young people.

What may not always get noticed are the numerous contributors toward this effort. Because no funds come from the church treasury to pay for the social aspects of these gatherings, it is entirely up to the family hosting the event.

But they are by no means alone.

Every month, there are those who contribute funds toward these efforts. Money exchanges hands cheerfully—all for the benefit of our young people. And for your consistent generosity, I wish to publicly thank you.

Future devotionals are scheduled for the second Sunday night of each month. We look forward to these events taking place.

If you never have before, consider donating to the family that will host these upcoming events.

July 11 ... **Massey's**

August 8 ... **Calvert's**

September 12 ... **McJunkins**

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

—1 Peter 4:9

ABOUT US

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study . . . 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:15 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study . . . 7:00 P.M.

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THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ
. Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-39

Be baptized in His name
. Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death
. Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think on These Things

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Surviving Sin

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The *Survivor* series is probably still the most well-known reality show.

Participants start out strong, excited and unconquerable. Then in a blink of an eye, they are no longer a “survivor.” We are a lot like them when it comes to sin. We start out strong in desire to serve Jesus faithfully with the best of intentions. We are excited and we want to succeed. Then, through wrong influences in our lives, challenges and setbacks, we make a bad decision and experience spiritual failure. We wonder, “will we survive?”

The Apostle Peter can tell us all about that. He was a bold, brash, straight-talking fisherman and as honest as he was rugged. You would never call him a wishy-washy half-hearted anything. He left his life of fishing to go with Jesus and become a fisher of men. He was *sold-out* for Jesus. Even when Jesus warned him that he would deny him, Peter said, “Even though all may

fall away because of You, I will never fall away” (Matt 26:33). When Jesus spoke of his coming death and how disciples would falter but follow later, Peter said, “Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You” (John 13:37). Yet at the ultimate moment of decision, Peter did as Jesus warned and denied Him three times. We might think, “What a failure! He denied Jesus! How could he ever be restored or forgiven?” Maybe we forget the power of the gospel because *he did* and *he was*. So, how did Peter survive sin?

His pride yielded to Jesus' warning to remember that nobody is perfect... everyone fails. None of us are immune to sin. Even Paul recognized it when he exhorted, “Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted*” (Gal 6:1). We are not immune

Thanks for worshipping with our church family!

FAMILY TALK

About Our Sick

Sam McJunkins II was under the weather this past Wednesday. Continue to remember his good wife, **Sue**, as she deal with chronic pain. We're hoping that they'll both be back in the assembly soon.

Debbie Davis continues to be in a lot of discomfort while recovering from the shingles.

Helen Kinney's son, **Bruce Kinney**, continues to be in a great deal of pain. He has been moved to Room 670 South at St. Michael. He will have to undergo a procedure in Dallas in the near future.

Please continue to remember **Lenita Lansford's** husband, **Charles**.

Shut-ins

Remember our local shut-ins.

- Frances Lawler (Heritage Plaza)
- Vera Morehead (Colonial Lodge)
- Pat Winters (Bailey Creek)

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Mark Davis

Song Leading
Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper
Joel Avance
Alex Spillers
Josh Moore
John Marc Hinds

Prayers
Mike Davis
Randy Ellis

Scripture Reading
Preston Ellis

Bulletins
Preston Ellis
Zack McJunkins

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements
Dave Massey

Song Leading
Sam McJunkins III

Lord's Supper
Phillip Moore
Melvin Potts

Prayers
Jackie Jamison
Josh Moore

WEDNESDAY

Announcements
Gerald Eaton

Song Leading
Marc Hinds

Prayers
Hayden Ellis
John Marc Hinds

Invitation
Alex Spillers

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because every single one of us sin (Rom 3:23).

His heart learned to remember that no matter what you do, Jesus is still your friend. Despite what we may think of ourselves when we sin or even others, Jesus died for us all when we were both (Rom 5:6–8). There is no forgiveness or restoration in hating and punishing ourselves for the sin we commit. Indeed, if it is truly forgiveness and restoration that we seek, then we need to go directly to the giver of life and forgiveness—Jesus Christ—and seek forgiveness in the way He and His inspired Apostles have said. To Christians, John said, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). And to non-Christians, Jesus said, “He who has *believed and has been baptized* shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Even though Peter went out and wept bitterly (Luke 22:62, Jesus later gladly restored him (John 21).

His life learned to appreciate that sin still has its consequences. “When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?’” (John 21:15a). Often those circumstances go far beyond your self. Your sin does affect those who are close to you . . . your family, your friends, and even your church. But, more important than anything else, your sin failure affects your relationship with Christ. Jesus still loved Peter but that relationship was strained and damaged. When Jesus asked three times “Do you love Me?” it is almost as if Jesus said, “So, Peter . . . I remember all of that stuff you said . . . how you would always stick by me . . . how you would never fall away . . . how you would die for me. But look at what you did. Do you still think you love me more than all of these other guys?” Peter needed to see what his choice had affected.

And last, his lips learned to admit and confess sin

because God is faithful to forgive. When Jesus addresses Peter three times around a fire at sunrise, it could not help but make Peter remember his failure around at fire at sunset just a few days earlier. Yet, what Jesus wanted from Peter was no cold admission of guilt but rather the restoration of warm fellowship. Peter said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” So Jesus said, “Feed my sheep” (21:9, 15–17). To survive sin, we have to get beyond the sin and get to the mission and purpose God has for us. And how we do that is simple—get to God and confess sin because He is faithful and just and will forgive.

So let me urge you, if sin has led you down the wrong path of life and you think you won't survive—you *can*. Jesus will make a way. But you have to walk His way and then, sin's failures will be life's memories that will no longer scar the joyous present and the bright future God has for people—*even like you.*

Sermon Notes

TONIGHT . . .

The Trouble with Us . . . Is Me!

1 Kings 18:17

Ahab didn't care much for Elijah. They were constantly at odds with each other. But when Ahab called him “the troubler of Israel,” Elijah said, “I have not troubled Israel, but you have.”

In our relationships with others, maybe the problem isn't with the other person at all. We'll consider some passages tonight that will help us in our conflicts with others.