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March 2018

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THE FRUITS OF DISCIPLINE

Tina Laughary



I love spending time with my dear friend Carmena. Through the years, I have heard many wise things come out of her mouth. There is however one bit of wisdom that goes through my mind more than any other. She once told me the story of taking her grandkids somewhere they didn't want to go. When they responded, "we don't want to" she responded, "that's OK baby, you don't have to want to." I think my kids would have preferred Carmena had never told me that story. For I am constantly telling them, "that's OK baby, you don't have to want to." Life is full of things we don't want to do. Honestly, this isn't an issue that goes away when we become adults. There are laws of the land, demands of our job, family obligations and even Biblical mandates. But being obedient, doing what is best, means doing those things that we would rather not do.

"Today's culture tells us to, 'do what feels good' and to 'follow our heart.' The problem is, what feels good and what my hearts 'wants' are often not what is best, wise or most productive."

Also true, is that we are often called NOT to do things that we really WANT to do. Today's culture tells us to, "do what feels good" and to "follow our heart." The problem is, what feels good and what my hearts "wants" are often not what is best, wise or most productive. Feelings and desires often are selfish and short-sighted, leading us down the path to sin. Just because we want something or feel like doing something doesn't mean that it is what God wants for us. This becomes very easy to understand if you look at it from the perspective of a parent.

Sure, cookies for breakfast may be your heart's desire, but because I want what is best for you—the answer is no. Children may not feel like brushing their teeth or showering,

but because I know the value of those things outweighs your desire—I'm going to make you do them anyway.

Dave Ramsey says, "Children do what feels good. Adults devise a plan and stick to it." I believe the writer of Hebrews says it best: "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruits of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." (Hebrews 12:11) Doing things we do not want to do, and not doing what we want to do is a form of discipline. No form of discipline is fun at the time—just ask my kids! We don't discipline for the act of discipline itself, we discipline because of the end result. We don't "ground" our kids because grounding them is so much fun. We ground them because we want them to learn the consequences of their disobedient behavior. The same is true of other types of discipline. Most people who wake up early each morning to exercise don't do it because they just love getting up for the sunrise. They do it because they know it is good for them and they want those positive results.

Lent is an excellent time to practice some discipline. I would challenge you to spend some time in prayer and ask the Lord what He may be calling you to do that you have been resisting. It may be getting up early each morning to spend time in scripture. It may be committing some scripture to memory. Maybe He is calling you to share your faith with someone at home or at work who needs to know the good news of Jesus Christ. Maybe He is asking you take control of your physical health with some exercise or diet changes. Perhaps there is a relationship that is broken and He is telling you to lay down your pride and work toward reconciliation. Or maybe God is directing you to stop a behavior that isn't best for you. Is there something you are looking at, listening to or wasting time on that God wants you to stop. Ask Him, and expect Him to answer you. Listen for His guiding.

I love to think of my relationship with the Lord as a journey, not a destination. As long as I live I know that He will continue to shape and mold me, challenging me to grow. Growth and change aren't always easy. Very often they require change and discipline. I hold on the promise of Hebrews chapter 12 and I look forward to the peaceful fruits of righteousness. Praise be to God!



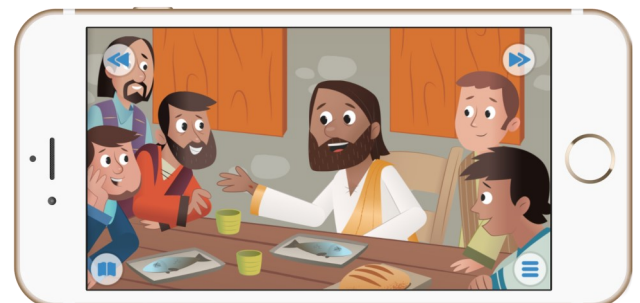
**MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, MARCH 17
7:30 AM COOKING
8 AM EATING
ALL ARE WELCOME**



The Bible App
FOR KIDS

Did you know that YouVersion has created a Bible App just for kids?

By introducing children to 41 of the "big" Bible stories, the Bible App for Kids helps them understand the overall story that the Bible is telling. Kid-friendly navigation helps them find and select whichever story they want, then reads it aloud to them in a friendly narrative style. Throughout each story, fun, interactive animations keep children engaged, and select stories even include games designed to help them learn, understand, and retain important Bible story concepts.



A CHRISTIAN'S DEATH

"THE LAST ENEMY TO BE DESTROYED
IS DEATH." ~ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:26

Pastor Corey Laughary

We live in a world where death is all around, this reality cannot be denied. Our church, communities and nation seemingly go from one death to the next. Even our natural systems need death as part of the system for there to be life. For example, plants and animals die so that we can live. If all humans ever born were still alive, there wouldn't be space or resources on Earth for us all. Death is inevitable; death is our reality. As Ecclesiastes says, "[There's] A time to be born, and a time to die" (Eccl. 3:2a).



If death is so "natural" and "common" why don't we like it? Maybe this seems obvious to you, or maybe you don't want to think about it, but I encourage you to keep reading and think about it with me. Yes, death is part of our current nature, and yes, it is common to all, but the reality of death came into the world because of sin - or our broken relationship with God (Romans 5). We don't like death because it is an end to life - something that comes from a source, God, who has no end. Life does not feel like it should have a permanent end because life comes from God. Death is an enemy to God. God opposes death. God has authored a great plan of undoing death, a plan of restoring life to those that die in Him.

For the Christian death is transition, it is not permanent. We have hope that those who believe in Christ that die now are living with God. For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26) Therefore we should have hope, as Paul wrote, "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope." (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

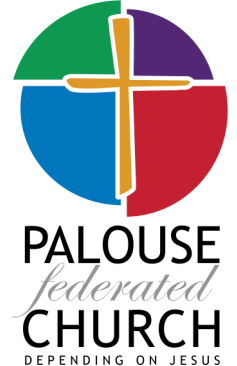
God is in the process of defeating the enemy of death. At the end of time, death will be completely destroyed, but for now death is a reality. For the Christian, however, death does not win. "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55) We have victory only because our God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die in our place on the cross, and to make the way for us to live after we die by defeating death by His death and His rising from the dead. Jesus is our hope.

We should not try to live forever on Earth - we can't anyway! And that's not the point of life. We are going to die, and before we do, we need to come into a restored relationship with the God who made us. That's the point. We are the Lord's, and before we die God wants to prepare our souls to make us fit for everlasting life with Him. Do you believe you are the Lord's? "For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8) We are going to have beloved friends and family die. It is right to grieve their death, and for the Christian it is also right to celebrate their transition to everlasting life. We live in the reality of not liking death at all and loving that our faithful loved one is now in the glorious presence of the Lord. May we extend grace to one another and care for the grieving- and may we put our faith in the ONLY ONE who can rescue us from death and give us life everlasting- Jesus Christ Our Lord.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD TIME TO PLAN AHEAD

We all are going to die one day. And some of us will have medical issues before we die. Don't wait until it's too late to make your wishes for your medical care and final days clear to your decision makers. Through an Advance Care Plan you can express your wishes for health care treatment and appoint the people you want making your decisions if you are not able to make decisions for yourself.

Advance Care Planning is a free service of Palouse Federated Church. Make plans today to meet with Pastor Corey and get your Advance Care Plan in place!



CHURCH ON A HILL PODCAST



Each week, Pastor Corey Laughary and Tim Sievers co-host the Church on a Hill Podcast - reviewing the sermon, discussing upcoming events and ministry opportunities and generally having a good time. There's usually a joke or two thrown in to lighten things up.

Each podcast is about 20 minutes so it's easy to listen to on your way to or from Pullman or Moscow...or anytime!

You can find us on the "SoundCloud" App (for smartphones, tablets, etc.) - search "Palouse Church on a Hill," or you can click on the link in the weekly e-mail or on Facebook.

If you have ideas for topics or guests let us know! And we would love to have your feedback, so please, let us know how we're doing.

LENT SOUP SUPPERS Theme: Restored

Wednesdays
Through 3/28 @ 6 PM

The people of PFC will share stories of restoration from their journey with Jesus.

Sign up for soup or bread in the Fellowship Hall



What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Next Class
March 25
@ 10:15 AM

NEXT STEPS

Bible Studies

Monday

Ladies Bible Study
Sermon Scriptures
3 PM @ Tina Laughary's

Tuesday

Men's Way Too Early Study
Sermon Scriptures
5:30 AM @ PFC

New Testament Bible Study
10 AM @ PFC

(Free Child Care Available by Request)

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study
Sermon Scriptures
9 AM @ PFC

Starting Point &
Young Adult Bible
Study Coming Soon!

BAPTISM

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and haven't been baptized, now is the time to step up to publicly proclaim what Jesus Christ has done for you. Talk to Pastor Corey about baptism anytime. Baptism is something that Jesus commanded the Church to do (Matt. 28). It is truly a joyous occasion, and should not be feared for any reason. **We are having baptisms March 11. Talk to Pastor Corey if you want to be baptized!**



OIKOS - WHAT IS IT?

Your Oikos is the 8 to 15 people you interact with on a regular basis that God has supernaturally and strategically placed in your life - friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Nobody is better equipped to share the truth of Jesus with them than you.

Pick up and fill out one of our OIKOS Prayer Cards and start praying for the people in your OIKOS to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Or...Download the OIKOS App today - search "8to15" in your app store.

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COLOSSIANS

~ COMPLETE IN CHRIST ~



COMPLETE IN CHRIST: COLOSSIANS

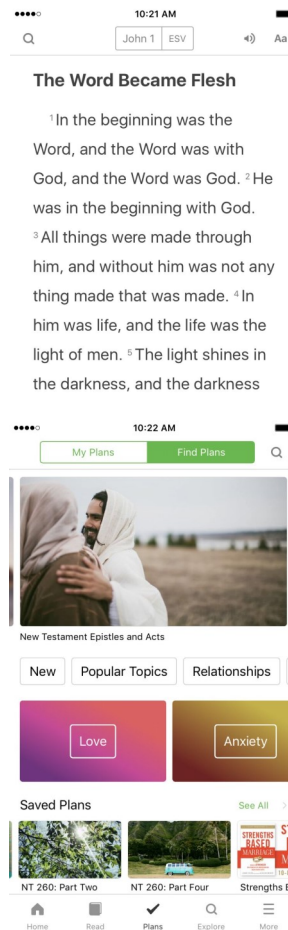
You're invited to Sunday Nights @ PFC our weekly service at 6 PM. If you've never been, it's a laid back-group that meets in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Corey teaches for about 45 minutes and we have the Lord's Supper together. It's a simple time of learning and spiritual growth. We are studying Paul's letter to the Colossians - a little letter that is deeply encouraging and calls us to find our secure identity in Christ. Sunday Nights @ PFC is open to all and free childcare is available for families who need it. We hope to see you there!

YouVersion

The Bible App can help you read the scripture and strengthen your faith. Look for it in the App Store!



- ◆ Read the Bible, or let audio versions read the Bible to you.
- ◆ Subscribe to **Plans**, daily portions of Scripture paired with devotional, audio, or video selections.
- ◆ Add **bookmarks, highlights** and private or public **notes** to any verse in the Bible.
- ◆ **Compare** versions to see how different translations of the Bible express a given passage.
- ◆ Easily **share** Bible passages on social media, in texts, or via e-mail.
- ◆ **Create verse images**, shareable Bible art, that uses your own photos or free background images.
- ◆ Add **friends**, helping you experience the Bible in community.





Want to learn more about WyldLife?

Attend one of our upcoming parent meetings:

Tuesday, March 6 @ 6:30 PM in Mike Patrick's classroom at the Garfield school building.

OR

Thursday, March 8 @ 6:30 PM in Mark Sawyer's classroom at the Palouse school building.

WyldLife is coming to Garfield and Palouse!

WyldLife in Garfield/Palouse is part of a world-class organization for adolescents. Our staff and volunteers enter the world of kids, focusing on what matters to them – fun, adventure, friendship and a sense of significance. In doing so, we earn the privilege of talking to them about something that we think matters most of all – the truth about God and His love for us. Young Life and WyldLife exist in our community because of adults who invite and support our presence. We call them our committee, and no doubt you know some of our committee members and supporters!

A Note from the WyldLife Leader, Ben Wilson:

In 2016 I had the opportunity to begin volunteering with the Young Life group that Mark Sawyer oversees at Gar-Pal high school, and have been so blessed

to build relationships with students and see what a positive influence Young Life has had in the lives of so many from Garfield and Palouse. I think that one of the greatest things about Young Life is connecting students with adults who

care about them and want to demonstrate the love of Jesus through offering a listening ear and helping hand. I am so excited to be a part of offering the same opportunity for middle schoolers with the launch of Gar-Pal WyldLife!

What is WyldLife?

Middle school is a time where kids are going through a lot of changes in every area of their life, and need lots of encouragement and support as they enter adolescence. We love middle schoolers, and we want to offer them an opportunity for fun, support, and friendship through WyldLife leaders and activities.

WyldLife Leaders

WyldLife leaders include trusted college students and adults in the community who are strong in their faith, and care deeply about middle schoolers. We will also be offering opportunities for mature high school students to receive training and help facilitate future events. All volunteers have received background checks, and are trained/supervised by Ben Wilson and Mark Sawyer.

Our leaders are at the Middle School every week, hosting a chess club during lunch on Tuesdays, and passing out donuts during lunch on Thursdays.

Parent Involvement

In WyldLife, adults and parents usually play a more prominent role in the kids' lives and in their decisions. We want to develop a Parent Support Group to assist the staff and leaders with everything from praying for the ministry, to providing snacks for club, to offering a place to host club. If you are interested in becoming involved as a parent, please email Ben Wilson at bwilsongpyl@gmail.com, or call Betty Sawyer at 208-669-9385. We would love to have you involved!

**Palm Sunday
Pancake Supper
(Fundraiser for
Camp Scholarships)**

March 25 @ 5 PM

**TALENT SHOW TO FOLLOW
SIGN UP TODAY!**

**MARCH 29 @ 7:30 PM
HOLY TRINITY CHAPEL**

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY
REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE**





PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ◆ Pray for the family and friends of Lisa Jeffers.
- ◆ Pray for the family and friends of Brenda Hofer, missionary friend of John & Audrey Ayers.
- ◆ Pray for Kelley, friend of John & Audrey Ayers, malignant lung tumor.
- ◆ Pray for Keiona Zachow, Multiple Sclerosis.
- ◆ Pray for Kara Kelley - recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Praise, Pastor Martin's daughter, who is coming to the United States for heart surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the water well in Uganda - that the repair is swift and lasting.
- ◆ Pray for Amy West, cancer.
- ◆ Pray for Tecla Blood, ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Pray for Pat Collier, recovering from open heart surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Carrie Doramus' dad, Richard, dementia.
- ◆ Pray for Dolores, friend of Nancy Wolf, broken pelvis.
- ◆ Pray for Charlotte, friend of Don Gilliland, Parkinson's.
- ◆ Pray for Don Gilliland, ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Vicki Burnham (cancer)
- ◆ Paula Fielder Leftwich (cancer)
- ◆ Monte, friend of Tecla Blood—ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Willy Mayhan—ongoing health concerns.
- ◆ Brittany Sawyer's Uncle Jon—Early onset Alzheimer's.
- ◆ Oralene Romjue (cancer)
- ◆ Patty Myott and her declining eyesight.
- ◆ Judy Hart (stroke)
- ◆ Meredith Willcox-Norris (cancer)
- ◆ National and community leaders.
- ◆ Pray for our nation - that peace, compassion, love and unity win out over hate, discord and division.
- ◆ Pray for those impacted by wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, and earthquakes.
- ◆ Your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- ◆ Active duty service members.

PRaises AND PRAYERS FOR THESE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES:

- ◆ Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital and the residents.
- ◆ Praise God for our youth ministry leaders. Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- ◆ Pray for our missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, orphans).

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Richard Keyser
Reuben Merry
Arnetta Tompkins

Patty Myott
Joanie Bagott
Frances West

Dory Tuttle
Don Gilliland
Steve Gill

GOOD FRIDAY TENABRAE SERVICE

Good
FRIDAY

**MARCH 30 @ 7:30 PM
PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH**



RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICES

**CHRIST
IS RISEN!**

**9 & 11 AM @ PFC
1:30 PM @ BISHOP PLACE**

MARCH SERMONS

March 4	9 & 11 AM	Restoration Through Remembering	Deuteronomy 8
	6 PM	Complete in Christ: Paul's Care for the People of Christ	Colossians 1:24-29
March 11	9 & 11 AM	Restoration Through Re-Growth	Joel 2
	6 PM	Complete in Christ: How Great a Struggle	Colossians 2:1-5
March 18	9 & 11 AM	Restoration Through Recovery	Isaiah 52:6-12
	6 PM	Guest Speaker	
March 25	9 & 11 AM	Restoration by Relinquishment	Jn 10:17-18, Phil 2 Lk 9:51 Jn 11:7-8
	5 PM	Palm Sunday Pancake Supper & Talent Show	



BISHOP PLACE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 1:30 PM
815 SE Klemgard St
Pullman, WA 99163

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Just search: "palousechurch"



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PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 3 - 5 PM Youth Group 5 PM Young Men's Study 6 PM Simple Service	5 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	6 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM Bible Study*	7 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6 PM Lent Soup Supper	8	9 <div>Men's Retreat @ Ross Point Camp</div>	10
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25 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM NextSteps 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 3 - 5 PM Youth Group 5 PM Palm Sunday Pan- cake Supper & Talent Show	26 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	27 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM Bible Study*	28 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6 PM Lent Soup Supper	29 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service @ Holy Trinity Chapel	30 7:30 PM Good Friday Service @ PFC	31 Bible studies with an * indicate they are held at PFC.
1 APRIL 6:30 AM Sunrise Service @ Greenwood Cemetery 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	2	3 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM Bible Study*	4 9 AM Ladies Bible Study*	5	6 <div>Youth Retreat @ Ross Point Camp [4/6-8]</div>	7 Bible studies with an * indicate they are held at PFC.

Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives