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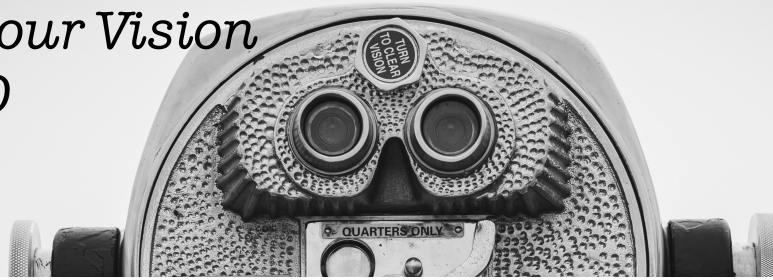
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DEPENDING ON JESUS

Overlooked & Powerfully Brief

*Improving our Vision
Lent 20/20*



20/20 LENTEN FOCUS

"This Lent we will reflect on how we are tempted to overlook important matters and how the Lord can help us to have clearer vision on the important needs of our soul."

Sometimes we overlook things. Where did that TV remote go? Where are my keys? Those are the little things, but then there's the important appointment that somehow gets missed on our calendar, or the birthday of an important person in our life gets overlooked. There also are spiritual, emotional and relational issues that we overlook.

How do we juggle career, family needs, household chores, and volunteering and still not overlook the important matters of our soul? This Lent we will reflect on how we are tempted to overlook important matters and how the LORD can help us to have clearer vision on the important needs of our soul. Join us for this Lenten Journey on Sunday mornings, Bible studies, Lent Soup Suppers, Holy Week Services, and even the often overlooked Church on a Hill Podcast.

OFTEN OVERLOOKED & POWERFULLY BRIEF

Pastor Corey Laughary

There are brief encounters that sometimes change our lives. While there are many long books in the Bible, there also are brief writings in the Bible. Some of these short writings are often overlooked, perhaps with the mistaken thinking that short writings can't have much impact. All of scripture is God-breathed and this Lent we will encounter powerfully brief writings and see what good lessons God will teach us.

Through the month of March, we will engage five of the shortest books in the Bible and in April we will study two brief encounters with Jesus. I think what God will show us is that He can communicate His powerful truth very briefly.

I believe all of God's Word is inspired, including the brief books and minor characters. Every bit of the Bible is there for a reason, and God's Holy Spirit can use any of it to get to our hearts and make a difference in our lives. I hope you will join us on this journey throughout the seasons of Lent, and Easter.

Depending on Jesus,
Pastor Corey

"DIDN'T SEE IT COMING"

A Book Review

Pastor Corey Laughary

Carey Nieuwhof, a Canadian pastor, wrote a best-selling book called "Didn't see it Coming: Overcoming the 7 Greatest Challenges That No One Expects and Everyone Experiences." It's a very good book. I encourage you to consider reading it. If you want a copy, we have some available in the church office. I will be using this book as a starting point for our Soup Suppers that start with the first Wednesday in March. My hope is to have people of PFC share how God helped them in one of these challenging times.

The 7 Challenges include: cynicism, compromise, disconnection, irrelevance, pride, burnout and emptiness. Each of us adults has had an encounter with at least part of that list. I know that's true for me. As I was reading this book's chapter on "burnout," I realized that I have been experiencing low-grade burnout. This means I was experiencing most of the symptoms of career burnout. This did not surprise me, nor did it surprise Tina when I told her. But a year ago I didn't see it coming. So it was relieving to read words that described my situation and what I could do about it.

To be clear I am working on myself, dealing with cumulative stress, processing grief, and allowing God's Spirit and Word to refuel my soul. I want to encourage you that God knows your struggles and has a path forward. There will be struggles and difficulties that you don't see coming, the important thing is to admit it and let God help you.

I encourage to read this book and join us on this upcoming journey.

LENT SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE

Soup Supper | March 04 | Cynicism

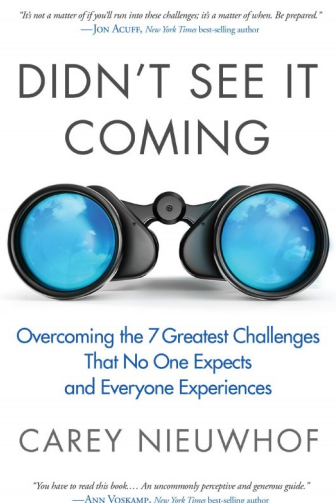
Soup Supper | March 11 | Compromise

Soup Supper | March 18 | Disconnection and Irrelevance

Soup Supper | March 25 | Pride

Soup Supper | April 01 | Burnout

Soup Supper | April 08 | Emptiness



PALOUSE CHURCH ON A HILL PODCAST

Each week, Pastor Corey Laughary and Tim Sievers co-host the Palouse Church on a Hill Podcast - reviewing the sermon, discussing upcoming church and community events and ministry opportunities, and generally having a good time. Each podcast is about 20 minutes, so it's easy to listen to on your way to or from Pullman, Moscow...or anytime!

Find us on Apple Podcasts, TuneIn, Google Play Music and the SoundCloud App (for smartphones, tablets, etc.) - search "Palouse Church on a Hill," or click on the link in the weekly e-mail or on the church's Facebook page.

The podcast is a great way to keep up with what's happening when you're on the go. Check it out and feel free to share it with a friend.

If you need help connecting to the Podcast, contact Pastor Corey or Tim in the church office and they'll be glad to help you out.

If you enjoy the Palouse Church on a Hill Podcast, make sure you share it on social media.



SPRING YOUTH RETREAT | APRIL 3-5

#RESTNOTSTRESS | DIRECTOR: ERICKA SAYERS



It seems life is packing on more and more stress. Even Jesus experienced stressful situations, and since HE IS GOD, I think he knows how to help. Mark 6:30 (NIV) says: "Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'" This weekend, we'll not only recognize stress for what it is and does to us, but how we can help each other and ourselves in a Godly way. Bring a friend (or 4) so we all can laugh, play, learn, and grow together

*"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety."
~ Psalm 4:8 ~*

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- ◆ Scholarships Available: Contact Pastor Corey or Brenda Cook

WOMEN'S RETREAT | APRIL 17-19

FINDING OUR IDENTITY: CROWNED WITH GRACE
DIRECTORS: BRITTANY SAWYER & SUZANNE HOLLING

Struggling with our identity can often be at the forefront of our thoughts and emotions. We often lay into what we believe of ourselves and what others think. Here is the kicker: Jesus crowned us with beauty and grace. He loves us as we are. He created each of us in His image, even with the things we consider flaws. We are His, we are chosen, we are royal in His eyes. It is time we dig deep, find our identity and beauty in Him and find grace for ourselves, in Him.

*"You will be crowned with beauty and grace, and wisdom's glory will wrap itself around you, making you victorious in the race."
~ Proverbs 4:9 ~
(Passion Translation)*

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NEXT STEPS

What's the
next step in
your journey?

March 15
@ 10:15 AM
Pastor's Office

Bible Studies

Tuesday

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

2 Thessalonians Bible Study
9:45 AM @ PFC

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study
Sermon Scriptures
9 AM @ PFC

Fill Your Mouth With Praise Before You
Fill Your Mouth With Soup
Pre-Soup Supper Singing
6:15 PM

Lent Soup Suppers
6:30 PM

Youth Group
6:30 PM @ PFC

2 Thessalonians Bible Study
7:30 PM @ PFC



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. We even have OIKOS Prayer Cards for Kids!

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



Pancake Supper & Talent Show

Palm Sunday - April 5
Pancake Supper @ 5 PM
Talent Show @ 6 PM

Save the date for our annual Palm Sunday Pancake Supper and Talent Show. Your donations help provide scholarships for youth to attend Ross Point Camp.

You will enjoy a delicious meal prepared and served by camp scholarship recipients and the talent show will feature some of the finest Palouse has to offer.

Look for dinner & talent show signups soon!

Campers - be thinking about what talent you might share and submit your song/video requirements to Tim Sievers by 3/29/20.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, MARCH 14
7:30 AM COOKING
8 AM EATING
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Youth Ministry News

Youth group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. We start with dinner, have a time of worship and learn from the Bible, then we end with some fun games and activities. If you know a youth who is in 6th grade or above, feel free to invite them to our youth group, or pass along their name to Pastor Corey, or Riley and Vanessa Moore, and we will make sure they are invited.



YOUTH GROUP
6th - 12th Grades

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
Dinner Provided

Join us for Bible Study,
Worship & Fun

SITTING WITH SIN

Tina Laughary



How much time do you spend thinking about your sin? I'm guessing for most people the answer is, "not very much." That is a completely understandable answer. Thinking about my sin makes me feel bad. It can lead to guilt and discouragement. I don't know about you but I would rather think about things that make me happy! Considering my sin definitely doesn't do that! It is much easier just to pretend it isn't there and hope it will go away. The truth is that sin IS there. For me and for you—sin is a reality that must be dealt with. Scripture tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23) It also says that the wages of sin is death! (Romans 6:23) Sin is a serious problem with a serious consequence. Easter is when we celebrate the victory Jesus won over sin and death for all of us. Certainly Easter brings much to celebrate. But if we jump to the wonderful celebration of Easter without first considering the reason for Easter (our sin) we are missing something.

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intentional soul work—and it isn't easy. However, my years of following Christ have taught me that the Spirit of God is often gentle as He exposes ugly areas. He is also faithful to walk with me and guide me as I seek to change and grow.

In this fallen world I know I will always struggle with my sin. I wrestle with my human nature which is selfish and fails. However, I will engage in this fight. It is worth it. As the Apostle Paul says in Philippians 3:12-14...

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Will you take the time to consider your sin during this season of Lent? Think about the change that is possible if you fully surrender the next 40 days to the guiding of the Holy Spirit. It may not be easy. It may not be fun. But trust me friends, being vulnerable before the Holy Spirit will reap rewards that far outweigh the effort.

Lent is the season leading up to the celebration of Easter. It is time set aside in the church calendar for the people of God to reflect on our need for salvation. It is time intended for you and I to think about our sin. Sure, reflecting on our sin can make us thankful for the blood of Jesus Christ but, I believe it can do even more.

I have decided that this Lenten season I want to do more than just acknowledge my sin, I want to attack it. I've been spending time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help lead me closer to the heart of my Father, which means farther from my sinful nature. I have decided to spend time in prayer each day of Lent asking God to reveal areas of sin in my life so that I can acknowledge them, turn from them and take steps not to return to them. This is

Palouse Choral Society



palousechoralsociety.org

Saturday, March 7

Sunday, March 8

The Palouse Choral Society's Chamber Choir presents a musical exploration of war and peace, weeping and laughing, birth and death - a time for all things.

The program will feature a varied range of choral music performed by some of the finest vocal artists on The Palouse.

Saturday, March 7, 2020 - 6:00 PM
St. James Episcopal Church, Pullman, WA

Sunday, March 8, 2020 - 4:00 PM
Silverthorne Theatre, LCSC, Lewiston, ID

WHAT IF?

Betty Sawyer



The time of Lent is 40 days of sacrifice, and for many people, that sacrifice is about "giving up" something during this season. One online site put it this way: "In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the account of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days; this is known as one's Lenten sacrifice." As we embark on our Lenten journey, I propose a different approach to sacrifice as we remember what Jesus has done for us. Remember, He loves us.

"Imagine what God could do if you gave up a little time..."

Imagine instead what God could do if you gave up a little time and shared a gift of encouragement with a different person every day for 40 days? It could be a note, an e-mail, a special text, or even an old fashioned letter. It could be a plate of cookies, a loaf of bread, a meal, a woodworking job, snow shoveling, or giving someone a ride! What if? You'd be surprised how easy it is to find 40 different people in your world to care about. The clerk at the grocery store, the mailman, your neighbor, your family members. It could make this world a different place to share a scripture, or praise to God.

Instead of "giving up" something like chocolate or coffee, what if you "give to" someone? You'll be richly blessed and so will others. And, it will help you focus on Jesus and his sacrificial love for all of us.

NOT AT ALL WHAT I EXPECTED

Tracy Lee Sievers

Over the past several months I encountered a new-to-me musical artist - Andrew Peterson. I have loved all the songs I've heard, but a few weeks ago his song titled "Hosea" got stuck in my head. I found myself humming it while working on other things and after a couple days of this, I started to wonder about the song, so I looked up the lyrics on the Web and read. It was a beautiful story about unconditional love. I realized I'd never actually read the Old Testament book of Hosea and decided to check it out. Over 24 hours I read the book three times in three different translations; and what I found was not at all what I expected.

"Both stories, show us examples of unconditional love—a love that doesn't make sense, and a love that I am so very grateful for."

Before reading, I thought I'd encounter a narrative similar to Jonah that told the story of Hosea's life. Instead, I discovered that only two of the 14 chapters in the book talked about Hosea's circumstances at all. So what is the book of Hosea really about?

Hosea is about God's unconditional love for God's people even when God is unhappy with them. It's a collection of the things about which Hosea preached over a roughly 25-year period of time. The whole of the book happens while Jeroboam is King of Israel. Incidentally, Jeroboam was not a great king and during his reign he encouraged God's people to do a lot of things that were against God's desires for them including worshipping multiple idols in addition to worshipping God.

In the first chapter, we are introduced to the prophet Hosea whom God does indeed tell to go marry a woman of ill-repute. Together, they have children and God



instructs their naming to be symbolic of God's frustration with the people of Israel. Not much is said about Hosea's family beyond this, except that his wife and his children are unfaithful to him.

The remaining chapters tell all the ways God's people are unfaithful to God. They are caught up in this half-in/half-out worship of Baal while also half-heartedly worshipping God. More than once, God says he will destroy Israel, but then God never does it. Why?

Love.

God loves Israel. What we see when we read closely is that God's love doesn't make any sense. The people are not worshipping God with their whole selves, and yet, God loves them. Hosea has been sent to deliver the message, yet he is ignored. God shows the people grace (unmerited favor) and does not destroy them, but this book does not close with a happy ending, tying all the loose ends up neat and tidy. Instead, the reader is met with an admonition in the final verse of the book:

"Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them."

So how do we respond?

I think we must look at what we've learned; that God loves us in ways we will never fathom, and never earn; we look to the New Testament stories of this love displayed in the person of Jesus Christ who literally made a way for us to finally, once and for all, be right with God; and we look to the ways we are living our lives right here, right now - changing things when we see we are off course so we can come into line with who God is calling us to be.

When I go back to the beginning and look at Hosea's life after reading the whole book, I see Hosea loving his family like God loves the errant people of Israel. Both stories show us examples of unconditional love - a love that doesn't make sense, and a love that I am so very grateful for. Hosea is a hard but beautiful story! I'd encourage you to read Hosea for yourself and if you don't have access to a Bible, give the church office a call, we'd love to give you one of your very own absolutely free.

COFFEE BENEFITS YOUNG LIFE

Through the season of Lent we'll be serving coffee from 41&change Coffee Co.

After you've given it a try, you might consider ordering some for yourself. A portion of the proceeds from each sale helps provide camp scholarships for our local Young Life on The Palouse and in Nicaragua.

Order at:

<https://www.41change.com/young-life/palouse-empire/view/save-location>

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Dave Hill, Jr., health concerns.
- Pray for Chris Gehring Daggett, cancer.
- Pray for Ed Gehring, health concerns.
- Pray for Roger Gamet, Stage 4 cancer.
- Pray for Sami Turnbough, cancer.
- Pray for Don Snekvik, cancer.
- Pray for Connie Decicio, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Chuck Laughary, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Stephen Beary, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Gloria Carmon, glaucoma.
- Pray for Phil Doramus, and Carrie, as they navigate Phil's cancer journey.
- Pray for Lori Peters, cancer.
- Pray for Doreen, friend of Molly Quigley, breast cancer.
- Pray for George Arland, cancer.
- Pray for Lynda Mills, heart issues.
- Pray for Don Comstock, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Barbra Vail, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Carol Stillman, cancer.
- Pray for Tecla Blood, ongoing health issues.
- Pray for Charlotte, friend of Don Gilliland, Parkinson's.
- Pray for Paula Fielder Leftwich, cancer.
- Pray for Brittany Sawyer's Uncle Jon, Alzheimer's.
- Pray for Judy Hart, stroke.
- Pray for active duty service members.
- Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- Pray for your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- Pray for our national and community leaders.
- Pray for our nation - that peace, compassion, love and unity win out over hate, discord and division.
- Pray for renewal and revival in our region.
- Pray for our Bishop Place ministry and ministry team.
- Pray for Young Life.
- Pray for our International Mission Partners.
- Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital.
- Pray for our missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, orphans).

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Richard Kayser	Frances West	Dory Tuttle
Catherine Tuck	Don Gilliland	Steve Gill
Arnetta Tompkins	Norm Schorzman	Marge Brink



GIVE A LIFE LESSONS SCHOLARSHIP

We're looking forward to our Life Lessons Outreach to high school seniors this year. Participants will attend three sessions, one each on finances, relationships and the future. Additionally, participants meet with an adult mentor and upon program completion receive a \$250 award.

What we need:

- ♦ Prayer for those students who may choose to participate this year.
- ♦ Volunteers to prepare food and serve as mentors.
- ♦ Donations to provide the scholarships. Could you give to support this important program that invests in our graduates and blesses them with some last minute wisdom and tools for success as they begin the next phase of life?

A \$250 donation will support a full scholarship, but all gifts make a difference. Mark "Life Lessons" in the memo line of your check, on your giving envelope, or in a note with your online donation.

UGANDA PEN PAL PROGRAM

Do you know a child or youth who would be interested in being a pen-pal to one of the orphans at Hope 4 All Children in Uganda?

Contact Pastor Corey and he will set you up with the needed information. Our simple hope is to build friendships between our children and the children of the orphanage.

There's no cost to this pen-pal program, and no security risk - letters will be shared without last names and location details.

LAUGHARY'S SABBATICAL IS COMING...

What? A 2-month rest from pastoring.

When? Summer 2020 (likely June 15-August 15).

Why? To rest and come back replenished.

Where? They aren't sure where they will go, but it will be just to settle in and rest.

Look for more upcoming information about this summer sabbatical for Pastor Corey and his family.

PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 01 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 5:30 PM Strengthening Families Program	02 	03 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study*	04 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Soup Suppers 7:30 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study	05 	06 <div>Save the Date!</div> Ross Point Camp Youth Retreat April 3-5 \$77 Register by 3/23 and save \$10. Register @ rosspoint.org	07 6 PM Palouse Choral Society Concert @ St. James Episcopal Church in Pullman
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15 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 10:15 AM NextSteps 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 5:30 PM Strengthening Families Program	16 	17 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study*	18 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Soup Suppers 7:30 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study	19 	20 	21 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast
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Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives

MARCH

March 01	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Overlooked & Powerfully Brief: Obadiah	Obadiah
March 08	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Overlooked & Powerfully Brief: 2 John	2 John
March 15	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Overlooked & Powerfully Brief: 3 John	3 John
March 22	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Overlooked & Powerfully Brief: Philemon	Philemon
March 29	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Overlooked & Powerfully Brief: Jude	Jude



PULLMAN WORSHIP SERVICE

You're invited to join us for worship in Pullman at our Bishop Place Worship Service. Worship Services are at 1:30 PM in the Social Room - 815 SE Klemgard St.

