

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

May 13, 2020

Pandemics and Rhetorical Questions

Do pigs fly?
Why bother?
How many times do I have to say that?

These are examples of rhetorical questions that you may have used recently.

Today in a meeting a friend drew our attention to a verse in the Bible, Numbers 11:23. In it the LORD asks Moses a rhetorical question that must be asked of us as well in times of stress and uncertainty. The verse reads:

*And the LORD said to Moses, "Is the LORD'S hand shortened?
Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not."*

A rhetorical question is asked not expecting an answer. It is asked to have an effect or impact on the hearer or reader. It is a question to get us thinking deeper or differently.

This question in the 11th chapter of Numbers is linked directly to the specific challenges and growing faith of God's people. It is common in the scriptures for this type of question to be used to stir us to think differently or deeper than we have been thinking. Consider the impact of the simple question about the strength of God's hand or arm.

1. Whatever challenges you face, it is not because God is not powerful enough to stop, change or rearrange them. How would you describe what God's hand has done and is able to do? Think about that.
2. Whatever challenges you face, God is up to something that you may not be considering as necessary or important. If God could stop or change it, but he doesn't, then what is he trying to accomplish? Think about that.
3. Whatever challenges you face, do pigs fly? No. Never. Not in real life, at all. If God's strength and reach are unlimited, then is there any way he will not care for you, his child? Does God fly? Yes. Is God trustworthy? Think about that.

Please continue to pray and encourage each other to consider the unseen things that God is doing among us in these days. Is God capable of doing everything in your life that he wants to do for his glory and your good? Please send me any thoughts you may have as to what are some of the specific things God wants to do among us through this pandemic experience. I would love to think with you about them.

Pastor Don



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What about the offering?

We encourage you to continue giving generously to the Lord's work here at Bethel. Here are some different options available:

- Mail
- Bank bill pay
- Drop off at the office
- Call & have an elder or deacon pick it up for you
- Online giving through the website

Office Hours:

We will mostly be working from our homes in the coming weeks. Please contact our cell phones or email us!

PRAYER

Pray for the Dugan family at the passing of Brian's brother, Bill Dugan.

Pray for the family of Ann Fagner.

Remember those in our midst who have ongoing physical challenges:

Paulette Krulik
Phyllis Fritz
Sue Baker
Faye Fagner
Virginia Barr
Irma Germann

Clifford Fritz
Carrie Fritz
Becky Arthur
Dorothy Nice
Linda McNabney

Continue in prayer for the church leaders as they continue to meet and make decisions for the church.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Zoom Prayer Meeting Wednesday @ 7 pm**

Be sure to email the church office to be included in one of these meetings. You will then be sent a link via email.

SERVICE TIMES AND PROCEDURES WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR THIS WEEK.

- Sunday, May 17 service at 9:15 am, sign up with Kelly Hines
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- Sunday, May 17 Drive-in service @ 11:15 am
- Contact Kelly Hines...765-210-1206 or bethelbiblekids@gmail.com to sign up for a service time.
- Sermon recording available on website by noon on Sunday.

We want to send a HUGE thanks to Andrew & Kaysie Leman for all the cleaning they have done at the church during these past couple of months! They have been doing a lot of deep cleaning in the church building... scrubbing chairs, tables, walls, cleaning carpets, re-organizing closets...the list goes on and on! Be sure to send them a huge thanks!

