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1, 2, 3, 4 = EFFECTIVE MINISTRY!

Would you invest your money in something of questionable value? Would you be willing to commit your time and energy to a cause that you knew really wasn't very important? Or would you lend your talents and abilities to a purpose that promised no return on your investment?

We all want to know that our efforts count, that we are making a difference, right? So how can we know that we are doing the right thing? Where can we find assurance that our efforts will produce a lasting effect? When we do ministry, how can we know that it will be "fruitful ..." and that "fruit will abide" literally remain? (See John 15)

The Apostle Paul asked and answered those questions and much more in 2. Cor. 6:3-10. I like the way J.B. Phillips translates this passage:

As far as we are concerned we do not wish to stand in anyone's way, nor do we wish to bring discredit on the ministry God has given us. Indeed we want to prove ourselves genuine ministers of God whatever we have to go through patient endurance of troubles or even disasters, being flogged or imprisoned; being mobbed, having to work like slaves, having to go without food or sleep. All this we want to meet with sincerity, with insight and patience; by sheer kindness and the Holy Spirit; with genuine love, speaking the plain truth and living by the power of God. Our sole defence, our only weapon, is a life of integrity, whether we meet honour or dishonour, praise or blame. Called 'impostors' we must be true, called 'nobodies' we must be in the public eye. Never far from death, yet here we are alive, always going through it vet never going under. We know sorrow:

yet our joy is inextinguishable. We have 'nothing to bless ourselves with' yet we bless many others with true riches. We are penniless, and yet in reality we have everything worth having.

We see that authentic ministry is fruitful ministry, and fruitful ministry is the only kind worth doing! Moreover, Paul provides us with four principles that will insure that our ministry is fruitful and authentic if we follow them.

First, we must do everything necessary to increase our spiritual endurance. Fatigue is normal. Quitting is irresponsible. God has called us to run the race with endurance. Hebrews 12:1-3 reminds us that the Christian life is not a sprint it's a marathon. Therefore we must condition ourselves for the long haul. There is no such thing as instant Christ-likeness. And those who minister authentically are committed to a life-long process of discipleship.

Second, we should always be ready for trouble and conflict. Trouble is inherent in life and in ministry. When Candace and I lived in the Northwest we liked to go white water rafting. Whitewater is what makes rafting exciting and rewarding, but it can also be deadly. The key is to look far enough down river to anticipate the current, and then position your raft so that it can ride through the waves without flipping. Is your life positioned in such a way that you can safely navigate the trouble that will come? Are you taking the necessary corrective measures in advance of difficult times; things like adequate prayer, study, and fellowship?

Third, we must recognize that the calling God has placed on each of our lives is contrary to the values of our culture. Therefore you can expect opposition, if not outright persecution. Expecting persecution is, at best, a distant reality for most of us. We're conditioned to expect the easy life and not the abundant life. But it's the abundant life Jesus has promised; abundance means lots of everything. The world we live in is centered on self. Scripture instructs us that as God's children we are to be centered on selflessness. These two perspectives are mutually exclusive. If your priorities, schedules, and commitments are God centered, there will be tension. Parents may be frustrated, employers may interfere, friends may resent the fact that "you're always doing ministry!" But you have to ask yourself, "Am I living out my calling, or living according to other peoples expectations?"

Fourth, without discipline your fruitfulness in ministry will be minimal at best. Paul commended himself to the Corinthians on the basis of the "distresses" in his life. He specifies that those things included, hard work, sleepless nights and hunger...purity, understanding, patience and kindness in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love...in truthful speech and in the power of God with weapons of righteousness... (verses 5-7). A disciplined life and an effective ministry are directly proportional. Translation: no discipline; no effectiveness! We would be fools to have worked as hard as we have in ministry without really caring if it was making a difference. Discipline (I'm talking body, mind and spirit) is crucial to fruitfulness. Consider Paul's perspective on Authentic Ministry. As you strive to implement these principles in your life, that authenticity will be translated into fruitfulness and lives will be changed.

Worship Beyond the Physical, to the Relational

God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.' John 6:23

I've heard this passage taught and explained many times. Recently I read Andrew Murray's exposition this passage. In it, he explains the new kind of worship that Jesus came to bring about for His people. What I found to be truly insightful and challenging was Murray's further enlightenment of what Jesus desires to bring about in our daily lives in Christ, a continual and deep-connectedness through the Spirit to the Father that will transform our entire lives. I hope you will find this as inspiring as I did. May we shed our old definitions of worship and what it means to follow and live in Christ, to embrace what Jesus Himself teaches us and subsequently died to make possible for us in the Spirit.

Lord Teach Us to Pray

By Andrew Murray Sermon Titled: The True Worshipers

The first thought suggested here by the Master (in John 6:23) is that there must be harmony between God and His worshipers; such as God is, must His worship be. This is according to a principle which prevails throughout the universe: we look for correspondence between an object and the organ to which it reveals or vields itself. The eve has an inner fitness for the light, the ear for sound. The man who would truly worship God, would find and know and possess and enjoy God, must be in harmony with Him, must have a capacity for receiving Him. Because God is Spirit, we must worship in spirit. As God is, so His worshiper. And what does this mean?

The woman had asked our Lord whether Samaria or Jerusalem was the true place of worship. He answers that henceforth worship is no longer to be limited to a certain place: 'Woman, believe Me, the hour cometh when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall ye worship the Father.' As God is Spirit, not bound by space or time, but in His infinite perfection always and everywhere the same, so His worship would henceforth no longer be confined by place or form, but spiritual as God Himself is spiritual. A lesson of deep importance. How much our Christianity suffers from this, that it is confined to certain times and places. A man who seeks to pray earnestly in the church or in the closet, spends the greater part of the week or the day in a spirit entirely at variance with that in which he prayed. His worship was the work of a fixed place or hour, not of his whole being. God is a spirit: He is the Everlasting and Unchangeable One; what He is, He is always and in truth. Our worship must even so be in spirit and truth: His worship must be the spirit of our life; our life must be worship in spirit as God is Spirit. 'God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.'

The second thought that comes to us is that this worship in the spirit must come from God Himself. God is Spirit: He alone has Spirit to give. It was for this He sent His Son, to fit us for such spiritual worship, by giving us the Holy Spirit. It is of His own work that Jesus speaks when He says twice, 'The hour cometh,' and then adds, 'and is now.' He came to baptize with the Holy Spirit; the Spirit could not stream forth till He was glorified (John 1:33, 7:37-38, 16:7). It was when He had made an end of sin, and entering into the Holiest of all with His blood, had there on our behalf received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33), that He could send Him down to us as the Spirit of the Father. It was when Christ had redeemed us, and we in Him had received the position of children, that the Father sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts to cry, 'Abba, Father.' The worship in spirit is the worship of the Father in the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Sonship.

This is the reason why Jesus here uses the name of Father. We never find one of the Old Testament saints personally appropriate the name of child or call God his Father. The worship of the Father is only possible to those to whom the Spirit of the Son has been given. The worship in spirit is only possible to those to whom the Son has revealed the Father, and who have received the spirit of Sonship. It is only Christ who opens the way and teaches the worship in spirit. And in truth. That does not only mean, in sincerity. Nor does it only signify, in accordance with the truth of God's Word. The expression is one of deep and Divine meaning. Jesus is 'the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.' 'The law was given by Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.' Jesus says, 'I am the Way the Truth and the Life.' In the Old Testament all was shadow and promise; Jesus brought and gives the reality, the substance, of things hoped for. In Him the blessings and powers of the eternal life are our actual possession and experience. Jesus is full of grace and truth; the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth; through Him the grace that is in Jesus is ours indeed, and truth a positive communication out of the Divine life. And so worship in spirit is worship in truth; actual living fellowship with God, a real correspondence and harmony between the Father, who is Spirit, and the child praying in the spirit.

What Jesus said to the woman of Samaria, she could not at once understand. Pentecost was needed to reveal its full meaning. We are hardly prepared at our first entrance into the school of prayer to grasp such teaching. We shall understand it better later on. Let us only begin and take the lesson as He gives it. We are carnal and cannot bring God the worship He seeks. But Jesus came to give the Spirit: He has given Him to us. Let the disposition in which we set ourselves to pray be what Christ's words have taught us. Let there be the deep confession of our inability to bring God the worship that is pleasing to Him; the childlike teachableness that waits on Him to instruct us; the simple faith that yields itself to the breathing of the Spirit. Above all, let us hold fast the blessed truth-we shall find that the Lord has more to say to us about it-that the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God, the revelation of His infinite Fatherliness in our hearts, the faith in the infinite love that gives us His Son and His Spirit to make us children, is indeed the secret of prayer in spirit and truth. This is the new and living way Christ opened up for us to have Christ the Son, and the Spirit of the Son, dwelling within us, and revealing the Father, this makes us true, spiritual worshipers.

'Lord, Teach Us To Pray.' Blessed Lord! I adore the love with which Thou didst teach a woman, who had refused Thee a cup of water, what the worship of God must be I rejoice in the assurance that Thou wilt no less now instruct Thy disciple, who comes to Thee with a heart that longs to pray in spirit and in truth. O my Holy Master! do teach me this blessed secret.

Teach me that the worship in spirit and truth is not of man, but only comes from Thee; that it is not only a thing of times and seasons, but the outflowing of a life in Thee. Teach me to draw near to Thou in prayer under the deep impression of my ignorance and my having nothing in myself to offer Thee, and at the same time of the provision Thou, my Saviour, makest for the Spirit's breathing in my childlike stammerings. I do bless Thee that in Thee I am a child, and have a child's liberty of access; that in Thee I have the spirit of Sonship and of worship of truth. Teach me, above all, Blessed Son of the Father, how it is the revelation of the Father that gives confidence in prayer; and let the infinite Fatherliness of Thine Heart be my joy and strength for a life of prayer and of worship. Amen.

BE EQUIPPED: FBC SUMMER TRAINING

<u>Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. for the Summer</u> Fellowship Dinners are 6pm. Wed., July 22, which is TACO NIGHT, & Wed. August 19th Classes: Christian Leadership, Spiritual Gifts, Teacher Training, Ushers/Greeters, Bible Study, Pottery. Classes-open to all. Come, drink deeply of the Living Water.

DON'T MISS TACO NIGHT!

Wednesday Night, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. Featuring the Best Three Baptist Words: FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!



ATTENTION ALL MEN: Men's Ministry Monthly Breakfast Saturday, September 5, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.



Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings are provided by biblegateway.com

July

Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun.	1 2 3 4 5	Psalms 136-140 Psalms 141-145 Psalms 146-150 Proverbs 1-3 Proverbs 4-6
Mon.	6	Proverbs 7-9
Tues.	7	Proverbs 10-12
Wed.	8	Proverbs 13-15
Thurs.	9	Proverbs 16-18
Fri.	10	Proverbs 19-21
Sat. Sun.	11 12	Proverbs 22-24 Proverbs 25-27
Sun. Mon.	12	Proverbs 28-31
Tues.	13	Ecclesiastes 1-3
Wed.	14	Ecclesiastes 4-6
Thurs.	16	Ecclesiastes 7-9
Fri.	17	Ecclesiastes 10-12
Sat.	18	Song of Songs 1-4
Sun.	19	Song of Songs 5-8
Mon.	20	Isaiah 1-3
Tues.	21	Isaiah 4-6
Wed.	22	Isaiah 7-9
Thurs.	23	Isaiah 10-12
Fri.	24	Isaiah 13-15
Sat.	25	Isaiah 16-18
Sun.	26	Isaiah 19-21
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Tues.	28	Isaiah 25-27
Wed.	29	Isaiah 28-30
Thurs.	30	Isaiah 31-33
Fri.	31	Isaiah 34-36

August

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Sat.	1	Isaiah 37-39
Sun.	2	Isaiah 40-42
Mon.	3	Isaiah 43-45
Tues.	4	Isaiah 46-48
Wed.	5	Isaiah 49-51
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Sat.	8	Isaiah 58-60
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Mon.	10	Isaiah 64-66
Tues.	11	Jeremiah 1-3
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Mon.	24	Jeremiah 40-42
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Wed.	26	Jeremiah 46-48
Thurs.	27	Jeremiah 49-52
Fri.	28	Lamentations 1-3
Sat.	29	Lamentations 4-5
Sun.	30	Ezekiel 1-3
Mon.	31	Ezekiel 4-6

A little bit of Boa

By Doris Waddell Two phrases that have stuck in my mind since reading Kenneth Boa's book, "Conformed to His Image" are the kind of things that have rhythm about them that helps us remember them.

Although they aren't arranged in the book this way, here's the one that I love the best: "knowing God more clearly, loving him more dearly, and following him more nearly." What a worthy quest!

And the other one uses three "Cs" to aid our memory: "Loving God Completely, Ourselves Correctly, and Others Compassionately."

If you want a book that will change you through the teachings of an even BIGGER BOOK (the Holy Bible), gather your friends together, get each one a copy, meet weekly, and read a chapter each week for discussion and learning.

Here's a quote, I imagine you will relate to: "There have been times when a walk in the woods, a painting, a photograph, or a piece of music created a sudden and profound sense of longing within me. When I thought about it, I realized that in each case, the vehicle that caused the longing pointed not to itself but to that which is beyond the created order to God." This book is one of those kinds of creation that will point you to God in ways that are amazing.



Women's Prayer Night Tuesday, July 28, 7 PM By Tami Strang

Join the Women's Ministry in the chapel for a time of prayer. We will focus on praying for our community. Let's watch and see what God will do in the lives of those we encounter on a regular basis!

What God Is Telling Me

By Sandy Murray God is helping me manage my time better, teaching me that He is Lord of my time. My first priority is to spend time with Him. From the time spent with Him comes direction for the ministries He has entrusted to me.

Our Place and Opportunity

By David Shong

There are so many fronts we, as individuals, face in the course of a day. The dynamics of day to day living encompass more than we realize. Whether or not we accept these challenges, they are there. On top of this, there are everyday issues which indirectly affect us and challenge the moral fiber of our faith. We as Christians do not have far to look to see that our faith is being tested daily, locally and worldwide. No matter our beliefs on issues that challenge our rights, we do not have the right to hold onto our beliefs if they are not truly based upon the word of our Lord.

'Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

As we tend to our personal life how much time do we give to our brothers and sisters? We can get lost in ourselves if we get tangled up in our personal lives. God gives us choices which are our challenge. We can ignore His ultimate wish which is that we would walk with Him in everything we do or we can challenge ourselves by thinking out of the box of "me" and giving our Lord His due.

Like many churches throughout the world, First Baptist Church of San Mateo has its struggles. As members, we should be considering what can we do as individuals and as a brothers and sisters united under the banner of Christianity.

A quote by John F. Kennedy "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country" comes to mind in a different form: "Ask not what your church can do for you; ask what you can do for your church." We are all given special gifts that the church could use, and if not now, when? I pray that God touches your heart to be all He wants you to be.

In Dr. Charles F. Stanley sermon on June 21st, he said there are three things which we as individual can give to our church; time, talent, and tithe. There is a place for all and for all a place, First Baptist Church of San Mateo. May God continue to bless us individually and as one in His name.

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Let's Be His Church

Pastor Marc received this information from David Whitaker, Executive Directory of Next Generation Churches and lead Pastor of Morgan Hill Bible Church. Dr. Whitaker has given us his permission to share it with all of you

"Yesterday, [July 5], the Supreme Court, by a ruling of 5-4, declared same sex marriage a constitutional right, making it the law of the land. Although this decision will not change our view of marriage, it will have significant implications in how we affirm and live as the "Church" in the midst of ever changing cultural values.

I am grieved, but grateful that we do not need to fear. God is not surprised. In fact. He has privileged us to be here, in this moment, at this time, to be His Church to a world who does not know Him. The mission of the Church is not to change the culture, but rather, just as we have been reconciled to God, we have been given the "ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ. God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin. so

that in him we might become the righteousness of God."(2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

We have experienced that gospel-provided reconciliation and have been given a gospel purpose and responsibility to respond to our world as our Savior did, who was "full of grace and truth." We are called to love...as we have been loved. We are called to kindness...as our heavenly Father has shown us incredible kindness. We are called to generosity in our grace... as the Father's grace has been lavished on us. We are called to stand upon and speak for God's truth...and to do so with conviction, "speaking the truth in love."

I believe we are called to mourn... to mourn over the sin of our country...to mourn and repent over our own sin that has created the climate for the name of Jesus Christ to be despised. Those without Christ will do what those who have never experienced His life will do. But what about we, His Church who have experienced His grace? Have we not taken our own sins lightly, while pointing out the sins of others to make ourselves

feel better? Have we not taken our gospel mission lightly? I am taken by what the Apostle Paul says to the Church, as he continues his thought (very appropriate to our day). 2 Corinthians 6:1-11 (NLT) "As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindnessand then ignore it. 2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation."

This is the time to speak into our culture with the incredible message of hope that we were given when we needed it. And how are we to live?" 3 We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will ind fault with our ministry. 4 In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of God..." But this will not be easy...and it may be costly: "... We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of

every kind. 5 We have been beaten, been put in prison, faced angry mobs,

worked to exhaustion, endured sleepless nights, and gone without food."

Notice how the church is to distinquish itself: 6 We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love. 7 We faithfully preach the truth. God's power is working in us. We use the weapons of righteousness in the right hand for attack and the left hand for defense. 8 We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors. 9 We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed. 10 Our hearts ache. but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything. 11 Oh, dear Corinthian

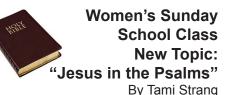
friends! We have spoken honestly with you, and our hearts are open to you."

This is the kind of Church that our culture has needed and (in many cases), has been unwilling to live out. I believe that's very much the reason we find our country in this condition. We have to get back to our original priority. It's not too late...for those in our communities

(including the LGBT community) to experience the life of Jesus Christ. But that will happen only if we show "understanding,patience, kindness, sincere love...if our hearts are open to all...by the power of the Holy Spirit working in us!"

I am praying for you and all of our Next Generation Churches. Let's be His Church in Northern California and Nevada!

Sincerely, Dave



Beginning Sunday, July 26, the Women's Sunday School class, we'll be studying what the Psalms had to say about the Messiah, Jesus Christ. We meet at 11:00 AM in Room 352. We'd love for you to join us!

When God Whispered

By Fred Alberti

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (1 Tim. 3:16-17)

My four year old son had to learn 2 Tim. 3:16 for AWANA. One of the leaders was concerned and stated that there was just no way the children could grasp the idea of Scriptures being "Godbreathed". So we decided to ask my son to explain what "God-breathed" meant.

You know I think we are sometimes too quick to underestimate a child's ability to understand the truths of the Bible. We are so quick to dismiss their abilities, yet this is what Jesus had to say in Matthew 11:25, "At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children."

What did my son say? He said, "Well, God breathed means that ..." and here he lowed his voice, "God whispered."

Wow . . . God whispered His Word.

Peter said, ". . . you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about the the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:20-21)

Our Bible isn't just some compilation of stories. It is the very Word of God whispered into the hearts and minds of men who were selected to be his special vessels to communicate His good news.

How about you? Have you, like Elijah, heard the "still small voice" of the Lord bringing you comfort, encouragement, and guidance?

If not, maybe you need to spend some time to just be still and maybe in His time you'll hear His whisper in your heart too.



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Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.

Do you have a prayer request?

The Prayer Box is available in the narthex.

The Pastoral staff will pray for you.

Salmon Bake

Coming Soon -

August 16, 12:30 p.m. Right After Worship.