

Bay City Wesleyan Church
June 7, 2020

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Sunday Morning 05-31-2020 ONLINE (2)
BIG FAITH may look small to us but trusting Jesus to be who he claims to be and to do what he promises to do will transform the world.
<http://bible.com/events/17191782>

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Champions of Hope
New here? Click on the link below to find out how to join our church's Facebook group -- Champions of Hope.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/infusinghope>

Online Giving with Tithe.ly
Please, set up your account at Tithe.ly or download the Tithe.ly app for your phone. Follow the directions given at the website or in the app. Once you've set up your account with Tithe.ly, click on the link to worship Jesus by giving to his church. If you'd prefer to mail a check to the church, our address is--Bay City Wesleyan Church 506 W North Union Street Bay City MI 48706
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1331999>

Bay City Wesleyan Church Public Gathering Information
Determining and doing what the Holy Spirit wants for us shaped the Church Board's discussions about gathering publicly. That led us to seek a balance between protecting each other and meeting at our building. Our meetings will change, but Jesus won't. He still reigns as King of Heaven and Earth.

What did we decide? [Our plans may change depending on circumstances in our community.]

Â· The TENTATIVE date for our first face-to-face gathering is Sunday, June 21, at 10:45 a.m. for Morning Worship only. This will be a bare basics gathering. It will be outdoors weather permitting.

Â· If you are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, do not come to the church building. Thank you.

Â· We will continue to live stream Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook. Recordings are available both online and on CDs or DVDs. The Wednesday Prayer times and devotionals will still be posted online as well.

Â· Childcare will not be provided at this time. The Nursery will be closed. Children do not understand and will not practice physical distancing.

Â· A locked offering box will be provided next to the center doors to the worship area. You can continue to use Tithe.ly or to mail checks as well.

Â· Some seats will be taped off. We recommend families sit together.

Â· Masks are not mandatory, but Pastor Mark recommends that you wear one. If you can bring your own, please do so. But masks will be available. After use, worshipers may take masks with them or deposit them in a container to be cleaned for reuse.

Â· We will provide hand sanitizer and facial tissues as much as possible. If you can bring your own, please do so.

Â· There are germ-killing soaps in restrooms.
For more information, please check the posts in the CHAMPIONS OF HOPE group on Facebook.

Isaiah 33:6-7 NIV

<small>6</small> He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.
<small>7</small> Look, their brave men cry aloud in the streets; the envoys of peace weep bitterly.
<https://bible.com/bible/111/isa.33.6-7.NIV>

"The LORD will be the sure foundation for your times!"
Ponder that sentence. Repeat it to yourself a few times. Fill your mind with its truth. Thank the LORD for being your sure foundation.

Luke 7:1-10 NET

<small>1</small> After Jesus had finished teaching all this to the people, he entered Capernaum. <small>2</small> A centurion there had a slave who was highly regarded, but who was sick and at the point of death.
<small>3</small> When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. <small>4</small> When they came to Jesus, they urged him earnestly, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, <small>5</small> because he loves our nation, and even built our synagogue." <small>6</small> So Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. <small>7</small> That is why I did not presume to come to you. Instead, say the word, and my servant must be healed. <small>8</small> For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to this one, "Go," and he goes, and to another, "Come," and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this," and he does it." <small>9</small> When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him. He turned and said to the crowd that followed him, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith!" <small>10</small> So when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave well.
<https://bible.com/bible/107/luk.7.1-10.NET>

You must be under authority to be in authority. The exercise of authority is the result of submission to a higher authority.

From this story, we can deduce at least three things.

1. Jesus is looking for a quality of faith that is simultaneously humble and bold.

2. And he doesn't care where he finds it.

3. Jesus is a category crusher and he has little tolerance for our pre-judgments about people.

It's still true today. Sometimes the most amazing faith comes from the most surprising people; the people we least expect to have faith. The

corollary is also true. Sometimes the most disturbing lack of faith comes from those we most expect to have it. â€| Be on the lookout â€| for â€œamazingâ€ faith, and donâ€™t count anyone out, especially the ones you might consider least likely to even know Jesus.
Citation: JD Walt, The Seedbed Daily Text

Sermon in a Sentence:

If you want to amaze Jesus, you just need to trust him.

Let's call trusting Jesus BIG FAITH.

BIG FAITH believes in Jesusâ€™s existence.

BIG FAITH trusts in Jesusâ€™s nature â€” his holy love, gentle power, and wise plan.

BIG FAITH displays loyalty to King Jesus and follows him as our Ultimate Teacher.

BIG FAITH unlocks the life we were created to enjoy.

BIG FAITH believes Jesus is who he claims to be and that he will do everything he promises.

Hebrews 11:6 NIV

6</small> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

<https://hebrews.bible/hebrews-11-6>

Our world was broken by three words.

Dishonesty

Distrust

Disobedience

BIG FAITH works to restore us and this broken world.

Three words will take us back to the relationship weâ€™re created to enjoy.

Truth

Trust

Transformation

Sermons and Bible studies come in all shapes and sizes. But if you listen closely, youâ€™ll hear Jesus saying the same thing in most of them â€” "Trust me."

[Plan]

Journey Through Luke: Jesus' Death And Resurrection

12 Days

<http://bible.com/r/2o4>