

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
July 12, 2020

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Sunday Morning 07-12-2020 ONLINE & IN PERSON

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.

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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

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 roped 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.

Series: BIG FAITH

Text: Luke 7:18-23

Title: Don't Make This Mistake When Your Life Zigs or Zags

You and I cannot tell our stories without pointing out Providential Relationships. For better or worse, people shaped your life.

The same is true for Pivotal Circumstances. We cannot tell our stories without revealing the times we shifted paths because of new situations in our lives. Our lives zig and zag often.

Luke 7:18-23 NIV

<font color="#999999">18</font></small> John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, <font color="#999999">19</font></small> he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" <font color="#999999">20</font></small> When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" <font color="#999999">21</font></small> At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. <font color="#999999">22</font></small> So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <font color="#999999">23</font></small> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/luk.7.18-23.NIV>

That last sentence packs a punch. It could be translated as "does not reject" or "is not scandalized" instead of "does not stumble."

Luke 7:23 CEV

<font color="#999999">23</font></small> God will bless everyone who doesn't reject me because of what I do.

<https://bible.com/bible/392/luk.7.23.CEV>

What's the worst thing we can do when our lives change directions?

Falling away because Jesus doesn't seem to meet our expectations is the worst thing we can do when our lives zig or zag.

Sermon in a Sentence:

Jesus wants to work IN you so he can work THROUGH you.

2 Corinthians 1:3-6 NLT

<font color="#999999">3</font></small> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. <font color="#999999">4</font></small> He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they

are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. <font color="#999999">5</font></small> For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. <font color="#999999">6</font></small> Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/2co.1.3-6.NLT>

I want to address those of us whose faith is injured, broken, or worn-out.

If youâ€™ve been thinking, â€œThereâ€™s no hope for my faith. My life zigged and my faith zaggedâ€ I want you to listen for another voice. Keep listening for that voice. Itâ€™s the voice of Jesus. If you canâ€™t hear it now, simply tell him you want to hear him. Pray until you hear his invitation to come close.

Pray that the Holy Spirit opens your eyes to see Jesus working around you. Participate in a group of BIG FAITH Jesus-followers.

What would happen to our faith if we believed Jesus is everything he claims to be and that he will do everything he promises to do?