

## Is Self-pity Spiritual?

No. But we tend to excuse it more than other forms of self-focus. If it will help, set a timer and allow yourself 15 minutes of deep self-pity. Really get into it! When the timer dings, get up and move to where God is.

We are warned about those who forgot the God that had saved them: “...*they did not believe his promise. They grumbled in their tents and did not obey the Lord*” (Psalm 106:24-25). They had witnessed great miracles, but when things got difficult they stayed home and complained. What a waste! The good news is there is an option.

God is not in a little pup-tent of grumbling—he’s out there in his glorious, ever changing, scary world. Christ was not afraid and we don’t have to be either. He was constantly on the move. People ran up to him, called out to him, went out to hear him. The blind cried out, “Have mercy on me, Son of David!” Desperation is allowed.

Isn’t it time to get out of your self-made cocoon? Look to Jesus. Come to him with your need. He blesses such faith:

- “*It will be done just as you believed it would*” (Matthew 8:13).
- “*According to your faith it will be done to you*” (Matthew 9:29).

There are many wrong places to put your faith, but only one which is eternal, solid as a rock. Jesus told us that even a tiny amount of faith will produce huge results. Don’t wait. Just bring the Lord the faith that you have; he will bless it. Come before him simply, humbly.

Do you realize the life changing power of putting your complete trust in Christ? It’s revolutionary!

*Mark*

**Donna and Young West:** placed membership past Sunday. Welcome! Young and Donna live at 6301 Coventry Way, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, 862-216-9139, 732-977-8300 msreed71@gmail.com

**Back by Popular Demand is Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church BOWLING NIGHT:** next Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM at the Pinsetter's Lanes in Merchantville. Please **sign-up** for a lane on the bulletin board. All ages are welcome. Come & bowl or just come & watch the fun. Questions? See Becky.

**Fall Fellowship Meal is October 23<sup>rd</sup>** after Worship. Please see the sign-up list on the bulletin board. We need you to bring: Chili, rice, cornbread, sour cream, and shredded cheese. Delicious dessert is going to be supplied!

**The Next After-Worship LIFE Group** will meet next Sunday, October 16. There are several other LIFE Groups as well; pick up a list in the church lobby.

**A Big Thank You from the Youth Group:** to those who helped out, participated, and who donated to their Winterfest Dinner. These donations will help our teens attend the Christian Youth Rally in Tennessee this winter. **90 people attended & we received \$1,412** for our teens!

**Sr Youth Group & Interested Parties:** Meet next Sunday, Oct. 16, after Worship to travel to Washington Lake Park for a picnic and fun time.

**Ladies Harvest of Praise:** "Abundant Redemption" will be here on *November 5<sup>th</sup>* from 9:00AM to Noon. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

**New Visions "Shelter Personal Care Packages" for the Homeless:** In October we are collecting personal care items for the homeless. We are making Ziplock bags with these items: *disposable razor, trial-size or small bar soap, trial-size deodorant, winter hat, gloves, or scarf.* **Place items in the oval basket in the church lobby.** Questions? See Brenda Collier.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Our Christmas Party will be on **December 11 at 6:00PM.** Start practicing for the talent show!

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Gerry Hogan

**Welcome & Scripture:** Tate Perazzelli (Psalm 28:6-9)

**Opening Prayer:** Tony Ceraso Sr.

**Lord's Supper:** Bill C., Bret Goen, Lee Graves, Ed Francoeur Sr.

**Scripture Before Message:** Joel Lewis (Romans 6:15-18)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer:** Rick Boyle

**Greeters:** Rick Boyle, Hardee Perazzelli, Wini Boyle, Elaine Firman

**Nursery:** Chris Ann & Elizabeth Next Week: Margaret & Debbie  
**Pink Cleaning Team** Oct. 12-15 **Howard & Donna** coordinate

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Preacher

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**Worship Total** ..... 150

Bible Class..... 79

Wed..... 43

**Contribution** ..... \$4,028

**Budget Goal** .....\$4,260

**Budget Shortfall** .... \$29,932

**15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 33**

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"Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

