

Principles From the Precipice

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Jesus was baptized by John the baptizer, had gone into the wilderness to fast for 40 days and be tempted by Satan (Luke 3:21). He then returned to His hometown, Nazareth (Luke 4:15-16). He was now about thirty years of age and had lived in that town since returning from Egypt as a young child (Matthew 2:13-23; Luke 3:23). He went to the synagogue as was His custom (Luke 4:16), where He had worshipped all His life. But this visit was different. He read from Isaiah 61:1-3 and said that this passage was fulfilled that day (Luke 4:21). *“And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips”* (Luke 4:22). When He went on to mention two Gentile people, *“all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff”* (Luke 4:28-29). We can learn many lessons from what Jesus experienced that day.

First, Jesus understands our situation when we try to deal with fickle people. “Fickle” means to change one’s mind quickly. That is what happened to Him. They were praising Him one minute and the next, they were trying to kill Him. We should not be shocked when those we are trying to teach go from loving what we say to hating us for what we say.

Second, Jesus understands our situation when people accept what we say until we say something that goes against what they believe. They were all for Him when His teaching agreed with their belief. But, they were angered when He supported what they were against. That is the nature of those who do not love truth. Prejudice can keep people from seeing truth. Preconceived ideas can be stronger than truth one has not heard before. That which is old is sometimes believed, even when shown to be incorrect. Many don’t like information that challenges their core values or the core values of their parents, or their denominational teachings. Truth seekers need to evaluate everything they hear against what the Bible says (Acts 17:11). Truth seekers must be willing to give up error, no matter how long they have held it nor who else holds it.

Third, Jesus understands our situation when we are rejected because He was rejected. No one likes to be rejected. Rejection is one of the most damaging emotional feelings one can experience. That is the reason many will not talk to others about important truth; they are afraid of being rejected. Jesus was hurt by rejection just like we are hurt by rejection. Remember, this was the “church” he had attended ever since He was a young boy. They did not just reject His ideas, but they were willing to reject Him to the point of killing Him.

Fourth, Jesus understands our situation when we are rejected by family because He was rejected by His family. No doubt His brothers were part of that synagogue. Remember, Jesus’ own brothers did not believe that He was the Messiah (John 7:5; Matthew 13:55). The Old Testament taught that anyone who blasphemed was to be killed. All the people in the synagogue turned against Him that day and tried to throw Him over the cliff. This would have included his brothers. Many Christians have experienced rejection from their own family because they have become Christians and rejected what the family had believed for a long time. Jesus knew what it was like to have family reject Him. Later Jesus taught on this subject. He said, *“Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man’s enemies will be the members of his household. He who loves father or mother, more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me”* (Matthew 10:34-37). Jesus did not mean that He wants the “sword” more than peace, but He is not willing to have peace at the sacrifice of truth.

Fifth, Jesus understands when we have to escape for our own safety. When they were about to throw Him over the cliff He escaped (Luke 4:30). He needed to teach others before He died. Sometimes, it is necessary for Christians to escape from those who would kill them so that they can teach others who will listen.

Things you should know about!

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you want to contribute, mark it as “DRF” or give the money to Jason.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laura McGiffin 9/29	Tom Muter 9/29
Jackson Allen 10/5	Tim Bang 10/5
Ady Bang 10/21	Dianna Bang 10/27

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Ladies Bible Study, The God of All Comfort, will meet at the church building THIS Thursday, September 29th @ 7pm

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Gospel Meeting ~ October 2-5
with Bob Vincent from the Tipp City Church of Christ

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Mark your calendar’s for our Fall Gathering at the Thompson’s!
October 14th - 5pm (weather permitting)
More information to come.

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Men’s meeting - October 15th @ 9am

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Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	September 25, 2022	October 2, 2022
Announcements	Tom Muter	Duane Kemp
Song Leading	Jason Bang	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer/Greeter/Usher	Duane Kemp (L)	Jerry Thompson
Lord’s Supper Comments	Tim Bang	Jason Bang
Scripture Reading	Jerry Thompson	Tom Muter
Sermon	John McGiffin	Gospel Meeting
Closing Prayer/Usher	Owen Whittington (R)	Tim Bang

Bible Verse of the Week

“The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.” Nahum 1:7

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Lord’s Supper Reflection

“So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!” Matthew 27:54

Offering Meditation

We are to PRE purpose (not an afterthought) our Gift to God. It is NOT to be done out of obligation but we are to freely give from an attitude of unselfish Love.

“Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.” 2 Corinthians 9:5

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - asked for prayers for his Parkinson’s
- *Evelyn Lam - recovering from surgery to remove a skin cancer spot on her nose
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell’s nephew) - dealing with health issues
- *Debbie Brayfield (Alena Brown’s aunt) - is in a Rehab facility recovering from surgery for kidney stones and a lengthy hospital stay
- *Pamela Knapke (Sherrill Butt’s daughter) - is recovering from extensive injuries from being involved in a motorcycle accident

- *Eric, a gentleman from the fair booth that is doing a Bible study.
- *Diane Perry (Michelle Gasper’s grandma) - is recovering from hip surgery
- *Carrie Fannin (Michelle Gasper’s mom) - prayer for her mental health
- *Missy Seiber (Tammy Sieber’s sister-in-law) - is having surgery to remove cysts on her spine
- *Tami Hamilton (co-worker of Lois Ferris) - will be having surgery for breast cancer
- *Caroline Stine - having an MRI
- *Agnus (Rosalee Yoder’s aunt) - health concerns

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, September 18	Wednesday, September 21
Bible Classes 45	Bible Classes 18
AM Attendance 56	
PM Attendance 27	Contribution \$1,714.00

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



September 25, 2022

Worship Times:
 Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
 Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
 Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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 Greenville, OH 45331

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!
 If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.