



**First United Methodist Church  
of Kaufman  
Sunday Morning Worship  
at 10:00am online**

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Dear First Family

I am in a place in life where a lot is happening that I can't control: Death of family members, family who are sick and at the brink of death, all kinds of trauma and pain, COVID-19...and I really can't control any of it. I am sometimes overwhelmed.

I began this sermon series on *Faith* because I need to remind myself how crucial faith is as I seek to walk with God.

*"Without faith it is impossible to please God."*

The truth is I have been playing God too much. I have forgotten about surrender and have been running around trying to fix things and fix people and even trying to fix myself.

The truth is I should be faithing instead of fixing. I haven't been successful in my fixing because I have no strength in myself for this task.....I NEED GOD!

I love the old hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour." I realize now that doing it myself is not only a recipe for disaster, it is not God's will.

God is not waiting in the shadows just in case we get in too deep. I have come to understand that walking with God by **FAITH** is the only way we can abide in God's will.

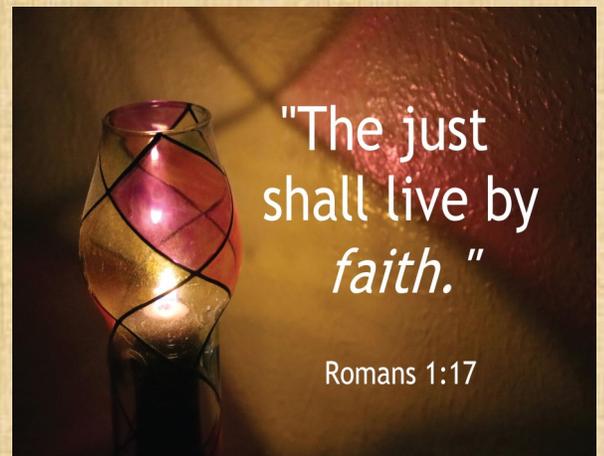
*"The just shall LIVE BY FAITH."*

This "living by faith" is not just for tragedy and bad times, it is the daily lifestyle of the Followers of Christ. The only way it can be done is through faith in our Lord.

This week I will be exploring this lifestyle of faith as we study *"Saving Faith."*

See you on Sunday Streaming Service!

Pastor Jerry



## Weekly Devotional

### **My goals for 2021!**

***I found this and felt this is what I should try to do. If we all made an effort to follow these simple things, we would all be happier living in this troubled world. I truly believe this is what God wants us to strive to do.***

***This is sharing God's love!***

***As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at a passersby.***

***WHY...Because I will not stand idly by and live in a world where love is invisible!***

***Join me in showing kindness, understanding,  
and judging less.***

***Be kind to a stranger,  
give grace to friends who are having a bad day,  
and be forgiving of yourself and others  
...today and every day.***

***BE the change, BE the light!  
Start today and never stop!***

Love you all,  
Karen Park,

Director of Music First United Methodist Church of Kaufman



### **"The Carpenter" by Roy Levin**

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished up a rough first day on the job. A flat tire had made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

Then, opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles, and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward, he walked me to the car. We passed the tree, and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my 'trouble tree,'" he replied. "I know I can't help having them on the job, but one thing's for sure - troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and children. So I just hang 'em on the tree every night when I come home; then in the morning, I pick them up again."

"Funny thing is," he said smilingly, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."



# JANUARY

## Birthdays

January 2 - Debbie Gilham

January 2 - Maegan McNeely

January - 9 Shiloh Lear

January 10 - Kelly Caffey

January 12 - Gil Altom

January 15 - Pam Caffey

January 16 - Ann Harris

January 21 - Joe Resendiz

January 27 - Rosa Rajovic

January 29 - Carol Altom

*A Prayer for Today* - Submitted by Dave Spaulding

*Just for today, help me, God,  
to remember that my life is a  
gift, that my health is a  
blessing, that this new day is  
filled with awesome potential,  
that I have the capacity to  
bring something wholly new  
and unique and good into this  
world.*

*Just for today, help me, God,  
to remember to be kind and  
patient to the people who love  
me, and to those who work with me too.*

*Teach me to see all the  
beauty that I so often ignore, and to listen to the silent longing of  
my own soul.*

*Just for today, help me, God, to remember You.  
Let this be a good day, God, full of joy and love.*

*Amen*

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*Come,  
let us walk  
in the light  
of the LORD!*

ISAIAH 2:5, NRSV

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**Thank you,  
Pam Caffey**

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## Everlasting God

Verse 1

**Strength will rise  
as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise  
as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord**

Pre- Chorus

**Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

Chorus

**You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

## Still

Verse 1

**I believe that You are God alone  
But sometimes I still try to take control  
'Cause I get scared  
when I can't see the end  
And all You want from me is to let go**

Chorus

**You're parting waters  
Making a way for me  
You're moving mountains  
That I don't even see  
You've answered my prayer  
Before I even speak  
All You need for me to be  
(Is still)**

Verse 2

**I'll bring my praise  
before I bring my need  
'Cause there's no fear  
You've not already seen  
I'll rest my heart  
on all Your promises  
'Cause I have seen  
and know Your faithfulness**

Bridge

**Is still and know that You are God  
Be still and know that You  
Trust that You are**

Interlude

**Parting waters  
You whispered my name  
You answered my prayer  
You're moving mountains**





## Shine On Us

Verse 1

Lord let Your light  
Light of Your face shine on us  
Lord let Your light  
Light of Your face shine on us  
That we may be saved  
That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your light shine on us

Verse 2

Lord let Your grace  
Grace from Your hand fall on us  
Lord let Your grace  
Grace from Your hand fall on us  
That we may be saved  
That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your grace fall on us

Verse 3

Lord let Your love  
Love with no end come over us  
Lord let Your love  
Love with no end come over us  
That we may be saved  
That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your love come over us  
Let Your light shine on us

## Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

Chorus

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am





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