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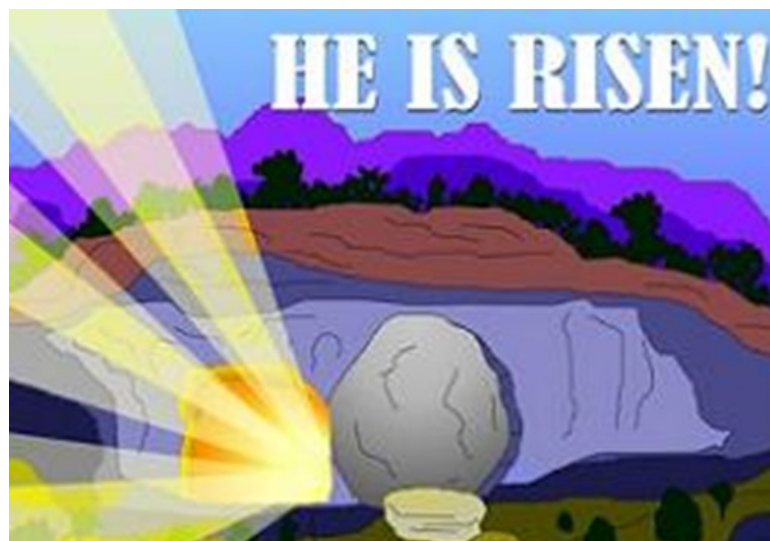


**When Jesus Singles You Out – The Centurion**

Not everything Jesus did and said has been recorded for us. “Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written” (Jn 21:25, ESV). So when Biblical authors make effort to record a distinct comment Jesus made about an individual, it is worth our attention. Why did Jesus single them out?

Jesus said of a centurion in Luke 7:9, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” Jesus had an entourage of disciples but it was this Roman commander – this Gentile - that had the more notable faith. How? He believed in the power and authority of Jesus. By Luke 7 In the literature, Jesus had cast out demons, rebuked fevers, commanded health, and forgiven sins – all by his word. Many of His disciples had witnessed these things, but it was the centurion that demonstrated his faith in Jesus’ word by saying, “...say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority... and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes....” It was this faith that was greater than the faith of any Israelite. A great faith is one that chooses to unreservedly trust Jesus and His word – to take His promises and teachings at face value and live into them. Jesus notes when such a faith is present.

The above article was written by Cooper Atkeson.



But those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings  
like eagles;  
they will run and not grow  
weary,  
they will walk and not be  
faint.

Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)

Given the current situation with the latest Executive Order from Governor Abbott, the ministerial staff and Cheryl are going to be working from their homes. If you need to contact any staff member, please call their cell phones.

If there is a need for food, medications, etc., and a member is unable to get out, please contact either the staff, or one of the elders.

Let us pray for all of the Covid19 victims in the world and pray that all of our brothers and sisters stay safe from this virus. Let's pray especially fervently for all in our congregation who have underlying medical conditions, that they do not catch this virus.

Let's remember all of the health care workers we have in our congregation, and those around the nation and world, who are on the front lines of the pandemic.

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!" John 16:33*

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15*

*"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9*

#### **Youth Reading Challenge:**

Last week: Proverbs 1-7 (ERV)

This week: (begin on Sunday) Ephesians (ERV or NLT)

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#### **Health Updates:**

Please pray for **Garland McConal** as he recovers at home from surgery to repair a broken leg, **Don Taylor** and **Barbara Dodd** as they continue to recover from their knee replacements; **Tara Brubaker**, recovering from hip repair surgery; **Scott Stork** (son of Chuck and a missionary in China), who is having radiation treatments; **Teresa Owens**, (sister-in-law to our Jeanie Haby) and Teresa's parents **Billy and Sarah Lucas**, who have some serious health concerns **John Meadows**, as he recovers at home from several medical issues; **John and Carlla Tittle**, as Carla struggles with ongoing cancer issues, and problems related to treatment; **Dee House**, from Lac Cruces, NM, suffering from heart problems; **Sharon Lawson**, daughter to Gene & Kathy Vance, recovering from back surgery; **Bill Fitch and his wife Peggy**, son and daughter-in-law to Katie Fitch (Bill has a recurrence of cancer, and his wife has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer); **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer. **Vida Spangler**, recovering from a broken hip.

Please pray for **Holly Macy, Jordan Barraza, Jim Mays, and LaJean Hendrick**, as they continue their treatments.

Continue to pray for all Riverside family and friends facing health concerns.