

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# The Power of One

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Duane Cline, son of David and Linda Cline is on life support getting ready for heart surgery. Peggy has surgery scheduled for June 14 at 8:00 AM to fuse her left SI joint.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Hans is in Dillingham, pray for his safety. Mary Ann is traveling. Charles and Nicole will begin traveling June 1. Becca and Darlene are traveling. Pray that they all remain safe.

**Family Events:** Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow May 27 and runs through Friday May 31. Everyone who can come and enjoy our VBS.

**Area Wide Singing:** Remember our Area Wide Singing. It will begin at 6:00 PM this coming Saturday. Plan to attend and praise God in song.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Today's Scripture:** "For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" **Matthew 3:3 (ESV)**

**Wisdom for Today:** "O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!" **Psalms 84:12 (ESV)**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 81/60 Our Record: 107**

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## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized .....	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life .....	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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*Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected*

## The Power of One

I am just one person, what can I do? This question is asked often, in politics, in our communities and in the church. After all, it is easy to see all those that seem to be against you. Satan likes to magnify his forces so that they seem to be overwhelming. This is what the servant of Elisha thought when he saw the Syrian army arrayed against Elisha. *“When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, ‘Alas, my master! What shall we do?’ 2 Kings 6:15 (ESV).* It was what Elijah thought when he was fleeing from Jezebel who was intent on killing him. *“And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He said, ‘I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.’ 1 Kings 19:13-14 (ESV).* And it must have been what John the Baptist thought when he was the only one to condemn the illicit marriage of Herod to his brother's wife, or what Paul felt when he was the only one to challenge Peter when he withdrew from the Gentile Christians after James and others arrived from Jerusalem.

But with believers in God, one person when standing with the Lord is always the majority. Let's go back to that passage about the servant of Elisha. He did look out and see the army of Syria surrounding the home of Elisha, but it was what he didn't see until Elisha asked God to open his eyes that was most important. *“He said, ‘Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ Then Elisha prayed and said, ‘O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.’ So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” 2 Kings 6:16-17 (ESV).* When Elijah thought that Jezebel had killed all those who worshiped God, he was told that he wasn't exactly alone. In **1 Kings 19:18 (ESV)** God told him *“Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”* John the Baptist had numerous supporters, so much so that Herod was afraid to take action against him *“For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because John had been saying to him, ‘It is not lawful for you to have her.’ And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet.” Matthew 14:3-5 (ESV).* It was only when the daughter of his wife asked for John's head that Herod moved to have him murdered. And in the case of Paul and Peter, Paul's disgust with Peter and his hypocrisy in dealing with the Gentile Christians was righteous and Peter knew it, so although Paul was alone in condemning Peter's actions, his actions were warranted. Peter, of all the Apostles understood God's plan for the salvation of all humanity and not

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only the Jews. But his courage, or lack thereof, would not allow him to stand with the Gentile Christians in the presence of the Jews from Jerusalem.

So, what about the power of one? When one person stands alone, but with a strong faith in God, that person will always succeed where all others will fail. Looking back at Elisha and the Syrian army, it took only one prayer for Elisha to be protected by God. And in the case of Elijah, God allowed him to defeat and kill all 450 prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40), which was the reason that Jezebel was trying to kill him. However, God told him that he wasn't alone, there were 7,000 others who had not worshiped Baal. Paul's resistance of Peter resulted in a stronger church as the Jews began to understand that the Gentiles were truly followers of God as well as the Jews. And later the Gentile Christians would send money to Jerusalem for the poor saints there (Romans 15:26). In all these, we see that when one person stands alone with God they are always right and will succeed where others standing alone usually fail.

So what about us today? Can one person make a difference in our world and society today? Can you be the person that makes a difference in someone else's life? You can, and you will, if you recognize that God will always succeed and His plans will come to fruition. God has chosen to work through humans in delivering His message to the world. He could have used angels, or He could have created us in a way that we would never sin. But that is not what He chose to do. He chose to use us, you and me, to take His salvation message to the world. We can make a difference, each one of us. As long as we are willing to take a stand against sin and speak up like John the Baptist, we will make a difference. As long as we are willing to stand against hypocrisy like Paul we can and will make a difference. As long as we are willing to preach the gospel like Phillip we will make a difference. As long as we are willing to live our life dedicated to Jesus like Mary Magdalene we will make a difference. As long as we are willing to supplement our faith with action as James taught we will make a difference.

It is when we fail to recognize that God is with us, that we begin to waiver and our influence in the world begins to weaken. We will have an opportunity this week to influence young people in our VBS, will you stand with God and show them the importance of having Godly heroes and heroines? Soon I will be asking you to make one telephone call a week to visitors and members who are struggling, will you be willing to do that? The power of one provided salvation to all *“But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. Romans 5:15 (ESV)* What will you do? You can make a difference!