

This week in **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** we encounter one of the exiles living in Babylon, DANIEL. Daniel and 3 of his friends (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) are singled out for duty in the king's service. Daniel distinguishes himself by refusing to eat food or drink wine from the king's royal table because it violates Hebrew dietary law. For this act of faith Daniel and his friends are exceptionally blessed by God. The king experiences a dream that his wisemen are unable to interpret but nothing is too difficult for the man living by faith in God. The Lord gives Daniel the interpretation and in so doing, Daniel is able to glorify God. The dream is of a statue made of different metals – gold, silver, bronze and iron. The four metals represent a succession of 4 kingdoms before the coming of the everlasting Kingdom of Jesus (Babylonian Empire then the Medo-Persian Empire followed by the Grecian Empire and finally by the Roman Empire).

Perhaps while Daniel is away from the capital city, the three friends (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) are scheduled to be punished for refusing to back down from their faith in God. Nebuchadnezzar erects a huge image which he commands all the people to worship. Due to the three friends' refusal to worship the idol, they are put into a fiery furnace but they are saved from death by the power of God, and once again the king is impressed by the one true God.

About 10-12 years later, as Daniel has been promoted in the king's service, he serves under Nebuchadnezzar's son (Evil-Merodach who reigned 2 years 561-559 BC before being assassinated by his brother-in-law, Neriglissar). Neriglissar ruled for 4 years (559-555 BC). His reign was followed briefly by Labashi-Marduk before an usurper named Nabonidus to the throne in 555 BC. He was strongly opposed by priests of the idol Marduk who objected to Nabonidus introduction of the moon-god named Sin. In 552 BC Nabonidus' son Belshazzar became co-regent and rules the rapidly declining empire. It is during Belshazzar's rule that Daniel receives 2 most amazing dreams that correspond closely to some of Ezekiel's temple vision. Then, about 7 years later, Belshazzar will die just as predicted by Daniel's interpretation of the writing on the wall.

Perhaps the Old Testament overwhelmed you and you are not currently involved in **BSME**. Coming up is an excellent opportunity to jump back into **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** as we leave the Old Testament and kick off with the New Testament on October 1st. With the transition to the New Testament, **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** will undergo an improvement to make it even more meaningful and EASY to follow. Grab your copies of the New Testament lessons available beginning September 20 and let's study together! You can also receive the lessons every Monday by email.

Speaking of improvements, 2-MINUTES FOR ENCOURAGEMENT is undergoing an improvement this month. After a one-month hiatus, the daily dose of encouragement will resume on October 1st.

Are you excited about the possibilities of growth here at 70 via HOUSE TO HOUSE SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM program? Count me in too! Start getting those names of family & friends who you want to see converted to Jesus and let's grow together!

Now, as I close out all my online Bible classes, it is our hope, it is our wish, it is our prayer that we all live for Jesus 24/7...may God bless YOU!

~Michael Cox

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10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Carl Johnson
Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston

R#300 - "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
R#147 - "I Stand Amazed"

Prayer.....Tim Wiemer

R#387 - "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Danny Griffith / Thomas Livingston
(West: James Bonde; Corben Nickolson; Michael Nichols; Will Livingston)
(East: Nathan Bonde; Xander Collier; Aaron Donnell; Austin Purvis)

SC- "How Great Is Our God"

Scripture Reading.....Bryce Ellis
Sermon.....Josh Romo

Jesus: The Politically Incorrect Evangelist (Part I)
John 4:4

B#538 - "Prepare to Meet Thy God"
R#895 - "I'll Live in Glory"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Danny Griffith

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Carl Johnson
Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston

R#716 - "Sing to Me of Heaven"
R#395 - "Follow Me"

Prayer.....Tom Shelton

R#315 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Danny Griffith / Thomas Livingston
(West: Jason Powell; Bryce Ellis)
(East: Thomas Morvant; Casen Morvant)

SC- "Speak, O Lord"

Scripture Reading.....Bryce Ellis
Sermon.....Josh Romo

Courage
II Chronicles 32:7-8

R#915 - "Trust and Obey"
R#957 - "This World Is Not My Home"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Danny Griffith

9AM Adult Bible Classes:

Auditorium
Michael Cox
Room#118
Old Testament History
-Andy McCormick
Room #116
Young Professionals
(ages 18-30)
- Tim Togami
Room#112/Library
First Principles
-Danny Griffith

Children's 9AM BIBLE CLASSES:

MPB-2nd floor:
9th - 12th
Josh Romo
Willie Bagwell
Room#113: 5th -8th
Aaron Donnell
Room#114: 1st -4th
Vicki Cole
Room#108: 4yrs -K
Martha Dean
Room#107: 3yrs
Barbara Wells
Kim Nickolson
Room#104: 1-2 yrs
Barbara Wells
Kim Nickolson
Room#106: 3-18 mo.
Cradle Roll
Pam Rutherford

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Our Record: 9/6/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....128
10:15 AM Worship.....232
PM Worship.....124
Wednesday Bible Class.....90
Contribution.....\$9,708.00

SEPTEMBER ELDERS / DEACONS

DANNY GRIFFITH
TOM SHELTON

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:

Pennie Garner & Kim Nickolson

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70 WEST CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcomes You!

“And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Joel 2:28-29



**The Greatest of These is Love
1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

Imagine with me that you have awakened in a world without love. It is a world where people don't care—and they don't care that they don't care. It is a world where offenses began fights and wars, because no one loved enough to forgive. It's a world where people were selfishly ambitious, stepping on others in climbing to the top, abusing others merely to survive. It's a world where the lives of old people and the unborn were cheap. It is a world where other people's lives are cheap as long as you get what you want. It is a world where people hardly marry, and those that did rarely stayed that way. It is a world where children had to fend for themselves. It is a world where people sat silent when evil took place, where protecting the weak was a waste of time. A world without love would be a world without hope and filled with all the ugly substitutions people find to take love's place. Part of what makes hell so terrible is that you can't find any love there.

The world is certainly an unloving place at times. At any time there are no less than ten wars going on somewhere in the world. Crime, abortion, prejudice, and pride still plague us. The world is sometimes very ugly, and trying to find love is not easy.

It is not so much that people are hateful as it is they are apathetic. The opposite of love is not hate; it is apathy or indifference. Apathy occurs when a person cannot feel and doesn't care. He may not even want to care; he may not want to feel. That's a terrible condition. Someone has well said, "Love will find a way, but indifference will find an excuse."

Matt. 22:35-39 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

1. I have often wondered why love, which some think of as a feeling, is a command. Love is not a mere feeling, though it may include feeling.
2. Love is the determination to sacrifice one's self or one's desire for the best interests of another.

1 John 4:7-11
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. God is love! God sacrificed His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our best interests.

The Preeminence of Love (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Cor. 13:1-3
love is the most important spiritual quality more than speaking in tongues, more than prophecy, more than miraculous knowledge, more than faith to work miracles more than giving all your possessions to feed the poor more than giving your body to be burned, Without love I am a noisy gong, I am nothing, what I do profits nothing. Love is the difference between existing and living. It is the difference between religion and Christianity.

Henry Drummond years ago wrote a book entitled, "The Greatest Thing in the World," in which he pointed out that love is the *"the highest good."* Many people want to be loved, but they do not understand the higher calling of loving others. Man reaches his noblest place by loving, not in being loved. Many people confuse infatuation or lust with love. Love is not so much a feeling as it is a mindset, a choice. We love because we choose to love. We can love others even when we don't like them. The word agape or love (primarily of Christian love) means **such concern or interest in another that one is willing to sacrifice what is his own to do what is best for another.** People are not "born lovers" any more than people are born chefs. They have to learn how to cook, and you have to *learn* how to love. You may have the deepest of feelings, but love is a verb, an act of heart and soul.

Loving someone means that you have paid enough attention to the needs and desires of another that their needs and desires become more important than your own.

What we need more of, more than anything else, is that we show the world around us just how much we love Jesus, how much we love one another, and how much we love them. When we do that, people are going to want to be a part of what we have in Christ.

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UPCOMING EVENTS (Please RSVP on LightPost Calendar)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11:30AM●Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)**●10AM●Room #118
- ♦ **JR. YOUTH/TEEN DEVO**●5:30PM●MPB

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11:30AM●Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)**●10AM●Room #118

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- ♦ **SENIOR MOMENTS –FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY!**●1-5PM●MPB●Bring Favorite Games & Snacks to Share!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11:30AM●Bring your lunch!



Successful Mission Trip to Nigeria Lectureships

Recently, my wife and I, along with Greg and Lorie Kirk, traveled to Nigeria for speaking at lectureships there in those schools. These lectures took place the first two weeks of August.

First, we went to the **West Nigeria Christian College** for their lectureship on Confronting Moral Issues. There were several timely topics handled during the lectureship to examine pressing moral challenges through the lens of Scripture. Attendance was increased this year with an estimated 1,500 in attendance at the lectures. During the week, we had 10 baptisms there at the lectureship.

Second, we traveled via air to the **Nigerian Christian Bible College** for their annual lectureship on Renewing Our Minds for Faithful Christian Living. There were around 300 congregations represented from 6 Nigerian states with attendance around 7,500 each day. By the end of the lectureship, we had 113 souls baptized there at that lectureship. Edet Udofia, an African Christian Schools Foundation board member, met us at the lectureship to speak for a few sessions.

In total, we had **123 baptisms** during the first two weeks of August through the lectureships. God be glorified for the souls added to the church during that time and for the safe travels during that experience.

Chad Wagner, Nigeria Mission

Prayer Requests

MEMBERS

Phyllis Allen●Bill Cooley●Nancy Dunn
Bob Garner●Calvin Gordon●Jean Kazimier
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Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall●**Glenda Pannell**
Karen Pate●Leslie Pate●Stuart Reeves
Freddie Sharpe●Neva Tharp●Festus Ugbade
Ann White
♦ Brooks, Steve –Prayers for Steve & his family
♦ Burns, Wendell & Charlie –Continued prayers for Wendell & his daughter, Jennifer Baker
♦ **Cormier, Pris –Hypertension**
♦ Hannah, Maxine –Health
♦ **Pate, Randy –Home now, being referred to a liver transplant team. No visitors at this time please**
♦ Wedsted, Ken –Health

SHUT-INS

Craig Archer●Mike/Shirley Baka●Henry Cook
Pauline Crenshaw●LaVonne Depew
Ola Freibolt●Lorene Mount
Charles/Virginia Parker●David Pendleberry
Wes Poole●Barbara Reding●Judy Walters
Linda Woeppel

BATTLING CANCER

Jennifer Baker●JL Bice●Jim Blagg
Allen Constant●**Jerry Harris**●Jack Haywood
Terry Horne●Kirsten James●Jeff Janus
Sandy Land●Brenda Lavender
Deborah Long●Daryl Macon
Delorious Tolleson●Bettie Lou White
Frankie White

- ♦ **Baker, Jennifer –(W.Burns' daughter) Final stages of cancer**

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Tyler Baker●Charlee Gordon●Gloria Miller
Avery Pozarek●John/Marsha Pruett
Don Rutherford●Wanda Smith●Bob Troutman
Harrel Walters●Kay Ward

- ♦ **SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO Tessa Boettcher(A.Romo's friend) her grandfather, John Washburn, passed away on Saturday, September 5**

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Edwards, Eric (Navy) aboard USS New Orleans, Bahrain, Iran
- * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA
- * Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Lemoore Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA
- * Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- * Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wethington, "A.J" Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- * Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- ❖Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam
- ❖Nigeria -Chad Wagner
- ❖Pacific Islands -Randy English
- ❖Philippines -Alex Coloma