

# Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” - Psalm 86:11

## Is It Really Necessary?

In high school, my friends all found it odd that I would go to church three times a week. I would leave my friend’s house or whatever school activity I was at in order to make it to every service. Whenever it was time to leave, they would always ask the same thing, “Is it really necessary that you go to church *every* time the doors are open?”

Many people have asked that very question: “Is it really necessary?” Our church family meets three times a week; Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening (four times if you consider Sunday morning Bible class). Is it necessary for us to attend every service? The popular trend among some churches is to offer multiple services and you get to pick whichever one is more convenient for you and your family.

The Hebrew writer tells us to “consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together; as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another” (Heb. 10:24-25a). Many people think when we go to church, we are doing it to fulfill a command that Jesus gave us to meet on the first day of the week. That is only part of it. The Hebrew writer tells us that we meet together so that we can encourage one another and stir up love and good works.

**When you aren’t here, our family is hurting.** How can we be encouraged when part of our family is missing? It’s sad to come to services and see people who are only interested in fulfilling a basic command to attend services. It’s sad to see people only come for Sunday morning worship and think that’s good enough. God wants people who want to be here. God wants people who aren’t here for themselves, but who are here to encourage other people.

**When you aren’t here, you are hurting.** If you were to not feed a newborn baby, would you still expect them to grow strong? Of course not! Then how come we expect to grow spiritually stronger when we don’t attend services like we should? Sadly, people want to do what’s more convenient for them and they want to do the bare minimum. If you are giving the bare minimum now, I can almost guarantee God will return the favor on Judgment Day.

Is it really necessary to be here? Only you can answer that question for yourself. God apparently found it necessary to give His Son, I think we can find it necessary to give a few hours a week. ~ Kevin

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Bible Class: 9:30 am  
 Worship: 10:45 am  
 Evening: 5:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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## Bible Word of the Week

ἄββᾶ – Abba - father  
 (ab-bah ’)

**Definition:** father.  
 Customary title used for God in prayer.



**Sentence:** “And He said, ἄββᾶ, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will.”

~ Mark 14:36

(Verbs and nouns are not used in their proper tense. They are just to show where they are used in scripture)

## BIBLE FACTS:



- ❖ God made dry, dead bones walk again (Ezek. 37:1-14)
- ❖ Hezekiah lived 15 extra years because he prayed to God (Isa. 38:1-5)
- ❖ God made a soaking wet sacrifice burn with fire (1 Kings 18:17-40)
- ❖ God made a donkey talk (Numbers 22:28-29)



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“Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”

~Matthew 18:21-22

A little girl repeating the twenty-third Psalm said it this way: "The Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want."

“When you fear God, you fear nothing else!”

~ Oswald Chambers

## Teaching the World

Scripture Reading: Matt. 28:18-20

### ❖ The Great Commission

- All \_\_\_\_\_ is given to Christ (v. 18)
- Make \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations (v. 19)
- \_\_\_\_\_ them (v. 19)
- \_\_\_\_\_ all commandments (v. 20)

### ❖ The Problem

- \_\_\_\_\_% of Christians aren't evangelistic
- People are \_\_\_\_\_ of being a teacher
- People don't know \_\_\_\_\_ to start teaching
- People don't know \_\_\_\_\_ to teach

### ❖ How can we become

\_\_\_\_\_ teachers?

- Let our \_\_\_\_\_
  - Matthew 5:14-16
  - John 12:44-48
- Please God, not \_\_\_\_\_
  - Galatians 6:10
- Be willing to s\_\_\_\_\_ for Christ
  - 1 Peter 4:1-4
  - D\_\_\_\_\_ yourself, take up your cross (Luke 9:23)

### ❖ What to teach?

- Jesus Christ

This Morning's Sermon:

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This Evening's Sermon:

## Major Lessons from Minor Prophets

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So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17



## Daily Spark #9

Deuteronomy 31:23 "The LORD gave this command to Joshua son of Nun: "Be strong and courageous, for you will bring the Israelites into the land I promised them on oath, and I myself will be with you."

There comes a time in every man's life to step aside and let someone else take over. It might be the changing of coaches for your favorite sports team, a father realizing his son is getting married and is now the man of his own house, or it could even be the President of the United States handing the reigns to someone else. That's exactly what we see happening towards the end of Deuteronomy. Moses has faithfully led God's children out of Egypt. He has led them through the Red Sea, through the desert for forty years, and now he has led them right up to the border of the Promised Land. But Moses can't go in.

And so, Moses is now handing the reigns over to Joshua. Imagine Joshua's feelings. He has grown up watching Moses speak on the Lord's behalf. He has seen the plagues in Egypt. He has been in the Promised Land to scout it out. He has seen how great of a leader Moses was and now, it's his turn. He will be one of the only two people from the remaining generation to enter the Promised Land. Imagine the fear as he's getting ready to lead such a huge group of people. Knowing he is leading his people into war and that he is responsible, just as Moses was, for the groaning and complaining of his people. But the Lord told Joshua to be strong and courageous.

I know for a fact there are times in our lives, where we let fear overtake us. We become consumed with the emotions of a certain event and it's difficult to see the outcome. You may be going in for a procedure, going through a sickness or a death in the family. It's easy to let everything else take control. However, you have no need to fear! The Lord is with you.

Is there any greater comfort to know that God is with you? Joshua had seen the Lord be with Moses, and in the same way, the Lord would be with him. I think we forget that the Lord is with us too. We forget that he is with me all day, everyday. There is no need to fear. Instead, we can be strong. We can go into any ordeal with courage.

Joshua was leading his people to battle. I wonder what battles we face today? Sickness, death, pain, temptations, addictions, friends, family, etc. I think God gave us hope by the death of His Son. When Jesus died and the veil to the Most Holy Place was torn in two, it shows us that we now have direct access to God. Through the death of His Son, God has given us the strength and courage we need to go out and fight our daily battles.

Your friends at school are pressuring you? Remember Jesus is with you! Your coworkers are trying to get you to do something you don't want to do? Remember Jesus is with you. Your body has too much pain and you don't feel like going on? Remember Jesus is with you! You don't want to go to the doctor and get your test results? Remember Jesus is with you.

Be strong and courageous. There is nothing to fear with God on our side! Thanks to God we can wake up each morning and be thankful that we have another opportunity to be strong for the Lord and to stand for the truth. I think something that scares most of us is being rejected for what we believe in. We should never be afraid to admit our love and devotion for the Lord our God! Remember that He is always with you and He is always watching. He will provide for you. He will guide you.

Go out today and take a stand for the Lord. Be strong and courageous.

~ Kevin (Orig. email on 10/20/11)