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Eyes

- by Dr. Jerry Terrill

Matthew 6:22 *"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light."*

In Matthew 6:22 Jesus is describing our eyes as a lamp that lights up our entire body. Our eyes become the receptor to help us see and make sense of the (our) world. They provide an entrance to our hearts and minds, our eyes become the doorway, the key to our souls. Our eyes allow us to perceive the difference between light and darkness, between godliness and ungodliness. Our eyes provide illumination to experience compassion. The German theologian Hellmut Thielicke, imprisoned by the Nazis, (1908-1986) said that all compassion begins in the eyes. They communicate something of who we are and what we are thinking and feeling. Our eyes illuminate our surroundings and give off light, the light of happiness and the light of our sorrow, sadness, compassion.

Matthew 6:34... *and he had compassion on them...*

Luke 7:13: *When the Lord saw her,*

He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

In Matthew 9:36 Jesus had compassion on the crowds: *"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."*

The sightless blind were freed from their prison of blindness, their eyes were opened in Matthew 20:34: *"So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him."*

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892) known as the "Prince of Preachers", described Samuel Rutherford's letters to be the "nearest thing to inspiration which can be found in all the writings of mere men."

Samuel Rutherford (1600-1661) is best known for his "Letters" written from prison in Edinburg, Scotland. He was imprisoned for becoming a Presbyterian minister. This made him guilty of heresy and treason. Writing to his



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parishioners, he said, 'I see grace groweth best in winter.'

In this COVID-19 era, we are reminded that the history of Christianity is the story of grace that grows best in winter.

One example of "grace growing in winter" is taken from the writings of Charles Dickens. In his book "A Tale of Two Cities" we read the story of Sydney Carton, who changed clothes with Evremonde in the prison, said just before his head was chopped off in the guillotine: "It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it's a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known."

Dickens' story reminds us of Alban, a Roman-Briton Christian who was caught up in one of Diocletian's murderous rampages against the Christians around the year 209. Alban schemed to change clothes with a priest marked for death, so the priest could continue spreading the name of Jesus through the countryside and escape Diocletian's soldiers. St. Bede, in his "Ecclesiastical History", records that King Offa built St. Albans Cathedral in Bath, England, in his memory, 693 A.D.

The apostle Paul reminds us of the great power of God: "I can do all

things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

During the pandemic we must not let this power leave us. D. H. Lawrence put it this way in 1924, "The adventure has gone out of the Christian venture." So during this "venture," is why our eyes are so very important. The Lutheran pastor Marty Martin recently wrote:

"...given all the social restrictions... even with masks on, we still get to see each other's eyes. And those eyes send out valuable cues about life – everything from corner wrinkles indicating a smile to tears of sadness to expressions of true compassion."

There are 478 passages in the Bible that speak of the importance of eyes.

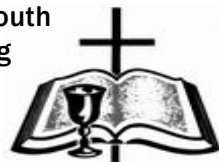
Psalm 119:18 informs us: *...Open my eyes that I may see...*

In closing, this pandemic is an "adventure" that none of us would have chosen. Remember to open your eyes so that you may prayerfully and mindfully see God's beauty around you; the voice of a western meadow-lark, a new flower, a rose bud opening, a beautiful sunrise or sunset, a stranger's smile in their eyes behind their mask.

God Bless and be Safe,

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Heroes Honored

- by Jim Pokorny

Ecclesiastes 3:8 (NET) – *A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.*

On July 30, 2020, Mom's late brother Willie Mikeska and his fellow shipmates of the *USS Indianapolis*, living and dead, were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. A special ceremony was held on the 75th anniversary of the ship's sinking. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other dignitaries presented the Congressional Gold Medal, its highest honor, to the eight surviving crewmembers. Although only one was physically able to attend in person, all eight received a replica of the medal.

The Congressional Gold Medal has a long and illustrious history. The first was awarded by the Continental Congress in 1776 to General George Washington for his "wise and spirited conduct" in bringing about the British evacuation of Boston. The Continental Congress awarded seven such medals in its history, the last in 1787 to John Paul Jones for "valor and brilliant services" in capturing the *Serapis*.

Other recipients of this honor from World War II include General Douglas MacArthur, Winston Churchill, the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", the Tuskegee Airmen, and the Navajo Code Talkers to name but a few. Other recipients include such notables as Rosa Parks, John Wayne, and Bob Hope.

The bill for this medal was introduced to the US Senate by Senator Joe Donnelly on November 8, 2017, which passed by unanimous consent. On December 12, 2018, the bill moved on to the US House of Representatives where it passed without objection. It then went to President Donald Trump, who signed it into law on December 20, 2018. This piece of legislation is now Public Law 115-338 and specifies several truths.

The *USS Indianapolis* received 10 battle stars between 1942 and 1945 having participated in major battles from the Aleutian Islands to Okinawa.

The ship carried 1,195 personnel when it set sail for the island of Tinian on July 16, 1945, to deliver components of the atomic bomb "Little



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Boy". The ship set a speed record and successfully delivered its cargo on July 26, 1945. It then set sail for Guam, having received orders to join a task force in Leyte Gulf in the Philippines. For the entire trip, the ship traveled without escort.

On July 30, 1945, minutes after midnight, the ship was struck by 2 torpedoes fired by a Japanese submarine. The explosions severed the bow, sinking the *USS Indianapolis* in only 12 minutes. Of 1,195 personnel, about 900 made it into the water. With few life rafts deployed, most men were stranded in the water with only a kapok life jacket.

On the morning of August 2, 1945, four days after the sinking, Lieutenant Wilbur Gwinn was piloting a PV-1 Ventura bomber and accidentally spotted men in the water. Gwinn alerted a PBV aircraft, commanded by Lieutenant Adrian Marks. Marks made a dangerous open-sea landing and began rescuing men before any ships arrived. The *USS Cecil J. Doyle* was the first to arrive and took considerable risk in using a searchlight as a beacon, giving hope to survivors in the water and encouraging them to make it through one more long night. The rescue continued well into August 3. Those who participated in the rescue conducted a thorough search, saved lives, and undertook the difficult tasks of identifying remains and

providing burials at sea for the fallen. Only 316 men survived their ordeal contending with severe burns, exposure to the elements, extreme dehydration, and shark attacks.

In its service during World War II, the heavy cruiser frequently served as flagship for the Fifth Fleet headed by Admiral Raymond Spruance. It survived a bomb released during a kamikaze attack which badly damaged the ship and killed nine crewmembers. It successfully completed its top-secret mission that was critical to ending the war. The sacrifice, perseverance, and bravery of the crew of the *USS Indianapolis* should never be forgotten.

US Navy Secretary Kenneth Braithwaite told the survivors, "Bravo Zulu (well done) shipmates."

The medal, struck in gold by the US Mint, depicts the *USS Indianapolis* with her 10 battle stars along with the inscriptions "USS INDIANAPOLIS CA-35" and her dates of service "1932-1945". The reverse depicts a group of survivors clinging to a raft having spotted either a plane or the spotlight from the *USS Cecil J. Doyle* along with the inscriptions "1195 SAILED", "316 SURVIVED" and "ACT OF CONGRESS 2018".

The medal is on permanent display at the Indiana War Memorial Museum in Indianapolis.

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Knowing Suffering

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Even Jesus knew suffering.

Jesus knew what it meant to cry.

Our Holy Christ knew what it felt like to be abandoned by loved ones.

The Lord Jesus understood the pain of isolation.

The Prince of Peace knew physical anguish.

Nonetheless, Jesus Christ stood His ground, the Holy Path set before Him by His Heavenly Father, without wavering, without sinning in His heart or in His mind.

He carried on His Father's mission and He passed the torch of that mission on to all of us who have come and are still coming to saving faith in Him, our Holy Christ.

We are all acquainted with suffering in its many forms, and yet we are called the "priesthood of believers," "oaks of righteousness for the display of His splendor... to rebuild... the ruins."

How are you suffering at this very moment?

What is causing your bones to quiver and your heart to pound?

The Lord Jesus Christ is speaking to you now.

Just pause.

Listen.

Receive the Holy Words from He who is the Word of Life Himself:

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Jesus, in Matthew 4:4, NRSV)

Throughout all of His life on earth, Jesus lived by His Heavenly Father's words. Jesus prayed:

"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." [Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] (Luke 22:42-44)

What words is Jesus speaking to you to help you persevere in the suffering God has allowed you to experience in His good, loving and perfect wisdom?



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“Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” (Jesus, in Matthew 4:7)

Questioning God the Father’s character was never in the equation for Jesus. He knew that praying to the Heavenly Father through the pain would fill one with complete joy – that is, confident faith in God the Father’s sovereignty. Jesus explained:

So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. (John 16:22-24)

What will you do to protect the joy that Jesus promises in the middle of your pain?

“Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” (Jesus, in Matthew 4:10)

Remember that Satan is real and at every moment focused on turning your mind’s attention and your heart’s affection away from the wholehearted worship of God. Satan is laser focused on taking your eyes off the prize – Jesus Christ. Jesus paints a stark contrast between Satan’s agenda and His own:

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:10-11)

As you take stock of your life right now, are you in a spiral of toxic patterns or are you actively nourishing a mentally and spiritually abundant life viewpoint?

How are you suffering at this very moment?

What is causing your bones to quiver and your heart to pound?

The Lord Jesus Christ is speaking to you now.

Just pause.

Listen.

Just listen for His voice.

It will come.

Amen.

In Jesus’s Hands,
Right With You,

Sister Vanessa Mitchell

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE
*“Bear ye one another’s burdens
And so fulfill the Law of
Christ.”* (Gal. 6:2)

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DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for October 2020

By Mari-Anne Kocian Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the *Holy Bible New Revised Standard Version*, slightly modified, unless indicated.

Sundays in bold.

1. Isaac went out in the evening to meditate in the field. Gen. 24:63 ESV
2. Do not let this book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything within it. Josh. 1:8
3. His delight is in the law of the LORD and on His law he meditates day and night. Ps. 1:2
4. **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. Ps. 19:14**
5. I will bless the Lord Who has counseled me; indeed my mind instructs me in the night. Ps. 16:7 NASB
6. I keep the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Ps. 16:8
7. Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth. Ps. 46:10
8. My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. Ps. 49:3
9. I think of You on my bed, and meditate on You in the watches of the night. Ps. 63:6
10. I commune with my heart in the night; I meditate and search my spirit. Ps. 77:6
11. **I will meditate on all Your works, and muse on Your mighty deeds. Ps. 77:12**
12. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Ps. 104:34
13. Your word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You. Ps. 119:11 NIV
14. I will meditate on Your precepts, and fix my eyes on Your ways. Ps. 119:15
15. Even though princes sit plotting against me, Your servant will meditate on Your statutes. Ps. 119:23
16. Make me understand the way of Your precepts, and I will meditate on Your wondrous works. Ps. 119:27
17. As for me, I will meditate on Your precepts. Ps. 119:78a
18. **Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all day long. Ps. 119:97**
19. You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You because he trusts You. Isa. 26:3 ESV
20. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your decrees are my meditation. Ps. 119:99
21. My eyes are awake before each watch of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise. Ps. 119:148
22. I remember the days of old, I think about all Your deeds, I meditate on the works of Your hands. Ps. 143:5
23. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. Ps. 145:5
24. Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19
25. **Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest Whom we confess. Heb. 3:1**
26. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. 1 Tim. 4:15
27. Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life. 1 Thess. 4:11a
28. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:2
29. Consider Him Who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Heb. 12:3
30. We fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor. 4:18
31. Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Phil. 4:8

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

SAVE THE DATES:

Summer 2021 – Class of 1968 Hus School Reunion at the Hus Encampment. For information, contact Arnold Cuba at 512-247-8019.

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Wall Christian Sisters Sponsor Sock Drive for Nepal



Pictured, left to right, are Sharon Hohmann, Sarah Gallander, Marilyn Holik, Donna Tallas, Nancy Weise, Charlene Dusek, and Terry.

After a devastating earthquake in 2015 left the people in remote villages of Nepal without basic necessities, Terry Mikeska founded the Terry Mikeska Foundation as a way to help in as many areas as possible. (For more information regarding Terry's

ministry, see <https://www.terrymikeskafoundation.org>. He is preparing for his 62nd mission project there. The Wall Christian Sisters sponsored a church-wide sock drive for Nepal. Terry will deliver the socks personally.



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Stronger Together Challenger Camp 2020

Christians need community. God gives us relationship with one another for encouragement, accountability, discipleship, and training. A Christian community is a family; a family that learns together, loves together, and sometimes hurts together. As Christians we are called to grow stronger together. The Challenger Camp family strengthened their faith, renewed their spirits, and grew in their love and compassion for others.

Rev. Brad Herridge led lessons that encouraged our campers to grow stronger by doing justly, loving mercy, walking humbly with God, making disciples of all na-

tions, and teaching others to love God and love their neighbor. Mrs. Jenn led evening worship each night, challenging campers and staff to persevere through struggles, extend mercy, and to work together, using our differences collectively, to share the Gospel in love.

It was a fun and exciting week of study as well as games and fellowship. Campers enjoyed archery, fishing, putt-putt, parachute games, pillow polo, gaga ball, volleyball, basketball, and so much more. Challenger Camp definitely made us stronger together!



1. What kind of psalm is this? (*Happy.*)
2. How are the song and the Psalm similar and/or different?
3. What is the message of this Psalm? (*God's faithfulness, importance of praising God*)

OBJECT LESSON: Psalm 51

Materials: Pennies, vinegar, salt, clear glasses

1. Give each child a dirty penny. Talk about how we are like these old pennies, sinful.
2. Mix 4 tablespoons of vinegar with 1 teaspoon of salt.
3. Drop in a dirty penny and let it sit for about a minute. Take it out and show how shiny it now is.
4. Read Psalm 51. Discuss how Jesus cleans our heart and makes it new, just like this penny.
5. Let children clean their pennies.

DO: Psalm Trivia

1. Which Psalm is the longest? (Psalm 119)
2. Which Psalm is the shortest? (Psalm 117)
3. Who wrote the most of the Psalms? (David wrote 73)
4. Which Psalm starts "The Lord is my shepherd"? (Psalm 23)
5. How many Psalms are there (150)

MAKE: Psalm 23 Bracelet

Materials: Beads, yarn or cording

String the beads on the yarn in the following order to remember Psalm 23: Shepherd (*white bead*), green pastures (*green bead*), quiet waters (*blue bead*), paths of righteousness (*clear bead*), valley of the shadow of death (*black bead*), Your rod and Your staff (*brown bead*), anoint my head with oil (*yellow bead*), my cup overflows (*purple bead*), goodness and love (*pink bead*), house of the Lord (*gold bead*)



Sing a Song

BIBLE STORY

David the Song Writer

Scripture: Book of Psalms & Psalm 1

The goal of this lesson is to have a basic understanding of the book of Psalms as a whole and how it can apply to life today.

- A Psalm is a poem, prayer, or song. Music can make us feel happy, sad, get us energized or cause us to think. It is the same thing with a Psalm. The book of Psalms is basically a song book!
- Each chapter is a song. There are 150 chapters, so there are 150 songs.
- The Psalms are divided into five smaller books: Book 1: Psalms 1-41; Book 2: Psalms 42-72; Book 3: Psalms 73-89; Book 4: Psalms 90-106; Book 5: Psalms 107-150.
- There are two types of Psalms: Happy (hymns, confidence, thanksgiving, wisdom) and Sad (individual laments, community laments).
- The Psalms are full of emotions. They are about man talking to God.

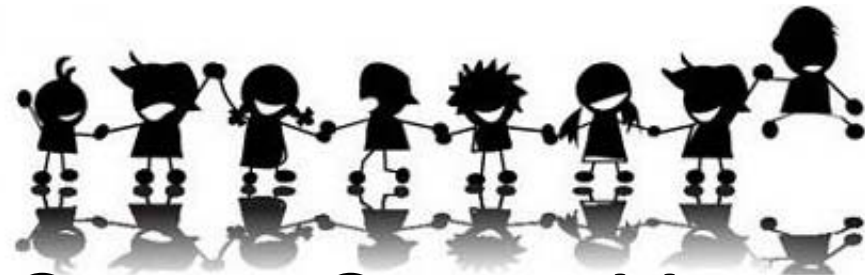
READ: Psalm 1

1. What kind of psalm do you believe that is? (*Happy.*)
2. Who is the author talking to? (*The reader, the worshipper.*)
3. What is the basic message of this psalm? (*That righteousness is better than evil, etc.*)
4. Why do you think this was placed as the first psalm?

READ & LISTEN: Psalm 136, then listen to Chris Tomlin's *Forever*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6xxWGWpaUQ>





Sunday School Helper



Psalm 34:1

I will praise the Lord
at all times.

Bible Characters

David

Bible Reference

The Book of Psalms

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Silver

The songs that David wrote to God were more beautiful than fine silver. Kids will learn that when we praise God with our mouths and with our lives, it is a beautiful thing to God.

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