

Discovering Truth

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

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:45 am

Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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2013 Theme:

"Seek and Save"

"For the Son of
Man came to seek
and save the lost"
- Lk. 19:10



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You are our honored guests.
Please let us know how we may
assist you. Our
church family
welcomes
you.



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Excuses, Everybody Has One

"He who excuses himself accuses himself." Excuses are like noses: everybody has one. However, there may be something about excuses we have not thought much about. As Israel of old had their scapegoat on whom the sins of the people were placed (Lev. 16:5-10), so we have our excuses. We use them as our scapegoats. They are easy and readily available. So, if we want to excuse ourselves from any course of action or fault, we just come up with a good excuse.

The first thing we need to remember about excuses is that they anger the Lord. Remember when God called Moses to deliver the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage? Moses made several excuses. He said, "I'm not equal to the task" (Ex. 3:10-12). Further, Moses said, "They will ask who sent me" (Ex. 3:13-14). Also, "They will not believe me" (Ex. 4:1). Then he said, "I can't talk well" (Ex. 4:10-11). Usually we read this account and say there is not much merit to Moses' excuses, while our own excuses always sound good to us. We think when we make our excuses God will excuse us. No, excuses don't alleviate the anger of the Lord. The point is not how good or poor the excuses are – but the Lord's reaction. God was angry with Moses because he was not going to do what God told him to do.

Second, excuses don't change the consequences. In the parable of Luke 14:15-24, our Lord told us of three excuses. We might have thought they were good reasons, but the Lord said they were excuses. One man had bought a piece of ground, another a yoke of oxen, and another married a wife. We are amused at the shallowness of the excuses, yet the same principle is stated. The excuses did not appease the master (Lk. 14:21). The Lord's point is that because of the excuse making those who made excuses missed something. No matter how good the excuse, when it is given, it prevents us from partaking of the blessings of the feast. Therefore, the master sent his servants out into the highway and hedges to invite the outcast of society to the feast so that the house was filled.

Third, excuses don't eliminate the responsibility even though we like to think they do. Generally, excuses are an attempt to do away with responsibility. "I never was responsible." Adam and Eve used this. Adam was called by God, "What have you done? Have you eaten the fruit I told you not to eat?" Before Adam admits that he ate the fruit of the forbidden tree, he tries to explain why he was not responsible. "The woman gave it to me. It is her fault. You gave me the woman, the fault lies somewhere between You and Eve, but not me" (Genesis 3:9-11). Eventually, Adam had to admit he had eaten. Eve had to bear her share of the burden for encouraging Adam. But, Adam was still guilty. In the final analysis the responsibility is mine. Crying about it won't change a thing.

Consider, what is the true nature of excuses? Most of the time excuses are not the truth. Excuses have been defined as "the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie." Excuses do not really tell why we do or don't do a thing. So we manufacture an excuse; take something that is part of the truth and blow it up to make another thing more important. Most of the time we make excuses because we do not want to do or say something. We don't say, "I didn't want..." so we make excuses.

Finally, since most people easily see through our flimsy layer of excuses, how much more does our Father see right through them to our heart? Our great danger is in deceiving ourselves. We lie to ourselves and cut ourself off from ever solving the problem from which we are excusing ourselves. The remedy is to get our "want to" right. Face the truth about our excuses and rid ourselves of them. ~ Rickie Jenkins

**Sunday Worship – AM
10:45 am (9/29)**

Announc. C. Cooper
 Reading J. Camacho
 Singing K. Sicut
 Lord's By. Canada,
 Supper L. Boesch,
 A. Gonzales,
 F. Figueiroa
 Sermon K. Harrington
 Prayers Der. Carbin,
 Dem. Carbin,
 Dar. Carbin
 Greeters Rodriquez
 Count P. Cachela,
 Collec. Sicut

**Sunday Worship – PM
5:00 pm (9/29)**

Announc. C. Cooper
 Reading Dar. Carbin
 Singing Devotional
 Lord's By. Canada
 Supper
 Sermon K. Harrington
 Prayers L. Enriquez,
 R. Kirchner

NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday Worship – AM
10:45 am (10/6)**

Announc. C. Williamson
 Reading Q. Thompson
 Singing L. Enriquez
 Lord's R. Kirchner,
 Supper L. Boesch,
 O. Fronda,
 K. Sicut
 Sermon K. Harrington
 Prayers Bry. Canada,
 A. Gonzales,
 Dem. Carbin
 Greeters Carbin
 Count P. Cachela,
 Collec. Owens

**Sunday Worship – PM
5:00 pm (10/6)**

Announc. C. Williamson
 Reading Dem. Carbin
 Singing T. Hendry
 Lord's R. Kirchner
 Supper
 Sermon K. Harrington
 Prayers Dar. Carbin,
 M. Stout

L. Boesch	E. Boesch
G. Rodriquez	J. Rodriquez

This Morning's Sermon:

YOU Can Do Evangelism

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Devotional

**YOU Can Do
Evangelism**

Scripture Reading: John 4:34-38

- ❖ We have all been called to be
 - _____ and baptize
 - Matt. 28:19-20
 - _____ of the world,
_____ of the earth
 - Matt. 5:13
 - _____ to give an account
 - 1 Pet. 3:15
- ❖ Little personal work gets done
 - _____ don't fly with God
 - There will always be excuses to _____ do things in life
 - It's time to get to _____
- ❖ How can I evangelize?
 - Fix our _____
 - Lift our _____
 - John 4:35
 - Call _____
 - _____ is with you



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For Your Prayers

CONFINED to home, hospital or care facility:

- Anita Kaye Bland, Della Boyce, Verna Brooks, Donna Summers, Michelle Salas

OTHER NEEDS:

- Eileen and Lenard Boesch need continued prayers.
- Verna Brooks is on hospice. Please pray for her and the family.
- The Enriquez's daughter, Candy, had successful surgery.
- Ernie Fernandez had surgery last Wednesday, please continuing praying.
- Diana Garcia is dealing with schizophrenia symptoms
- Lillian Hall needs continued prayers
- Carol Hogan needs continued prayers.
- Brian Juarez needs continued prayers.
- Deane Kirchner's parent's house burned down. Please see Deane if you can help
- Nellie Pelache needs continued prayers
- Gus and Juanita Rodriquez need continued prayers
- Tom and Sally Rogers need continued prayers.
- Judy Williamson continues to deal with complications from scleroderma

Members in OTHER CONGREGATIONS:

- ❖ Martha McCurdy, Dennis Kilgo, Pierre Creighton.

News For You

- **Kevin** is preaching this morning.
- This evening is our **devotional service**
- Take a moment to see who is not here and who may need encouragement.
- **Next Evangelism Class:** October 8th, 7 PM, "A Centurion's Rare Faith." – Luke 7:1-10
- **If you would like to host an upcoming evangelism study, please let Kevin know.**
- Please continue to pray for the efforts of our evangelism.
- If you can help donate to the flower fund, please see **Judy Williamson**.

Traveling

- Ashonte Threadgill is in and out of town for work.
- Lalo and Loretta are in Pollock Pines this morning. Lalo is preaching.