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Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. Live as servants of God. 1 Peter 2:16 (NCV)

I CAN DO ANYTHING I WANT! Has someone told you that before? Maybe a rebellious teenager said that to you. Maybe you argued with someone and you wanted to prove you are right.

Can we do anything we want? We Americans think so. Of course, we have to obey the laws of the government, but otherwise we can do what we want, right? We think no one can tell me what to do. I am free to do what I want.

If someone hurts me, I can be angry at them.
I can do what I want with my body.
I can spend my money any way I want.

True? What is freedom? People say freedom means no strings, no limits, no boundaries. But that is not freedom. True freedom has limits. True freedom has strings.

Think of a kite. Why does a kite need a string? The string holds the kite down to the ground, but the string also allows the kite to fly. Without a string, the kite can't fly. If you cut the string, you know what will happen. The kite will have no control and the wind will blow it along until it gets stuck in a tree or crashes to the ground. If we are "free" to do anything we want, that "freedom" leads to death.

God's freedom is life! In God's freedom,
If someone hurts me, I will still love them.
I can take care of this body God gave me.
I can spend money in a way that pleases God.

Our "string" is our relationship with God through Jesus. The good news of Jesus frees us from sin and death. He makes us free to love and live and follow Him. We don't want to let go of Him, because we will crash and die. But with Him, we are free to be God's people.

Pastor Eckert

The Latest Word...

About 50 people came to the Joint Worship and Potluck in Conroy. Everyone had a good time. We're going to do it again next year!

LDMS Update: The Lutheran Deaf Mission Society had meetings in August. They are getting more organized and more ready to serve the Lutheran Deaf churches. LDMS wants all Deaf people to see Jesus as their Savior and serve Him in their lives. LDMS projects include DeafLITES (helping hearing churches do Deaf ministry), DeafPah (training Deaf leaders), DIT (training Deaf pastors and deaconesses), Ephphatha Conference (a group for pastors for the Deaf), Deaf foreign missions, Interpreter support (helping interpreters in hearing churches), and giving support, training and encouragement to deaf churches. Wow, that is a lot to do! Remember that we are the body of Christ – we are all joined together to work together and support each other. All those projects give us ways we can grow and we can help others grow in Christ. Talk to your pastor to find out how you can be involved.



Midwest ILDA met Aug. 6-8 in Arden Hills, MN, with the theme, “Joined to Christ We Bear Fruit.” The meetings went well. New officers were elected. President- David Hale of KS, Vice President- Sheri Johnson of CO, Secretary- Dorene Sell of IA, Treasurer- Ron Nester of CO, Pastoral Adviser- Rev. Nix of SD.

Congratulations to Rebecca and Henry Daggett on their 30th wedding anniversary! They will be celebrating with family and friends on Sept. 12.

Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Times of surgery recovery, physical challenges, and difficulties: Rick and Patty Rowray, Rosa Correa, Julie Lahane, DeWayne Teepe, Darlene Twatchmann, Julie Ryzek, Barb Saeugling, Lester and Betty Ahls, Henry and Rebecca Daggett, Thomas Eaton, Roland and Luella Graupmann, Paul Matzen, Harold and Joan Postel, Ruby Oelberg, Linda Sparks, Bill and Barb Zimmerman, Jay and Lisa Oelberg, Cathy Ruchotzke, Josh Hoover, and Kathy Anderson. Also pray for Pastor Mark as he had a heart attack in August and is due to have more stents put in in September.
- ✦ The previous pastor at Word of God, Cedar Rapids, Rev. Fred Leighty, continues to have an infection in his brain and receive antibiotics.
- ✦ For health and other needs: Jeanette Evans, Martha Wrage, Larry Belk, Cheryl McLeod, Bob Orr, Larry and Joan Plumb, Mollie Schmitz, and Diane Yotter. Thank God that Paula Slavin is doing much better.
- ✦ For our leaders, that God will guide them to do what is right and pleasing to Him.
- ✦ For all people to have new life in Christ.



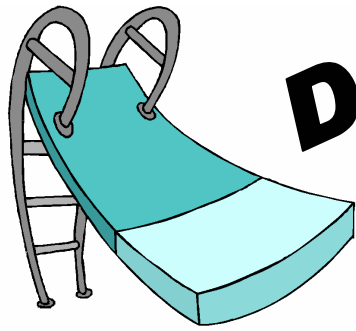
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- 1 Lynn Eiben
- 5 Carissa Huffman
- 6 Charles Pope
- 13 Jim Biwer
- 15 Karlene Kischer-Browne
- 26 Kent Kischer
- 27 Mollie Schmitz



October

- 2 Mabel Kinkade
- 17 Kris Baltzer
- 31 The Lutheran Church



Dive Into God's Word

James

James is a letter in the New Testament. The James who wrote it was probably Jesus' brother and the leader of the church in Jerusalem. He wrote the letter to Christians throughout the world.

Martin Luther said the letter is "an epistle (letter) of straw." Luther liked teaching about Jesus and faith and God making us righteous. James doesn't say a lot about that, and that is okay. Other parts of the Bible teach clearly how God saves us. James is a book that explains what a Christian life looks like. That is also important for us to learn, so our life and actions can show that God gave us new life.

Read James 1:22-25. God's word says we look like Christ (Rom. 8:29). We go to church for God to remind us that Christ lives in us. When we leave church, and all week, do we let our words and actions show Jesus to people? Or do we forget Jesus and people only see us sinners?

Read James 2:14-17. Faith without _____ is dead. God saves us by faith. Our good works don't earn salvation for us. Good works don't help save us at all. But if we are Christians, if we have faith, we will do good works. A fire gives off light and heat. If there is no light or heat, there is no fire. The same, faith will do good works. If we have no good works, that means we have no faith.

James 3:1-12 says much about how we talk. Imagine if all our water in our houses ran through the same pipes. Clean water and sewer water went through the exact same pipes. Will you drink that water? Why not?

We think we can say nice clean words sometimes, and say dirty words or gossip or mean things other times, and that is okay. Think about the pipes. If we say dirty things, what does that do to our "clean" words?

Read James 4:1-6. Why do people fight and argue?

Can we love God and love the world at the same time? What does verse 4 say? If we are a friend of the world, then we are an _____ of God. (Also see what Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-24.)

James 4:6 says God gives more (or greater) _____. What is greater than our sin and selfish desires? God's grace and forgiveness. He forgives and makes us free from wanting sinful things. We are free to belong to Him.



Wisdom and Life in God's Word

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Word List

Find all the underlined words from Psalm 1.

Blessed is the person who does not follow the advice of wicked people, take the path of sinners, or join the company of mockers.

Rather, he delights in the teachings of the LORD and reflects on his teachings day and night.

He is like a tree planted beside streams—a tree that produces fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither. He succeeds in everything he does.

Wicked people are not like that. Instead, they are like husks that the wind blows away.

That is why wicked people will not be able to stand in the judgment and sinners will not be able to stand where righteous people gather.

The LORD knows the way of righteous people, but the way of wicked people will end.

Daily Bible readings for next 3 months.

September	24 Proverbs 3:1-35	16 Amos 5:1-27	7 1 Chron. 15:1-16:7
1 Genesis 40:1-23	25 Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	17 Micah 1:1-16	8 1 Chronicles 16:8-43
2 Genesis 41:1-16	26 James 1:1-27	18 Micah 2:1-13	9 2 Chronicles 35:1-19
3 Genesis 41:17-36	27 James 2:1-26	19 Micah 3:1-12	10 Zephaniah 3:14-19
4 Genesis 41:37-57	28 James 3:1-18	20 Micah 4:1-13	11 Malachi 3:5-18
5 Job 32:1-22	29 James 4:1-17	21 Micah 5:1-15	12 2 Corinthians 8:1-24
6 Job 33:1-33	30 James 5:1-20	22 Micah 6:1-16	13 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
7 Job 34:1-37		23 Micah 7:1-20	14 Psalm 48
8 Job 35:1-36:4	October	24 Psalm 72	15 Psalm 65
9 Job 36:5-33	1 Haggai 1:1-15	25 Psalm 73	16 Psalm 66
10 Job 37:1-24	2 Haggai 2:1-23	26 Psalm 75	17 Psalm 67
11 Psalm 1	3 1 Corinthians 11:17-34	27 Psalm 85	18 Psalm 81
12 Psalm 19	4 Leviticus 25:1-22	28 Psalm 94	19 Psalm 82
13 1 Corinthians 1:1-17	5 Leviticus 25:23-38	29 Psalm 97	20 Psalm 84
14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	6 Leviticus 25:39-55	30 Psalm 98	21 Psalm 93
15 1 Corinthians 2:1-16	7 Numbers 27:1-11	31 Psalm 46	22 Psalm 95
16 1 Corinthians 3:1-23	8 Numbers 36:1-13		23 Psalm 96
17 Luke 12:1-12	9 Deuteronomy 10:12-22	November	24 Psalm 99
18 Luke 12:13-31	10 Deuteronomy 15:1-18	1 Psalm 145	25 Psalm 100
19 Luke 12:32-48	11 Isaiah 5:1-30	2 Psalm 146	26 Psalm 104
20 Luke 16:1-13	12 Isaiah 11:1-16	3 Psalm 147	27 Psalm 107
21 Luke 16:14-31	13 Isaiah 61:1-11	4 Psalm 148	28 Matthew 24:29-51
22 Proverbs 1:1-33	14 Ezekiel 34:1-10	5 Psalm 149	29 Psalm 8
23 Proverbs 2:1-22	15 Ezekiel 34:11-31	6 Psalm 150	30 Isaiah 12:1-6

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