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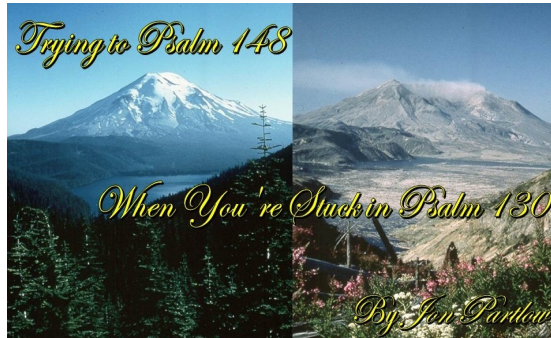
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The day is burned into my memory, and was the first marker of hope in four months of darkness. My dad had passed away before Christmas in 2003. He was a recipient of a liver transplant in 1997, but nearly seven years later he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. We had a family reunion to say "goodbye" to him at Thanksgiving, and after the first of the year we held a memorial service for him. While each of my brothers spoke, I gave the eulogy.

What I never expected was how deep and dark the hole I was sinking into was going to be. For three months I never saw the Son's ray break through the darkness, and there were times when I thought I'd never see the Son's rays again. What made this journey more difficult was that I was preaching at the time. Every week I was standing before my congregation with a message of hope, given by someone who had all but lost hope. I distinctly remember one Sunday morning when my lips and tongue told the congregation of God's love and mercy, but my mind was telling me, "I don't believe it." I was worshipping from Psalm 148, but emotionally and spiritually, I was living in Psalm 130.

Psalm 148 is filled with hope, praise and adoration to God. God receives the glory and recognition for his creation. Everyone and everything bursts forth in praise. At the end of Psalm 148 everyone feels good, for God is in control. However, Psalm 130 is filled with despondency. The Psalmist is in the depths of despair and keeps crying out to God, a God who is not responding to the prayers of the Psalmist. It's hard to strengthen your faith when hope is all but lost.

So when the Psalmist stands before us and calls out Psalm 148 but you're stuck in Psalm 130, what can you do? As someone who has been in that situation before, allow me to share with you some thoughts.

- If you're looking for a reason for the darkness, you may not find it. Ultimately, does knowing a reason change your response to your situation? The story of Job places the audience in the "know" but keeps Job in the "unknown." We know why Job was enduring suffering, but God never explains the reason to him. Maybe God knew Job wouldn't understand, or maybe God needed Job to act in faith and to praise God in the midst of his pain, not in the absence of it. Never underestimate the power of praising the Light in the midst of darkness.

- Draw from what you know is true, and your feelings will catch up. That morning I was preaching, I spoke the truth, though emotionally and in the moment I had a hard time believing. Given time, my feelings caught up to truthful faith and I whole heartedly believed what I said was the truth. Even if you're stuck in Psalm 130, go ahead and sing your heart out in Psalm 148 because at some point, you'll believe the words in Psalm 148.

- Remember that God's final answer to suffering is the cross. When your life situation forces you to quote Psalm 22:1, remember that Jesus quoted that same verse as well. Take comfort and knowing that Jesus sits with you, not only through the darkness, but when the Psalmist is calling the assembly to Psalm 148 and you're stuck in Psalm 130, he is praising God with you and the congregation (see Psalm 22:22; Heb. 2:12).

See **Psalm 148** on page 3....



For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations

For our nation

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti, and other places.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh

Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Prayers For Sunshine Family

Alan Graff Chemo treatments have been discontinued. Home recovering from his most recent hospital visit.

Garnet Lindeman is in need of prayers. She is not doing well. Prayers for Garnet and family.

Bill Gammon is home recuperating from heart by-pass surgery. Continued prayers.

Judi Allison is home and still recovering. Continued prayers for Chuck and Judi.

Cheryl Lemon is home now. Continued prayers.

Helen Creech prayers for ongoing strength.

Gene and Esther Crisp has been moved to River Bend House: 900 Pirate Dr, Wheelersburg, OH 45694. Continued prayers. Loves visits.

Merritt Hayward Was discharged on Aug. 9th and is home. Prayers for Merritt as he is still struggling with his health.

Ben Shumway is home recovering.

Jerry Gampp was in a car wreck 8/4 and was taken to OSU. He is home now and recovering. Prayers for healing and a quick recovery.

Prayer Requests

Bonnie Grashel (Kathy Gampp and Terry Grashel's Mother) has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Prayers for Bonnie.

Rosie Williams (niece to Buddy Mefford) will be having surgery tomorrow, August 7th. Prayers for Rosie.

David Bradshaw has a bad tear in rotator cuff and will be having an upcoming surgery soon to repair his shoulder.



9/29 Deep Love Marriage
Enrichment Event
9/29-10/1 Youth Work Camp

Sunshine Church Service Info

Anonymous Prayer Request Hotline:
Text **94706** & your request to the phone
22333

Sunday Morning Live Streaming: <http://media.sunshine-church.com> or <http://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us this year, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, sign our guest register and pick up your gift for being one of our guests today.

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You can simply pick it up before the services or on your way into the auditorium.

Youth Work Camp

There will be a youth work camp coming soon! Mark your calendars for Sept. 29–Oct. 1 to join us at Peace Valley Camp for a weekend of worship, work, games, good food, and more! Call the church and register by Sept. 1st! See you at the camp!

Deacons Meeting

This evening, August 13, there will be a deacon's meeting.

Elders Meeting

There is an Elder's meeting today, August 13.

2017-2018 School Year

We have many students and school staff that will be returning to school in a couple of weeks. Prayers for a successful school year and for the students and staff. Thank you!

Deep Love Marriage Enrichment Event

Mark your calendars for a marriage enrichment simulcast event that Sunshine is offering on Friday, September 29. More information to follow soon.

Fair Winners Information

If anyone won an award or some kind of recognition at the Fair (Scioto, Jackson, Adams, Pike or State) please give us the information on the pads placed in the foyer. We need a name and the award. We'll publish the full list Sunday, Aug. 27th. The last day to get information on the pads for the bulletin is Aug. 23. Congratulations to everyone who took 4-H projects to the fair.

Birthday Celebration

The August birthday celebration will be this Wednesday, Aug. 16. Please plan on bringing a dessert to share and celebrate with all the August birthdays. Happy Birthday to all the birthdays in August.

Birthday Fellowship Coordinator Needed

We are currently looking for someone to fill the position of Birthday Fellowship Coordinator. Cheryl Villinger was amazing at fulfilling this position, but unfortunately Cheryl and her family moved to Tennessee. This is a great ministry to get involved with. If anyone is interested in coordinating our birthday celebrations, please contact Brittny at the office. Thank you!

You're Invited

Jacob Miller and Michaela McCoy are getting married! The ceremony will be here at the building September 16th, 2017 at 4:00pm. Reception to follow at 111 Church Road Piketon, Ohio 45661. Please RSVP by Sept 3rd on the sheet in the back, by phone (740) 222-1185, or by going to **JacobandMichaela.com** They're registered at Kohl's, Walmart, and Amazon.



Psalm 148 cont.

So if you're stuck in Psalm 130, above anything else, keep reading Psalm 130. Even when the Psalmist cries out to God, his faith is fully entrenched in God, "I wait for the Lord . . . and in his word, I put my hope" (Ps. 130:5). Your faith needs that same entrenchment.

So the day that is burned into my memory is not the day my words and my mind held a crisis of faith. The day burned into my memory is that Sunday morning I turned to Cile and said, "The Son broke through this morning. Today, I worshiped." What he did for me, he'll do for you.

Soli Deo Gloria!!

Family Bible Time

Week 33:

Aug. 13—Lesson 65 Exodus 17

Aug. 16—Lesson 66 text Exodus 18

Discussion Questions for Families:

1. What did God have Moses do to the water at Rephidim?
2. What relationship with God does a person have after sin?
3. How did Moses judge the Israelites?

Week 34 Text:

Exodus 19 & 23

Bible Knowledge For August

Name the 10 plagues that were inflicted on the Egyptians.

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>8/13/2017</u>	<u>8/20/2017</u>	<u>8/27/2017</u>
Welcome	Tom Kelley	Shaun McCray	Rich Book
Reading	Dewey Cordle	Josh Coriell	Steve Williams
Midservice Prayer	Tyler Meredith	Eric Meredith	Caleb Miller
Communion	Eugene Risner	Mark Risner	Dewey Cordle
Sermon	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow
Closing Prayer	Gabe Coriell	Zach Coriell	Jason Foster
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>8/13/2017</u>	<u>8/20/2017</u>	<u>8/27/2017</u>
Song Leader	Shawn Gragg	Matthew Hoskins	Aaron McCray
Reading	Joel Shepherd	Sam Williams	Rick Coriell
Communion	Garin Everett	Jimmy Forbes	Troy Gahm
Assist	Connor Jacobs	James Hallam	Braden Foster
Prayer	Jeff Vanatta	Shaun Young	Spike Ferrell
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>8/16/2017</u>	<u>8/23/2017</u>	<u>8/30/2017</u>
Song Leader	Aaron McCray	Caleb Miller	Jacob Miller
Prayer	Wayne Gamp	Shawn Gragg	Dusty Henry

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Early Worship - 8:15 am

Late Worship - 10:00 am

Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Find all the words that describe a county fair!
Good Luck!

CORNDOG
LAMBS
PROJECTS
BARN
ICE CREAM
FUNNEL CAKE
FAMILY
PIGS
HORSES
COTTON CANDY
LEMONADE
CHICKENS
ELEPHANT EAR
FRIENDS
STEERS
GOATS
RIDES
TRACTORS
RABBITS
EXCITING

