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Why is Following in The Footsteps of Jesus so Difficult

No sane parent has ever said, “I wish my children would misbehave,” and there’s never been a self-help book entitled **How to Live an Unhappy Life.**

We all want blessings, happiness, and fulfillment, and we associate a happy condition with a certain amount of ease. Jesus promises blessing and fulfillment to those who follow Him (John 4:14), but many people have been surprised that the way of Christ is not as easy as they had hoped. Sometimes, following Christ can be downright difficult. The fact is, blessing and hardship are not mutually exclusive. The disciples “left everything” to follow Christ, and the Lord promised them “a hundred times as much” blessing in return (Mark 10:28-30). Jesus warned that all who follow Him must deny themselves and bear a daily cross (Luke 9:23). Hardship, to be sure, but hardship with a purpose and leading to the joy of the Lord. Followers of Christ also face resistance from the world. “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12).

Jesus did not promise His disciples that everything would be coming up roses for them; just the opposite—He promised that they would have trials in this world (John 16:33). “But take heart!” He told them, “I have overcome the world.” God’s moral laws have been written on the heart of every human – giving all people a conscience to aid them in determining wrong from right (Romans 2:14-15).

When a person becomes a follower of Christ, he not only has God’s laws in his heart, but he also has the indwelling Holy Spirit to compel him toward living righteously (Romans 8:11). This in no way means the Christian will stop sinning, but it does mean the Christian will become more aware of his own personal sin and have a genuine desire to do what is pleasing to Christ (Romans 8:14-16). In many ways, it is after a person is saved that the struggle against sin really heats up in his life.

All people are born with a nature that is bent toward sin, which is why children do not need to be taught how to misbehave – that comes naturally. When a person is converted, the sin nature does not disappear – and so the internal conflict begins in the life of every believer

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Prayer Request

Dick Coriell (Rick's Dad) Please keep him and his family in your prayers. He is suffering with multiple health problems.

Esther & Gene Crisp Please keep them in your prayers.

Marleigh Gilbert 4 yr.old battling leukemia. Please continue prayers for her recovery.

Penny Gilliland Please keep her in your prayers as she goes through treatment.

Peggy Hollback Please continue praying she will be blessed with better health.

Vicki Harlow Please pray for God's healing for her.

Cheryl Lemon Please pray she'll have better health And strength for Mike as he cares for her.

Nancy Taylor Please be praying the doctors can make the proper diagnosis to help her feel better soon.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) Please continue to pray for God's healing.

Judi Allison	At Home
Marie Coriell	Elbrooke Room #506
Esther & Gene Crisp	Randall Res. #123
Sarah Gilliland	Hillview Room #213
Helen Hayward	Homebound

Please, Pray for our nation.



Spaghetti Dinner—After Morning Worship Service
Easter Egg Hunt - April 16 @ 11:00
TEENS - Egg Hunt - April 17 in PM
Ladies Luncheon - May 7
VBS - June 6-10
Church Camp - July 10-15
Children's Day Camp - July 11-14 10:00-1:00

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests
Thank you for coming. Please come back!

Gluten Free Communion Available

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

We Are Glad You Are Here!

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### **KID'S Club**

**\*Kids Pre-K - 6th grade, each Wednesday Evening. Kid's Club will be the Wednesday Evening Bible class. It includes a short & fun video reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday.**

**\*Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class: We're studying Women of the Bible, This week we will study about Ruth Please read:**

**Book of Ruth  
We'll meet in the annex.  
Come Join Us!**

**Please share your prayer concerns  
with your Elders  
They are always ready to help.**

**SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST**  
**We Invite You To Join Us**  
**Sunday Morning 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday Eve. Class 6:00 PM**  
**Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM**  
**You may also call 855-565-7670**  
**to hear the lessons by phone.**

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Congratulations Jared & Katy McCray!
They were married last Saturday.
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We extend our sympathy to Gary Glispie and Family at the passing of his dad. We pray for God to give you strength and comfort during this time.  
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Immediately after closing prayer we will be taking our Sunshine Church of Christ 110th Year Anniversary Group Picture.
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You are invited to stay for a Spaghetti Dinner today, after Morning Worship Service. Please bring a dessert. Everything else will be provided.  
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The Easter Egg Hunt for the kids will be April 16 at 11:00 AM
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The Teens will stay after Evening Service, April 17 to eat and have an Egg Hunt. Please bring a flashlight for the hunt.  
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Home Group Hosts are Needed

April 24- May 15
Please sign up if you'd like to have a group meet at your home.
The list is at the Welcome Center.
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Ladies Luncheon  
May 7 12:00 PM  
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Sunshine Vacation Bible School - June 6-10
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Church Camp Early Registration is Open.  
Register by April 22 to save \$20.00  
Sunshine's Week is July 10-15  
www.howellsmill.org to register  
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Sunshine Day Camp Ages 3-7 years old
July 11-14 10:00am - 1:00pm
Bible Lessons, Singing, Crafts, & Games
Lunch Provided
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### **"Why Do You Talk So Much About Jesus"**

An old Indian chief constantly spoke of the Lord Jesus and what He meant to him.

"Why do you talk so much about Jesus?" asked a friend.

The chief did not reply, but slowly, deliberately gathered some sticks and bits of grass. He made a circle of them. In the circle he placed a caterpillar. Still being silent, he struck a match, he lit the sticks and grass. They watched the caterpillar. As the fire caught around the circle, the trapped caterpillar began to crawl around, seeking a way of escape. As the fire advanced, the helpless caterpillar raised its head as high as it could. Its help could only come from above. Then the chief stooped down. He extended his finger to the caterpillar, which crawled up his finger to safety.

"That" said the chief, "was what the Lord Jesus did for me! I was lost in sin. My condition was hopeless. I was trapped. Then the Lord Jesus stooped down in love and mercy, and He drew me out of the horrible pit of sin and shame. How can I help but love Him and talk of His wondrous love and care?"

Jesus died on our behalf (Romans 5:6-11)

He intercedes for us (Romans 8:34)

The blood of Christ makes us safe (Eph. 1:7)

The Word of God makes us sure.

**The April Item is**  
**Tooth Paste/Tooth Brush/Floss**  
**For Mid Western Children's Home**

## **Family Bible Time**

### **ADULT CLASSES WEEK OF APRIL 3**

- \*Sunday Evening Auditorium  
James 2-3 - Jamie Riley
- \*Wednesday Evening Auditorium  
Romans 8 - Eli Cordle
- \*Wednesday Evening Ladies Class  
Women of the Bible -June Book  
Book of Ruth (Ruth)
- \*Men's Class - James Group- Rm. #8

# Those Who Serve

| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>04/10/2022</b> | <b>04/17/2022</b> | <b>04/24/2022</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Worship Leader        | Shaun McCray      | Jared McCray      | Zach Coriell      |
| Scripture Reading     | Zach Higbee       | Steve Williams    | Alex Coriell      |
| Prayer                | Jacob Bowe        | Gabe Coriell      | Johnny Beekman    |
| Communion             | Jordan Book       | Jason Coriell     | Jeff Vannatta     |
| Message               | Jamie Riley       | Jamie Riley       | Jamie Riley       |
| Announcements //      |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                | Rich Book         | Shaun McCray      | Wayne Gampp       |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b> | <b>04/10/2022</b> | <b>04/17/2022</b> | <b>04/24/2022</b> |
| Worship Leader        | Jared McCray      | Zach Coriell      | HOME GROUPS       |
| Communion             | Isaiah McQuaid    | Logan Boston      |                   |
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**Sunday** Worship - 10:00 am  
Bible Study - 6:00 pm

**Wednesday** Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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The apostle Paul, who called himself a “bondservant to Christ,” writes of the struggle with his sin nature in Romans 7:14-25. In verse 15 he says, “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do” (Romans 7:15).

Christians engaged in this battle have a true desire to avoid sin, but they also have a natural desire to indulge the flesh. They become frustrated when they find themselves “doing what they don’t want to do.” And to further complicate matters, Christians not only do not want to sin, they hate sin. Yet, they still sin. Paul goes on to write, “It is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me” (Romans 7:17). He is referring to the self-contradictory caused by the new birth – Paul is a “new man” through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). But he still sins because sin is still alive in the human flesh – the sinful nature survives the new birth (Romans 7:18).

Paul calls the internal strife a “war,” as the new man battles the old man. Paul found the battle quite distressing because he wanted to do well (Romans 7:23). “What a wretched man I am,” Paul cries out in his distress (Romans 7:24).

Every Christian who is attempting to live righteously is called to this battlefield for his entire life. We are in a spiritual battle. But in grace and mercy, God gives the faithful believer an entire suit of armor for the fight (Ephesians 6:13).

The Christian life is never easy, but the difficulties do not negate the joy. We consider Jesus, who “for the joy set before him . . . endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:2).

God has set us free from the slavery to sin. The victory is ours (2 Corinthians 2:14). Through the Holy Spirit, believers receive encouragement, strength to persevere, and reminders of their adoption into the family of God. We know that our “present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed” at His coming.

**God Loves You and We Love You Too.**

Have a wonderful day!