

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Brian (Dorin's Son In Law) brain tumor.
- ◆ Cheri & Jon Erickson—new arrival.
- ◆ John Marescot Surgery Recovery.
- ◆ Keasha's friend Louise in Virginia for job.
- ◆ Gabriele Little Husband-Ill, Brother-ALS.
- ◆ Lisa Carter's Friends-Jenn(Breast Cancer), Jayne(Life Struggles, Cardiac Issues)
- ◆ Mary McVicar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ◆ Linda Barnes Recovering from Surgery.
- ◆ Marion Goodwin heart issues
- ◆ Brad Shaw - Surgery recovery.
- ◆ Wife of Dennis' brother - Alzheimer's
- ◆ Glory Parker - Health/travel.
- ◆ Spiritual and Physical well being of the church and all its members.

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Order of Worship

Song ??? Unknown

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Elder

Song ??? Unknown

Song ??? Unknown

Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik Cote.
TJ Balsamo

Song ??? Unknown

Contribution

Song ??? Unknown

Prayer - Matthew Sampson

Song ??? Unknown

Scripture Reading - James Butler
Proverbs 2:1-5

Lesson - Dennis Godin

Not Always A Straight Line (Pt.2)

Lesson Text: *Matt 14:22-33 Mk 14:27-31*

Song ??? Unknown

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

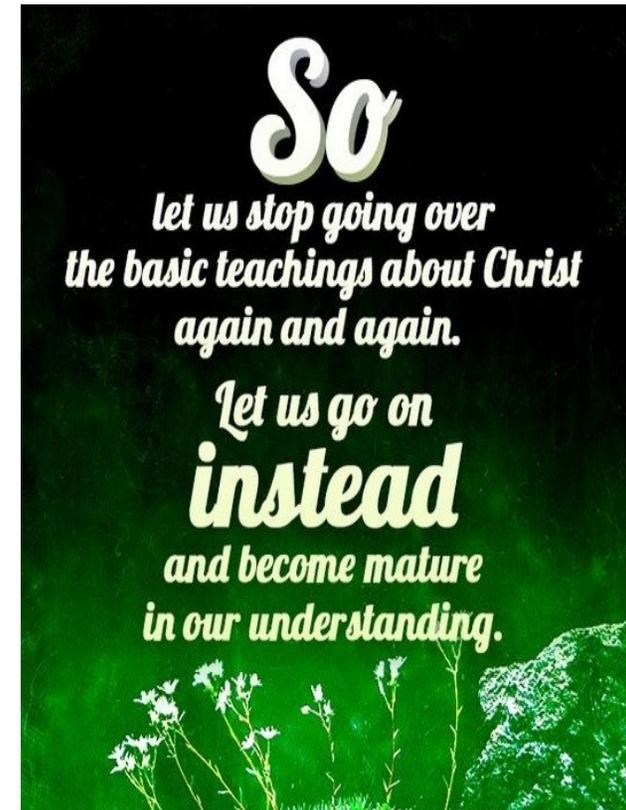
Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 40 Contribution: 1015.65

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When opportunity is there...
Preach It!***

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Welcome Visitors

We here at the Biddeford Church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

This Week's Events

Today 12/09

Pot Luck / Yankee Swap

Tuesday 12/11

Bible Study

Sunday 12/16

Life Groups

Birthdays

Barbara Lemay - 12/13

Anniversary

Tom & Gabby Little 12/14

Ladies Night Out Will Resume 1/26/19

Nov & Dec cancelled due to holidays

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - Elder

Lord's Supper - John Marescot, David

Lawrance, Antonio Balsamo

Prayer - Joe Romano

Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

Not Always A Straight Line (Pt.2)

Back on March 4th of this year, I did a lesson entitled, Not Always a Straight Line. I would like to revisit this idea and the life of Peter once again in hopes that we can possibly grasp a couple reasons why growth is not always a straight line. I know in my life, even after all these years in Christ, I have much work to do and am thankful for God's patience, grace and mercy as I strive to become more like my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, the question I want to try and answer today is this, "What are some things I need to be attentive to that may at times hinder me from transformation?"

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

Matthew 14:29

Distractions: This scene amazes me, and the reason is not simply that Jesus walked on the water or that Peter did as well. What amazes me is the fact that Peter, without hesitation, steps out of the boat! All life experiences up to this day would not give reason to such a move! Jesus is what he responded to and by faith, he did the impossible. Have you ever stepped out in boldness of faith before? I suspect most, if not all of us have at one time or another. Notice something about Peter's story: back in v24, before Jesus came on the scene, there were rough seas. This was the condition when Jesus invited Peter and he faithfully stepped out onto the water. But, in v30 begins, "But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid..." Nothing had changed in reality, other than what his focus was on at the time. Sometimes, what hinders me from going forward are the distractions of life. They were always there before, it seems at times I lost focus and became distracted.

But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.

Mark 14:31

Pride: This scene is from the previous lesson, and although Peter was my focus, it should be noted that the rest of the disciples were equally convicted. They had given three years of their lives to this Jesus and His teachings. Family, friends and jobs were all set aside as they walked with Him during His ministry. This was evidence of their confidence. But their faith would be tested that night and their response is sobering, "*Then they all forsook Him and fled*" (Mark 14:50). Jesus had warned them, "*All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night*" (Mark 14:27). Could it be that their confidence was absent of hu-

mility, which left only pride, a very big stumbling block to growth.

Our walk with Christ will never be a straight line, I think we all know that already. I also think it is beneficial to try and understand some of the reasons why that line is not so straight. Two things, I know in my life, have reared their ugly heads on more than one occasion: First, there are the distractions that often take my focus off from Jesus. Then, there is pride within me. This idea that "I" can do all things. Do these ever hinder you? May God guide us toward home, a place I yearn for more and more.

Dennis

Sermon Notes



Coffee For The Troops

"Coffee for the Troops" is a program of giving that is managed by Donna and Rick Porter of the Brunswick, Me. congregation. For over 3 years they have been organizing and shipping boxes of articles to the U.S. troops overseas and it started with donations from the Wicked Good Coffee Company, thus the name 'Coffee for the Troops'. Last year the Biddeford church donated homemade cookies and \$75 to help with the shipping expenses. This year we also donated cookies and \$100 for shipping assistance. This money comes from our account at the 'Clynk' fund, your donations of empty bottles at Hanafords. This year there will be at least 45 boxes shipped to troops. Thank You for your participation in this program