

EMMANUEL'S PRAYER LIST - October 2021

LoveSong Seniors Housing Project

- Pray for the team as they plan the steps to take towards the co-investment (CMHC) funding application.
- God's wisdom and direction as the team will be choosing consultants on LoveSong process.
- Gratitude to the Lord for His people being so generous supporting the project to assist with monthly carrying costs.

ADDITIONAL STUDY: Hebrews 12:7-11 & Romans 8:28-29

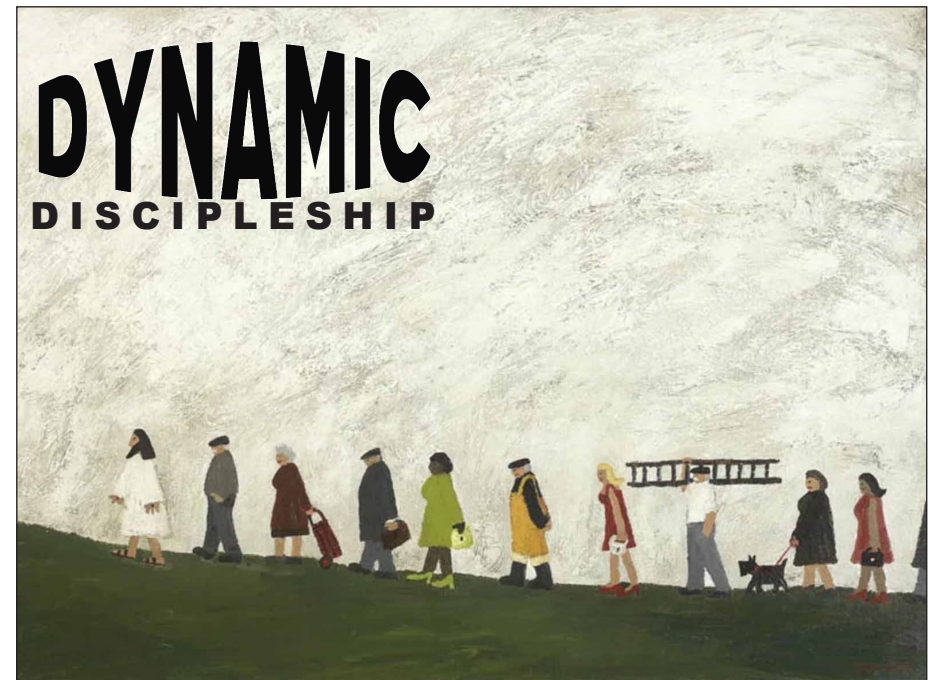
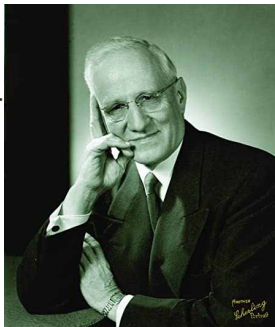
Sometimes when we go through hardship and difficulty, it is because something in our lives needs to change so that we can become more like Christ.

1. In Hebrews 12:7-11, why does it say that we should we treat hardship as discipline? Explain.
2. What is God's purpose in using hardship in this way?
3. What does a, "a harvest of righteousness and peace" look like in a person's life?
4. Read Romans 8:28-29. Often, people only remember verse 28. However, the good that is being talked about in verse 28, is defined in verse 29.
5. Since you are being conformed to the image of Jesus, what do you think that will look like in your life?

Dr. E. Stanley Jones. (1884–1973)

Missionary to India

I am inwardly fashioned for faith, not for fear. Fear is not my native land; faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life; faith is the oil. I live better by faith and confidence than by fear, doubt and anxiety. In anxiety and worry, my being is gasping for breath - these are not my native air. But in faith and confidence, I breathe freely - these are my native air. A John Hopkins University doctor says, "We do not know why it is that worriers die sooner than the non-worriers, but that is a fact." But I, who am simple of mind, think I know; We are inwardly constructed in nerve and tissue, brain cell and soul, for faith and not for fear. God made us that way. To live by worry is to live against reality.



A SERIES ON BECOMING DYNAMIC FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Based on the life of one of His followers: Simon Peter

1. From fisherman to a fisher of men Luke 5:1-11
2. Living by Faith not by Fear Matthew 14:22-33
3. Living as an overcomer John 6:13-18
4. What happens when you fall Luke 22:31-34; 54-62
5. Restored & Commissioned John 21:15-17
6. Strength in the face of opposition Acts 4:1-13
7. Overcoming prejudice Acts 10:1-16
8. Living in freedom and peace Acts 12:1-19

Living by Faith not by Fear - Matthew 14:22-33

When we know the power of God, and who it is that has saved us, He turns even your greatest fears into _____.

Acts 1:8 You will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...

If we're going to live in the power of God, we need to live by _____ and not by fear.

Lesson 1 _____

v.22 The disciples had learned to do what Jesus told them to do

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v.23 What was Jesus praying about?

v.24 On their way across the lake, they ran into a _____

Who was it that sent them across the lake?

Lesson 2 _____

v.25 During the fourth watch:

...Jesus went out to them:

1 Peter 1:7

v.26 When they saw Jesus, the disciples were terrified.

In what ways does Jesus come to us?

When we learn to live by faith, fear has no _____ on our lives.

Lesson 3 _____

v.27-29 There was something in Jesus' voice that made Peter realise that he could go to Him on the water.

What kind of things does Jesus call us to do that we might be afraid to do?

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through _____ who _____ me.

v.30-31 What caused Peter to sink?

v.32 When they got back in the boat, what happened?

v.33 What was the purpose behind this event in the disciples lives?

1. Is there anything that you are afraid of? How have you learned to handle your fears?

2. Read Matthew 14:22-33. After reading the passage of scripture, what is the main lesson that you learned?

3. This incident takes place after the feeding of the 5000. What do you think the conversation was like as they crossed the lake?

Jesus wasn't with them, but had gone to pray. Do you think they wondered how Jesus was going to meet them?

What do you think Jesus was praying about? (Also read Rom 8:34; Jn 5:19-20)

4. In verses 22-24, the disciples ran into rough weather as they crossed the lake. Jesus knew about the storm, he might even have caused it, especially as it calmed down immediately he got into the boat. And it was Jesus that told them to go across the lake alone, knowing of the rough weather ahead. How does God use the storms we face in life to develop our faith? (Also read 1 Peter 1:6-9 also see additional study on the back cover)

5. Read verses 25-26. Jesus went out to meet them in the fourth watch of the night. Why do you think he waited so long?

Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms His child. (Read John 16:33). If Jesus always calmed the storm, do you think we would learn to live by faith? Explain.

From 1 Peter 1:7, how valuable is our faith? What value do you place on your faith compared to other things in your life?

6. Jesus eventually went out to meet them, walking on the water, and they were terrified. Jesus often "meets us" in ways we don't expect. Can you think of a time when God used a circumstance or a person, in a way you didn't expect, to help you "see Jesus" at work in your life?

7. Read verses 27-31. Why do you think Peter thought that he could walk on the water to go to Jesus?

Jesus often asks us to do things that are hard (eg. forgive someone, love a person who has harmed you, go and talk to someone about the Gospel, get involved in a ministry etc.). Read Philipians 4:13. How does the Spirit of God enable us to do those things that He is calling us to do?

8. Read verses 32-33. From these two verses what do you see was the purpose behind this event in the disciples lives? How does this apply to us?

Is there something that God is trying to teach you that you're maybe afraid to do, get involved with etc?