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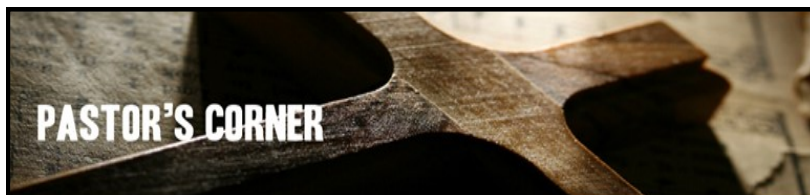
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This Sunday

I Peter 4:12-19

Series: "Keep the Faith: Lessons from I Peter"

Sermon: "The Blessing of Suffering"



Online Worship Sunday 10:00 am on New Covenant's Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ

Dear friends,

As we begin our preparations for the time when we can regather for worship, I thought I would share with you a picture of what it might look like. First let me begin with a Scripture reference – Paul writes, ***"I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus."*** (Acts 20:20-21) One of the things that I am learning is how I can proclaim the message from house to house. The internet and Facebook Live assist us in this process. But when we can regather for public worship, what will that public service look like? When I visited with David Cole, he expressed his concern to me – that most of our ushers and communion servers were over age 60 or age 12 and many have underlying health issues that place them at risk.

When we gather again:

- We will not have ushers, readers or communion servers. We will not pass the peace – but we will all wear masks.
- We will not need ushers because we will not pass out any bulletins nor will we pass offering baskets.
- We will not have a reader reading scripture -- I will read it prior to preaching.
- We will not need communion servers. You will pick up your elements on your way in and you will distribute to yourself at the time of Holy Communion – you will be given direction.
- There will be music, but we will not sing.
- We will need to remain physically distanced as families/individuals.
- We will ask you to refrain from using the restrooms unless absolutely necessary.
- We will ask you to use disinfectant when you enter worship and we may take your temperature.
- And we will need some of you to volunteer as worship hosts.

What is a worship host? Hosts will welcome people to worship, assist in maintaining social distancing as people enter and exit. We can't have a mad rush and become bottlenecked. So we will train our new worship hosts about all the things that we now need to know about gathering for worship. If you are in the under 60 age group we would love to have you help us with this important new task. Sign up with Mary Cole.

This Sunday we will take a deep dive into I Peter 4:12-19 as we explore the theme of suffering and if there are any blessings that may come from these experiences. Even if/when one encounters suffering, God will never leave you. God is with you and that is a promise. So join us as we look at the strange theme of "The Blessing of Suffering" this Sunday on Facebook Live at 10 am!

Pastor Steve

Hospitality

Join us at 11 am on Sundays for time together on Zoom and be a part of face-to-face conversations with one another!
Zoom with meeting id: 841 5937 9421
(No password)



Several people have reported getting an email from Pastor Steve or one of the church staff asking for gift cards or assistance. Please be aware that we have not and will not send such emails. Pastor Steve's email is Pastor.Steve@newcovenantaz.org Please contact the office at 480-860-0169 if you are concerned about communication that you receive claiming to be from one of us. We appreciate reports of spam so that we can make everyone aware.

Hosts Wanted!!

As we reconvene for in-person worship, hosts will be needed to greet, explain procedures and direct everyone to their seats. Training will be provided! Be a hero and contact the office today to express interest and ensure you'll have a seat at the worship service.
Under age 60? You are needed!

Offerings can be mailed to:

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August Monthly Mission

Monetary donations for



Donate online or mail your check to the church office



ICM has reopened and is in need of everything. ICM provides food and clothing for the working poor in central Phoenix. Donations can be taken to Mary Reynoso's home and she will arrange for the ICM truck to pick them up. Contact Mary at mreynoso1@cox.net to find out about specific donation items (for example, they can't accept furniture but need most everything else) and where items should be taken.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays beginning August 25

Online via Zoom. Contact Mary Cole at office@newcovenantaz.org if interested.



Courageous Women of the Bible: Leaving Behind Fear and Insecurity for a Life of Confidence and Freedom can be purchased from Amazon in many formats (paperback, Kindle, audiobook, audio CD).

(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Then signs my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Then signs my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God his Son not sparing
Sent him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then signs my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

(Sunday's Sermon Song)

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love

In death in life I'm confident and covered by
The power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love

Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
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Your love

(Sunday's Sending Song)

Our God

Water You turned into wine opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You none like You

Into the darkness You shine out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You none like You

Our God is greater our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer awesome in power
Our God our God

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Our God is greater our God is stronger
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Our God our God

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us
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