



Sunday Worship Times:
8:15 am online on Facebook
Live
10:30 am in-person service
School-aged children, Sunday
School 9:30 am **On Hiatus**
Fellowship Time 9:30-10:30 am

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I am so thankful for hot water! I know that statement sounds a little silly, but let me give you the background.

A number of days ago, after supper, I was sitting in my chair watching a show. Suddenly, out of nowhere I started feeling sick to my stomach. A sudden wave of weakness came over me, and my whole body felt hot and limp. I had to get out of my chair to lie down for a while. After the wave of nausea passed, I went outside to get some fresh air and then went straight to bed.

I slept fairly well but had to get up early in the morning to meet with the church in India for Bible study. After my morning shower I began to feel sick again, but I had the Bible study to do in thirty minutes. I gathered my materials, along with any strength I had, sat down, and went online for the Zoom Bible study meeting. I didn't feel very much like teaching, and during the one-and-a-half hours I was teaching, I could feel myself getting colder and colder. By the time I signed off from the study, I felt like a frozen popsicle. I put on more layers, but nothing warmed me up, until... a hot bath! Did that ever feel good! The bath didn't cure me, but it sure helped me!

I remained sick for the rest of the day, but it was in that sickness that God was teaching me. You see, when I knew that I would not be able to keep my schedule for the day, I sent a couple of texts to people who needed to know that I was not going to be able to continue with my commitments for the day. And you know something? Both of these people responded with a prayer for me! What a great encouragement! Especially since I was discouraged by being sidelined. I really dislike being on the sidelines! I had a very busy week ahead of me with a few more responsibilities added to my normal week. I just didn't have time to be sick! I had a sermon to write, a Bible Study to teach, a funeral to prepare, a child to dedicate, meetings to attend, and events to plan for! How could I be sick with this week ahead of me?!

It was while I was in the bathtub enjoying the hot water and bubbles (yes, bubbles!), that God reminded me that it was not by my strength nor by my might, (nor by my health) that the events He had planned for me would be accomplished. God reminded me that I was only a vessel and that He was the One who would work through me by His Spirit to do His work.

God knew what my schedule was and what my responsibilities were, and He would make sure they would happen. The time that I was "wasting" being sick was not wasted to God. God needed me to be sick so that I would learn once again that it is God who works through me, not me who works through God. I am not the crucial link; God is. Without Him, nothing that I do in my strength will make a difference for His Kingdom. He is the vine; I am the branch, not the other way around. What He does is the important part; I am just the vessel, even if just a weak one.

I was reminded of Paul's statement in the last part of 2 Corinthians 12:10, "When I am weak, then I am strong." Paul knew that the success of his ministry was not dependent upon his health and strength and vitality, but it was dependent upon God's vitality at work in Him. God uses us when we are weak. And when we are weak, we tend to seek the vitality of God more.

My week ended well. I am back to health and strength. God did use me for the events that He planned for me to do. The Bible study went well, the funeral was encouraging, the child was dedicated, and appointments were kept – at least the ones that God prepared for me. And, though I don't like being sick, I was glad to be reminded that the work I do is not dependent upon my strength, but upon His.

I hope that you are a quicker learner than I am. May you take this as a reminder so that you don't have to be sick to seek God.

Sincerely His,

Pastor Michael



~The July Extra~

What's going on in the next few weeks...more info on each one as we get closer to it in your weekly bulletin.

Hands for Christ will meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10:00 am-12:30 pm in the Sunday School Building. Sewing is not a necessity, but a welcome skill!
All are welcome. **ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.**

Women's Fellowship, **ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER**, Contact Lisa Nelson at:
LNELSON169@gmail.com or call 425-495-6537.

If you would like a Prayer Medic Team, please contact Pastor Michael.

Backpack Ministry for The Hood Canal School is **ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.**

Join the church-wide prayer at noon on Thursdays (on your own).

The church will be closed FRIDAY, July 4th.

Sign up in the foyer to help with VBS, August 4-8th.

Sign up to help with the Summer Celebration. Saturday, August 9, starting at 2:00 pm, we will have games, food, and music from the local band, No Slack Jack (Dan's band). Music will start at 4:30 pm.

Youth Group meets every other Wednesday this month from 6:00-8:00 pm, beginning July 2.

Men's Lunch group meets in the NCCU parking lot at 11:30 am, the first Wednesday of the month. Talk to Wayne Elling for more info.

Women's Lunch will meet the fourth Friday of the month at noon. Ladies, please contact Roxy at 206-293-1276 to get on the list. Carpool from the church, or meet at the restaurant.

Other Community Happenings at NCCU

Mondays: We have the Movement Class with Sue Ullom at 9:30 am. This is not Aerobics or Zumba; it is just some body movement to get your week started.

First & third Mondays: Locals with Littles meet in the Sunday School Building at 10:00 am.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Loss of a Loved One Grief Support: Talk to Brenda Washburn for an Appointment.	Don't forget our neighbors with needs. Donate to the food bank in the office. The food bank has lost funding.	1 Addiction Ministry 6:00 pm	2 Prayer with Lola 10:00 am Men's Lunch Noon Youth 6:00 PM	3 Worship Team Practice 9:00 am All Church Prayer noon	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
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