

JARS OF CLAY: BEING HUMAN IN CHRIST WHY AREN'T FOLLOWERS OF JESUS MORE IMPRESSIVE?

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 7-18

*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel: John 4: 46-54

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We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2016:

Target Offering: \$ 221,435

Actual Offering: \$ 205,480

BEING THANKFUL WE ARE GETTING "SMALLER" AND "POORER"

Dear friends,

Our culture celebrates success, and success for "organizations" usually means getting bigger and richer. The Bible is not opposed, per se, to companies or nations or families getting bigger and more prosperous. In fact, God wants us to be "fruitful". However, things are a bit more complicated for a church. In some senses, God desires a local church to be smaller, in a good way.

In Matthew 28: 16-20 Jesus gives His disciples "The Great Commission". He tells us to go to every people group on the planet and make disciples. This means we are to proclaim the Gospel and preach the Word so that people come to a saving faith in Jesus Messiah and then grow into maturity. If we "send" and support people who go, we are "smaller" and have less money to spend locally. But Jesus is clear. We are to send. We are to pray that He will send more. We are to pray that we have more resources to "give away" in support of people reaching people groups that we cannot reach directly in our local church, Messiah.

Please pray for Br**n, who just left Messiah to go to an unreached people group in A***. Br**n is with Wycliffe Associates.

Please pray for Jeremy, Kendra, Malachi and Samuel who left us this summer to go to Zambia with Operation Mobilization.

Please pray for Steve and Stella who just recently arrived in Nigeria. Please pray for Steve as he looks for opportunities to teach in local seminaries and as they look to work with local churches.

Please continue to pray for P and J and their kids in C*nt*r*I As**. They serve with InterServe and the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

Please pray for Richard and his work in Ottawa and other urban centres in Canada. He works to get Christians to work together in prayer and evangelism and service. Pray for him as he plants a church.

Please pray for Paul with YWAM in Egypt. Please pray for him as he tries to become fluent in Arabic.

All of the above have "left" Messiah to proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, love their regions and bring God glory. Please pray as well for the following missionaries with close financial and prayer ties to Messiah. For Robbie and Mali in Uganda; Aaron and Michelle in Jerusalem; Norm and Audrey in Angola and Diana in London.

Please pray as well for our several efforts to evangelize and make disciples in Ottawa through Ryle Seminary, Church on Wednesday, the Youth Group, Young "Professionals" Group and Marriage/Pre-marriage Alpha. Thank you for praying!

George +

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1) The yoke of Christ my Lord is lighter than the yoke of my pride.
- 2) My pride attracts me and blinds me and crushes me.
- 3) In Christ alone I am growing towards an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading: Father in Heaven, on the first day of creation You said, "Let light shine out of darkness." When I turned to Jesus, You shone in my heart to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. I rejoice that I have this treasure in a jar of clay to show that the surpassing power belongs to You and not to me. Please make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel who is living for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

I need to get God's Word in my mind and heart.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

GOING DEEPER

1. **READ** 2 Corinthians 4: 7-18

2. **LEARN**

- How does this passage relate to what has already been written?
- What is Paul saying to the Corinthians and why is he saying it? What does this teach us today?

3. **INWARDLY DIGEST**

- We are often frustrated and grieved by our weaknesses (or our clay-pottness!) Share when this has been or is true for you.
- What things "seen" do you tend to turn to for comfort when you are weak or suffering?
- How will the resurrection life of Christ in you NOW change how you think about weakness, suffering, your life and your choices?

4. **PRAY**

- Choose one scripture and take a couple of minutes on your own to think about what it is teaching you.
- Turn something you have learnt from this verse into thanksgiving; confession; praise to God and supplication (asking)
- Our Father Who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, And promises to bring us together into His presence, Extend your grace through us to more and more people So that it may increase thanksgiving and praise to you, To the glory of God. Amen

TODAY:

9am
9:15am
after 10am service
Choir practice in the OLT basement
Learner's Exchange - Jonathan Camiré speaks about Creation
Potluck Lunch - please stay!

Tuesday, October 18

1:30pm
7pm
Bible House Study Group @315 Lisgar St (side door)
Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson St

Wednesday, October 19

3:30pm
7pm
7:30pm
Ryle Seminary chapel service @ 315 Lisgar St
Church on Wednesday @uOttawa (churchonwednesday.ca)
Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

Thursday, October 20

7:15pm
Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside

Friday, October 21

7pm
8pm
Adventure613 (youth group) @ École Ste Anne - 235 Beausoleil
Messiah Men gather at 584 Tweedsmuir Ave

Saturday, October 22

9:30am
Messiah Women gather for a potluck breakfast at The Bible House (315 Lisgar St). Please sign up at coffee TODAY!

Dig & Delve tickets are available NOW. This year's theme is "I can't believe the Bible because..." November 4 and 5 at Dominion Chalmers United Church (O'Connor and Lisgar). diganddelve.ca/register/

The **2 Corinthians Bible study guide** used by of our home groups is available on the Messiah website: messiahchurch.ca/2-corinthians-bible-study-resources/