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- Matthew 5:14a

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12:00PM Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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NONE HAVE SEEN GOD

If I had \$10,000 for every time someone told me that the Bible is full of contradictions, I'd likely be at least a millionaire! And on the surface, it does seem to have more than one contradiction. For instance, it does seem a bit strange that the God who wants us to believe in Him, obey Him, and serve Him, perhaps even at the cost of our lives, does not appear to us in His unaltered, unfiltered divine state. What makes it truly puzzling are statement such as:

- Genesis 32:30 - “³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: ‘For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.’”
- Exodus 24:9-10 - “⁹ Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.”
- Exodus 33:18,20 - “¹⁸ And he [Moses] said, ‘Please, show me Your glory.’ ²⁰ But He said, ‘You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.’”
- Isaiah 6:5 - “⁵ So I said: ‘Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.’”
- John 1:18 & 1 John 4:12 - “No one has seen God at any time. ...”
- John 6:46 - “⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.”

So, what are we to make of such seemingly contradictory

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.

WELCOME VISITOR!

If You're Visiting Today, We Welcome Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Bi-Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services, Usually On The 4th or 5th Sunday approximately every other month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium So That We May Have A Record Of Your Visit With Us Today. Thank You!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship
- Announcements
- Scripture Reading
- Opening Prayer
- 26 – *For The Beauty Of The Earth*
- 21 – *The Spacious Firmament On High*
- 37 – *Can You Count The Stars?*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 11 – *God Holds The Future In His Hands*
- 176 – *Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?*
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon – *See Right Column For Outline*
- 39 – *Be Not Dismayed*
- Final Announcements
- 466 – *I Need Thee Every Hour*
- Offertory & Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

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I USUALLY SAY TO NOT BELIEVE
EVERYTHING THAT YOU READ, BUT THIS IS
AN EXCEPTION

SERMON

• PETER'S PATH TO POWER

• *SERMON SCRIPTURES*

Luke 22:31-32, 60-61; Luke 22:15-31; John 17:20; Hebrews 7:25; Acts 2

• *SERMON OUTLINE*

INTRODUCTION - (1) Peter's Denial Of Christ (2) Tough Times For Disciples (3) What Changed Peter?

- I. Christ's Prayer For Peter – V 31
 - A. The Lord's Concern
 - B. Satan's Desires
 - C. Jesus' Continues To Pray
 - D. Peter Defeated
- II. The Cock Crowed – V 60
 - A. The Prophecy
 - B. Observe The Rooster
 - C. Peter To Repentance
- III. He Just Stared At Me – V 61
 - A. An Expression Of Care
 - B. Describing Jesus' Stare
 - C. Peter's Heart Was Crushed

CONCLUSION - (1) Down, But Not Out (2) Drawn Back To His Love

• *INVITATION*



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passages? Yes, it's understandable how a skeptic might pounce upon such scriptures as hopelessly conflicted and evidence that the Bible is simply a flawed human product. But as is known, any jaded, overzealous opponent can take the documents of his adversary and, without context declare them inconsistent. Further, a literalist interpretation of literature fails at its most basic level to account for figurative and symbolic expressiveness that is designed not to appeal to logic but to the emotional capacity of man.



John 1:18 and 1 John 4:12 both state that “no one has seen God at any time.” This is an absolute statement but why might that be so?

Well, God told Moses, “No man shall see me, and live” (Ex 33:20). Doesn't this imply that there is some sort of incompatibility between man in his present state and God? But then we're asked, didn't God make man “in His image” (Genesis 1:26-27)? That brings to question what is fatal to man's direct exposure to the unfiltered holiness and glory of God? I can see two possibilities:

1. There is an enormous unmeasurable difference between created things and the eternal Creator. This earthly phase of our existence is so vastly inferior to God's reality that the two are simply not compatible. Unmitigated exposure to Him is simply deadly by virtue of His supreme glory.
2. Mankind's universal and pervasive sins have so corrupted us that we, in our impurity and ruination, simply cannot tolerate the unblemished perfection of God.

How, then, is it said that certain individuals such as Jacob, Moses and his

WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – Faith

2026 FELLOWSHIPS*

- MAY 31 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- JULY 26 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- SEPTEMBER 27 – Potluck (L.C.)
- NOVEMBER 22 – Thanksgiving Meal
- DECEMBER 27 – New Years “Eve”

* Dates May Be Subtracted Or Other Dates Added As Our Ladies Decide To Do So.

delegation on Sinai, and Ezekiel have seen God? Barring outright contradiction (which is not a necessary conclusion of the evidence), the answer would seem to lie in the general practice of God to present Himself to mankind in representative ways that accommodate the chasm between them.

Jacob made his declaration after wrestling all night with “a Man” (Genesis 32:24) who requested Jacob release him, then



changed his name to Israel and pronounced blessing upon him (32:26-29). It is apparent that this episode carries symbolic meaning, for Scripture repeatedly portrays God as infinitely powerful who can destroy entire armies in an instant. Do we really believe that Jacob had God in a headlock from which He, the Lord of the universe, could not extricate Himself and then cried “uncle”? This is absurd and fails to account for the fact that Jacob was at a critical moment of life and needed a special, symbolic encounter with God to comfort and strengthen him.

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Father, Please Hear Our Prayer

CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUSNESS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- People In The U.S.A. And Around The World Who've Been Affected By Natural Disasters
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries
- Additional People/Situations For Which To Pray :

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All Following entries Are By Date Order And Are Alphabetical By Last Name. A Superscripted Number In Brackets, I.E., ^[1], At The End Of An Entry Denotes How Many Weeks The Entry Has Been In The Bulletin.

MARCH 8

- ◇ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] - She's been on oral (rather than IV) chemo for close to a month so has a little over 2 more months. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend] - He's suffering from health issues. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Dzierzanowski, Kayla - **Praise to GOD!** She passed her driver test and now has her learner's permit! ^[NEW]
- ◇ Flatequal, Pam - She saw her eye doctor and learned she has a small mole behind her eye which seems to be causing her problems. She will now see another specialist to determine a plan of action. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Keese, Bob & Katheryn [Betty Smith's brother-in-law and sister] - They are both experiencing health issues. Bob recently had surgery to replace a defective pacemaker (he's in his 90's). ^[NEW]
- ◇ Vierling, Carol - She's been battling a head cold. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy - She's been experiencing blood pressure issues, mainly too high pressure or very high upper number but low bottom number. ^[NEW]

MARCH 1

- ◇ Last Name Unknown, Irene [Billy Strunks friend] - She has several health issues and will undergoing surgery sometime soon. ^[01]

- ◇ Morgan, Mitzy Family [Pam Flatequal's friend] – Mitzy (55yo) passed into eternity recently. ^[01]
- ◇ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] – He'll be going through more testing for his Esophagogastric Junction (EGJ). His doctor feels there may be a treatment that does not involve surgery. ^[01]

FEBRUARY 22

- ◇ Brown, Colton – He was released on Monday, February 9, from Audie Murphy Veterans hospital after having been admitted briefly for health concerns. ^[02]
- ◇ McMeans, Wendell & Justin – Travelling from Zapata today after being there for Wendell's mom, **Praise To GOD!**, Thelma's 90th birthday. ^[02]
- ◇ Roberts, Bob [Once owner of Lytle Feed & Seed] – Bob passed into eternity at age 97. ^[02]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – She has a hairline fracture of her kneecap. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done except to take pain medications until it heals. In addition, she's had several days of suddenly becoming nauseated, breaking out in a cold sweat and feeling faint. ^[02]

FEBRUARY 15

- ◇ Dwyer, Meagan [Betty Smith's granddaughter] – She's been experiencing health issues. ^[03]
- ◇ McMeans, Melanie – She's been experiencing at least one migraine a month. ^[03]
- ◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] – Her cancer has spread to her liver and has been upgraded from slow growing to fast growing. ^[03]
- ◇ Smoot, Beth [Smoot's granddaughter] – Her sister who was living in Haiti passed into eternity Tuesday, February 10. She has also

started nursing school. ^[03]

- ◇ Strunk, Billy – He was released feeling a little better after his bout with obstructed bowel. ^[03]

ONGOING CONCERNS

All Ongoing Concern(s) Below Will Remain For 20 Weeks. Removal Can Be Requested Earlier But Concern(s) Will Automatically Be Removed At The 21ST Week. If Someone Is Moved Off This Ongoing List And You Believe They Should Go Back On The Detailed List Above, Please Let Mitch Know.

Alderman, Kelly ^[18]; Alderman, Roy ^[15]; Andrews, Dale ^[19]; Bradley Family ^[12]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[07]; Brown, Colton family ^[07]; Brown, Diane Family ^[16]; Burris, Joyce ^[20]; Carter, Emily Family ^[21]; Cashion, Corina ^[19]; Coombs, Derek ^[06]; Duncan, Roberta ^[12]; Dygert, Harold Family ^[04]; Fintel, Rick ^[13]; Flatequal Family ^[13]; Flores, Carlos ^[13]; Gabehart, Tom ^[19]; Gingerella, Ed ^[17]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[16]; Guzman, Emily Family ^[04]; Lassen, Peter ^[17]; Lester, Bob ^[16]; Ashley Family ^[17]; McMeans, Wendell ^[09]; Moore, Jennifer ^[08]; Moore, Perry ^[06]; Mr. Lowe ^[11]; Persat, Diana ^[16]; Price, Jennifer ^[10]; Rasmussen, Linda ^[17]; Renninger, Ruane ^[03]; Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law ^[10]; Schilling, Gene ^[18]; Schilling, Ina ^[10]; Sims, Linda ^[07]; Smith, Betty ^[15]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[13]; Smoot, Bailey ^[07]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[11]; Smoot, Max ^[04]; Smoot, Roger ^[20]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[15]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[08]; Spicer, Ronda ^[16]; Street, Cris ^[14]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn ^[19]; Vierling, Gene ^[04]; Vierling, Scott ^[16]; Villereal, Douglas Family ^[04]; Walker, Tony Family ^[16]; Watkins, Mitch ^[06]; Weisel, Michelle ^[12]; White, Linda ^[07]



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WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE MANUAL

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

ROMANS 1:20

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they [mankind] are without excuse.

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Further, Isaiah “saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!’” (Isaiah 6:1-3). This is an “apocalyptic vision” of God not unlike other Biblical descriptions in Revelation, Zechariah, Daniel, etc. Isaiah is being commissioned as a prophet and is given a symbolic picture of God’s glory to establish him.

Moses, the great emancipator and lawgiver who enjoyed intimate communion with God (expressed as, “He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face” – Numbers 12:8), could not see God’s “face”; i.e., His natural state. Moses saw the presence of God in a burning bush, in a cloud, on a mountain, in lightning, etc.; he heard God’s voice in some sort of terrifying timbre that frightened the Israelites. This is not double-speak; it is the difference between the literal and the symbolic.

In English we actually use the word “see” in similar ways: we “see” our parent in our children (resemblance or mannerism); we



“see” someone in a photograph (a likeness on paper); we “see” the sunset (colors reflected in the atmosphere from the sun);

we “see” the wind (its effects of blowing leaves, flags waving, etc.). This is a natural feature of communication, not evidence that we are hopelessly contradictory in our language.

We must therefore accept the simple truth that God “alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see . . .” (1 Timothy 6:16). We will truly not see God in this life. The best view we have – and God has deemed it sufficient – is to look at Jesus as He is described in Scripture: “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Rick Fintel	Feb 16	Birthday
Mitch & Betsy Watkins	Feb 22	Anniversary
Pan Flatequal	Feb 22	Birthday
Cecilia Dzierzanowski	Mar 6	Birthday
Dana Cashion	Mar 11	Birthday
Joyce Burris	Mar 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	Mar 12	Birthday
Abby Brown	Mar 23	Birthday





If Your Special Day Is Between Today And March 31st And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

----- CHURCH STUFF ----- CHURCH STUFF ----- CHURCH STUFF -----

Generally - 4 th Or 5 th Sun, Every Other Month	Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - Approximately 12:00PM - 2:00PM	
Every Thursday	 Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) - Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM - 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew/Craft Stuff For The Needy And Elderly	

Sun - Mar 15 In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Conversion*

Sun - Mar 22  In Search Of The Lord's Way - *The Church Matters*

Sun - Mar 29  In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Things Jesus Didn't Say*

Sun - Apr 5 In Search Of The Lord's Way - *TBA*

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and channel

----- NON-CHURCH STUFF ----- NON-CHURCH STUFF ----- NON-CHURCH STUFF -----

Every Tue	Lytle Friendship Art Club - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 9:30AM
Every 3 rd Mon	VFW Auxiliary - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 6:30PM
Sun - Mar 8	National Peanut Cluster Day
Mon - Mar 9	National ¹ Crab Meat And ² Meatball Days
Tue - Mar 10	Harriet Tubman Day & National Napping Day
Wed - Mar 11	National ¹ Johnny Appleseed & ² Organize Your Home Office Days
Thu - Mar 12	World Glaucoma Awareness Day & Equal Pay Day & National ¹ Girl Scouts And ² Plant A Flower Days
Fri - Mar 13	International School Meals Day & K-9 Veterans Day & Popcorn Lover's Day & National Good Samaritan Day
Sat - Mar 14	International Mathematics Day & National Potato Chip Day
Sun - Mar 15	National ¹ Peanut Lovers And ² Quilting Days

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

- John 10:27

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD? ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

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DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

SUN – Day 71 - Deu 17-19; Mrk 14:1-25

MON – Day 72 - Deu 20-22; Mrk 14:26-50

TUE – Day 73 - Deu 23-25; Mrk 14:51-72

WED – Day 74 - Deu 26-27; Mrk 15:1-26

THU – Day 75 - Deu 28; Mrk 15:27-47

FRI – Day 76 - Deu 29-30; Mrk 16

SAT – Day 77 - Deu 31-32; Luk 1:1-23

Deu = Deuteronomy | Mrk = Mark

Luk = Luke

[Days Listed Are NOT Days Of The Year But Days Of The Plan]

WANT TO BE

Part Of This Local Family Of Christ Jesus?

To be identified with our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Please fill out a Visitor’s Card, making sure to check the box on front that says, “Wish To Serve In This Congregation.” Please place the completed card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

TOM'S DAILY Bible Reading

Sunday	3/8/2026	Genesis 36
Monday	3/9/2026	Genesis 37
Tuesday	3/10/2026	Genesis 38
Wednesday	3/11/2026	Genesis 39
Thursday	3/12/2026	Genesis 40
Friday	3/13/2026	Genesis 41
Saturday	3/14/2026	Genesis 42



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the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him” (John 1:18). Like Moses, Philip requested to see the Father (John 14:8). His request is born of a carnal insecurity that he mistakenly thinks will be remedied in spite of the fact that he is in the same room as Christ. Jesus patiently responds, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (14:9).

It was not God’s plan to make Himself visible to us on earth; rather, He reveals Himself in His Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we have hope of seeing God in eternity: “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure” (John 3:2-3). **END**