

Plymouth First Baptist Church

January 29, 2023

9:45 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Church Family Announcements
11 AM Morning Worship

Organ Prelude

BJ Lyle

Welcome & Prayer

Pastor Paul

Praise Songs

**My Lighthouse
God Will Make A Way**

Congregation

Scripture Reading & Prayer

James 2:14-26

Loyd Jones

Ministry of Music

Come, Be Baptized

FBC Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Paul

Offertory Hymn#571

**Trust and Obey
Verses 1, 4,5**

Congregation

Offertory Scripture & Prayer

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Offering

Ushers

Doxology

Congregation

Sermon: A Faith that Follows Jesus.

Scriptures: Psalm 85:10; Mark 1:16-20; Hebrews 11:1; 1 Peter 2:2-3; Hebrews 6:1a; Hebrews 11:8; 1 Peter 5:8-9; Hebrews 12:1-2a; Matthew 14:22-32

When Sherri and I were still raising a young family, many summer Saturdays and Holidays were spent in Sherri's parent's pool. Many great memories were made there. As each child grew older, the day would come for them to jump into the pool (about four feet deep) and trust mom or dad to catch them. That first jump for all three was a challenge! You could tell they really wanted to do it. They really wanted to trust mom and dad- but they had to overcome their fears to believe that the arms of mom or dad would catch them and keep them safe. Part of it was a faith issue. The same is true for the Christian trusting the LORD. We must have faith.

Faith: GREEK *pistis*: firm persuasion. A conviction based upon hearing, akin to persuade. Is used in the NT always of "faith in God or Christ" or "things spiritual".

True faith in Christ involves following Christ. Just as love requires truth, faith in Jesus requires following Christ, His teachings, and His ways. Following Christ in turn requires faith. They are inseparable.

Jesus' disciples had to make the decision to walk away from their old life to live a new one with Him. They had to trust Him and His words. As Christians, this primarily involves believing that the Bible is the word of God. This is where our faith journey begins. Do we trust the Bible? To depart from the Bible and its teachings is folly.

"The first step astray is a want of adequate faith in the divine inspiration of the sacred Scriptures. All the while a man bows to the authority of God's Word, he will not entertain any sentiment contrary to its teaching. "To the law and to the testimony," is his appeal concerning every doctrine. He esteems that holy Book, concerning all things, to be right, and therefore he hates every false way. But let a man question or entertain low views of the inspiration and authority of the Bible, and he is without chart to guide him, and without anchor to hold him." Robert Schindler, Down Grade March 3, 1887

In short, what are you primarily meditating on? What is the ultimate authority in your life? _____

We must remember we are in a spiritual battle. The battle is over truth and our enemy would love to have us no longer follow Jesus. 1 Peter 5:8-9 _____
Keep your eyes on Jesus! Hebrews 12:1-2a _____

Some Important convictions while following Jesus.

1. Acknowledge that God is _____.

2. Be convinced that God is always _____.

3. Be aware of God's constant _____.

4. Be strengthened in the reality that God is _____-_____.

5. Be assured that God is _____.

6. Be at ease in the _____ of God's ways.

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Hymn of Invitation#548

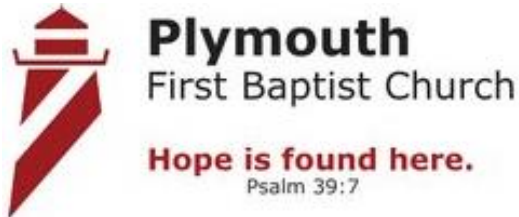
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Congregation

Baptism

Closing Prayer

Rev. Paul T. Harrington, Senior Pastor
Loyd Jones, Associate Pastor
Scott Bradshaw, Worship Director
B.J. Lyle, Organist
Danita Davis, Church Office Administrator
Scott Smith, Deacon of the Month



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