

*He said to them, "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess." (Deuteronomy 32:46-47)*

The word of God is not a trifle; it is a matter of life and death. If you treat the Scriptures as a trifle or as empty words, you forfeit life.

Even our *physical* life depends on God's word, because by his word we were created (Psalm 33:6; Hebrews 11:3), and "he upholds the universe by the word of his power" (Hebrews 1:3).

And our *spiritual* life begins by the word of God: "Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth" (James 1:18). "You have been born again . . . through the living and abiding word of God" (1 Peter 1:23).

Not only do we *begin* to live by God's word, but we also *go on* living by God's

word: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3).

So our *physical* life is created and upheld by the word of God, and our *spiritual* life is quickened and sustained by the word of God. How many stories could be gathered to bear witness to the life-giving power of the word of God!

Indeed, the Bible is "no empty word for you" — it is your life! The foundation of all joy is life. Nothing is more fundamental than sheer existence — our creation and our preservation.

All this is owing to the word of God's power. By that same power, he has spoken in Scripture for the creation and sustenance of our spiritual life. Therefore, the Bible is no empty word, but is your very life — the foundation and kindling of your joy!



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In hope of eternal life, which  
**GOD, WHO NEVER LIES,**  
promised before the ages began

Titus 1:2

## Events

TODAY Middle School Meeting  
7 PM  
10/6 College & Career Lunch  
1 PM  
10/12 Dr. Andy McIntosh 9 AM  
10/19 Church Picnic 3 PM

## Give



## Upcoming Events



## Pastors

Gary Hendrix     Stephen Byrd  
Stu Johnston     Bob Prentice  
Michael Lopes

## Service Times

—Sunday School 9:30 am  
—Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm  
—Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm  
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# Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Congregational Reading

Opening Hymn

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**(Refrain) He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.**

**For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
**(Refrain)**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;  
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

**(Refrain 2x)**

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## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away.  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

**Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.**

**But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**(repeat)**

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Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Pastor Bob Prentice

Psalm 138, page 521

He Will Hold Me Fast

Psalm 103, page 502

**#426 Thou Hidden Source of Calm  
Repose**

Preparatory

I Boast No More

No more my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done  
I quit the hopes I held before to trust the merits of Thy Son.

**(Chorus) No more my God, no more my God, no more my God, I boast no more.**

Now, for the loss I bear His name, what was my gain I count my loss;  
My former pride I call my shame, and nail my glory to His cross. **(Chorus)**

Yes, and I must and will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake;  
O may my soul be found in Him, and of His righteousness partake! **(Chorus)**

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before Thy throne;  
But faith can answer Thy demands, by pleading what my Lord has done.

**(Chorus)**

**(repeat chorus)**

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

# Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own;  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
spent and worthless now compared to this.

**(Refrain) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love You, Lord.**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
to be found in You and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness.  
**(Refrain)**

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings;  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.  
**(Refrain 2x)**

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Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Preparatory

Sermon

Mark 1:35-45, page 837

**#544 How Sweet the Name of  
Jesus**

**#710 I Need Thee Every Hour**

Pastor Michael Lopes