

Share in the Suffering

“To die is gain” may be the biggest selling point of belief in Jesus. I know this was true for me when I first embraced Christ. The moral compass and values that I gained were incredibly important, but it was the promise of receiving the “get-out-of-eternal-damnation card” upon death that I could not ignore. I was convinced this was the main reason why folks flocked to the front during altar call.

Philippians 1:21-30 hints at a different reality though. While dying is gain, we must remain in the body. This is because our salvation is rooted not only in deliverance from the ramifications of sin after death, but in the way we live our lives. As we approach International Day of Peace in a world that is growing increasingly violent, how do you share in the suffering that accompanies our belief in Christ? Are you faithful and courageous?

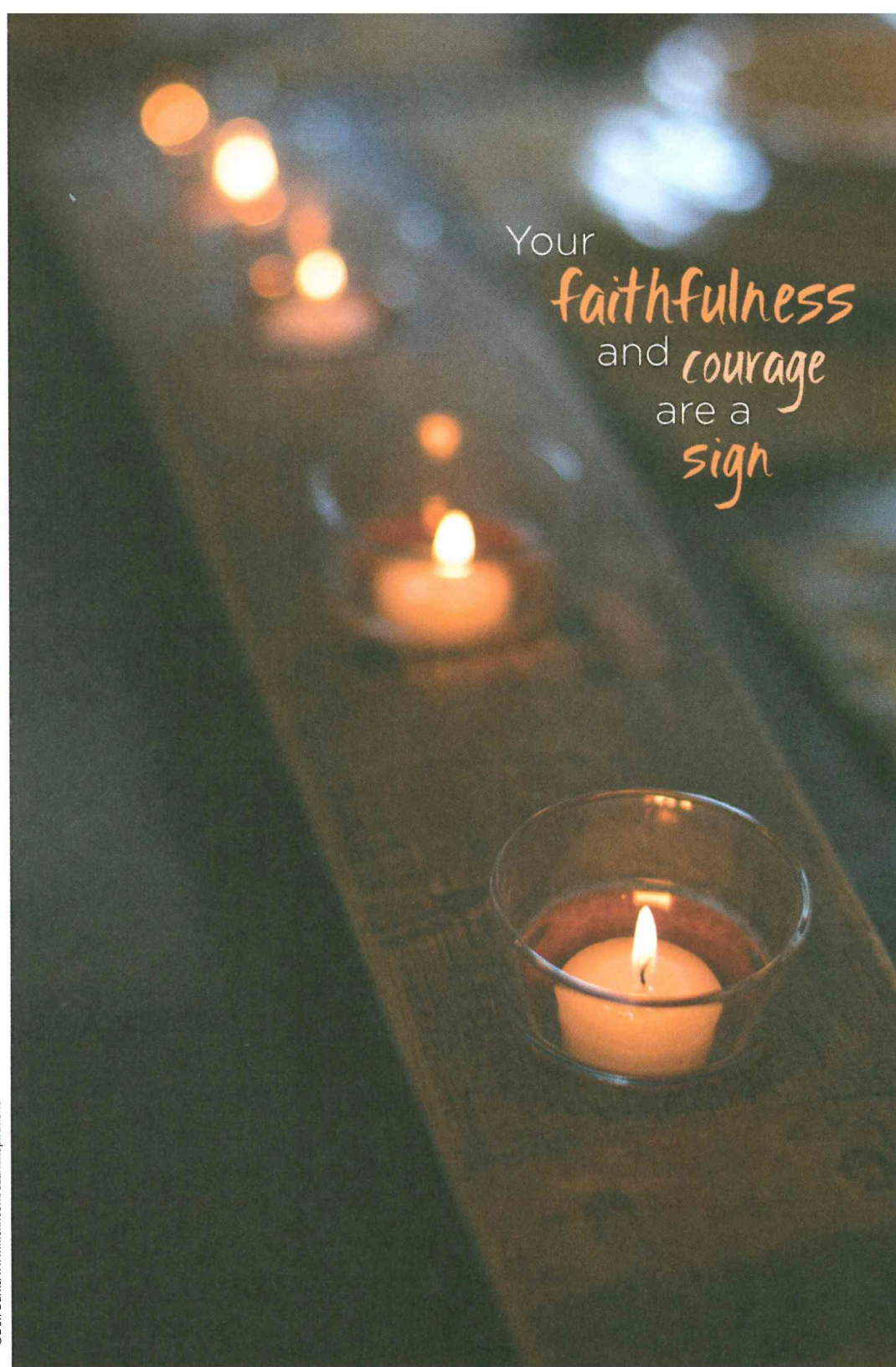
Dying is the easy part; Paul highlights this in today’s scripture. The hard work is living intentionally to bring about a world that emulates Christ’s peace, God’s shalom. We mustn’t shy away from this suffering, because to live faithfully and courageously is to live as the peacebuilders we are called to be.

So, are you up to the task?

—Susu Lassa
Jos, Plateau State
Nigeria

Text for today: “Because for me, living serves Christ and dying is even better. If I continue to live in this world, I get results from my work. But I don’t know what I prefer. I’m torn between the two because I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better. However, it’s more important for me to stay in this world for your sake. I’m sure of this: I will stay alive and remain with all of you to help your progress and the joy of your faith, and to increase your pride in Christ Jesus through my presence when I visit you again. Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ’s gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I’m absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel. That way, you won’t be afraid of anything your enemies do. *Your faithfulness and courage are a sign* of their coming destruction and your salvation, which is from God. God has generously granted you the privilege, not only of believing in Christ but also of suffering for Christ’s sake. You are having the same struggle that you saw me face and now hear that I’m still facing” (Phil. 1:21-30, CEB). **Bible readings for today:** Jonah 3:10–4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30 (28); Matthew 20:1-16.

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Sunday School (not at this time)
Worship 10:30 AM



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Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God.

—Hanover Mission Statement

Please be mindful of those who are meditating as we prepare for worship.

Live streaming is available in the fellowship hall for greater physical distancing.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRAISE & WORSHIP AND PRAYER (Please stand if you are able)

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)” (words on screen)

REFLECTION ON “You Are My King”

MEDITATION ON GIVING (The Treasure Principle, p. 55, Randy Alcorn)

“Our present life on earth is the dot. It ends. It's brief. But from that dot extends a line that goes on forever. That line is eternity, which Christians will spend in heaven. The person who lives for the dot lives for treasures on earth that end up in junkyards. The person who lives for the line lives for treasures in heaven that will never end. GIVING IS LIVING FOR THE LINE! Please share your offerings as you leave the sanctuary today.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN Jeff Wolf
(Children will stay in their pew with family.)

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir
“Peace Like A River/Kum Ba Yah”

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:21-30 (on screen)

MESSAGE Pastor Gerry
“By The Manner of Their Living”

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION
“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

BENEDICTION
Leader: We have come and worshiped together. We are all God's children

All: “To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Philippians 4:20)

Let us honor God's Presence with us as we listen to the postlude.

POSTLUDE

Pastor Gerry will greet you outside the front doors as you leave today.

**Please stand if you are able.*

Please make sure you have permission from individuals to share their names during joys and concerns or for placing in the bulletin. Thank you.

Handicap restrooms are available. Hearing devices & large print bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Ministers to All..... The Congregation
Preacher Pastor Gerry Godfrey
Worship Leader..... Dick Ambrosius
Music Director/Pianist Roxie Schloyer
Organist..... Bev Wolf
Head Usher Roger Bollinger
Deacons of the Month/Welcomers Dick Sue Ambrosius
Bulletin Board Hershberger Family

Announcements

WELCOME BACK - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We welcome each of you to our service today.

Your safety is our priority. Please remember to keep a physical distance of 6 feet, wear a face mask inside the building and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer. Please sit in the indicated pews staying 6 feet apart from non-family members. At this time the nursery/toddler room is closed and there is no children's church or toy bags for children. The restroom lights in the lower level restrooms will be turned on in the morning-please do not touch switch and turn them off - they will be turned off at the close of church each Sunday. Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to place your offering. After the service, socializing is encouraged in the parking lot out in the open air. **Please see the CDC guidelines on the narthex bulletin board for follow up after someone has quarantined.**

The Outreach Commission thanks everyone who helped set-up, clean-up and donated items and baked goods for our Yard Sale.

Reminder - Please submit information for the October Newsletter no later than 9 AM tomorrow morning. Thank you.

Youth Activity at Codorus - TODAY, NOON to 2 PM. Disc Golf - weather permitting; lunch provided.

Fall Crop Walk for 2020 has been postponed to the Spring of 2021. No date has been selected.

Prayer March, Saturday, September 26, NOON to 2 PM in Washington DC, sponsored by The Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc. Go to "PrayerMarch2020.com" if you want more information.

World Communion Sunday, October 4, Bread & Cup Communion will be shared during morning worship this year as we will not be able to have our traditional Love Feast on that Sunday.

Camp Eder Fall Fest is scheduled to be held on **October 17, 10 AM to 3 PM**. Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday. They are looking for vendors or yard-sale set-ups and sponsorships for the purchase of food items and donations for the live auction. See their website www.campeder.org or call 717-642-8256.

Please Uplift in Prayer

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless ongoing concern.

Homewood at Plum Creek:

Jewel Amspacher - Room D142
Nancy Mummert - Room C105
Fay Swartz - Room E342

Country Meadows:

Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311

Hanover Hall:

Esther Brown - Room 219
John Paul Fike, Sr. - Room 126A

Spring Creek Rehab:

Sonja Bankert

Utz Terrace:

Evelyn Dickensheets - Room 422

Norma Becker, Ken Miller, Kaylin Foor, John Paul Fike, Sr., Amber Shaw, Betty Stockslager, Edgar Seller, family of Grace Boyer

Those experiencing disasters from fire and flood.

Church Activities This Week

Sunday, September 20..... Sunday School - 9 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

Youth Activity at Codorus - noon to 2 PM

October Newsletter Deadline

Monday, September 21 AlAnon - 7 PM

Tuesday, September 22..... AA - 8 PM

Wednesday, September 23 Prayer Group / Bible Study - 6 PM

Choir - 7 PM

Friday, September 25..... Newsletter Assembly - 9 AM

AA - 6 PM

Saturday, September 26 Church Reserved - 11 AM - 2 PM

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 27 Sunday School & Worship

Monday, September 28..... Reports for Council Mtg. due

Sunday, October 4..... Bread & Cup Communion - 10:30 AM

Our Faithful Stewardship - September 13, 2020

Attendance: Sunday School - 27 Worship - 62

Giving: General Fund - \$ 3,141.51 Bereavement - \$ 222

Building Rental - \$20 Building Repair Fund - \$ 87

Mowing - \$ 7