

# Reminder

## ImPossible

“The spiritual life is indeed a life of struggle; but it is also a life of well-grounded hope. Hope is grounded in freedom, and freedom is grounded in all the high purposes and powers of spirit, human and divine. The last word of spirit is Victory” (Edgar Sheffield Brightman).

IT’S NOT HARD TO FIND FORCES THAT WOULD DISCOURAGE US AND DEFEAT US, IF WE LET THEM. These forces are everywhere around us, and sometimes it’s hard to keep from giving in. But one of the marvelous things about human life is that we are personal beings blessed with spirits and wills that are free. We don’t have to give in!

No matter what happens, it’s always within our power to act on the basis of conscience. There is no external force strong enough to make us violate our conscience, and when we deliberately choose to act with honor, basing our thoughts and words and deeds on the best principles we know, then we’re victorious in the highest sense of the term.

No matter what the circumstantial outcome, if we’ve courageously put first things first, then the victory is ours! Whatever it was that threatened us, that force has failed to break our integrity.

decisiveness in doing what’s right. In all the things that matter, victory depends on being able to make radical choices . . . and make them stick.

Those who demonstrate the quality of decisiveness are valuable to us as examples

We need more of them! Those who show us that life’s hardships can be overcome by the maintenance of integrity are “encouraging” to the rest of us. To “encourage” means to “impart courage to,” and that’s what people do for us when they refuse to compromise their own integrity for any foe: they give us courage.

Perhaps you’ve heard someone of strong character described as having an indomitable spirit. Isn’t that what we all really want, deep down? We want to have minds and hearts that are so fixed on our principles and ideals that we can’t be beaten by any foe that bars our way. And the truth is, we can have exactly that kind of spirit. Any of us can. We just need to have something to reach out for — some “cathedral” to build that we would sooner die than give up building.

“He who bears in his heart a cathedral to be built is already victorious. He who seeks to become sexton of a finished cathedral is already defeated” (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry).

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## About

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### Who Are We?

A group of God’s children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

### Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible Study

### Wednesday:

7:30 PM Bible Study

Number 24

## MORNING LESSON

Steve Garrett

### SERVICE

Welcome – M. Miles  
Hymn Director – R. McDonald  
Opening Prayer– B. Ward  
Morning Lesson – S. Garrett  
Announcements – M. Pharris  
Closing Prayer – M. Gomez  
Table Talk – R. McDonald

### EVANGELIST

Steve Garrett

### ELDERS

Brian Haley  
Mark Mann  
Matt Miles  
Mike Pharris

### DEACONS

Scott Clanton  
David Davila  
Dan Kimbrough  
Jesse Knapp  
Alex Morolez  
Gregory Williams

### BIBLE CLASSES

Colossians – Steve Garrett  
Auditorium  
Bible Questions & Answers – Alex  
Morolez & Mark Mann  
Room 107

Graded classes for children

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

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## Spiritual Maintenance

Excerpts from M. Krueger's Lesson

### Pray (a lot)

1 Thess 5:17-18

- Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.
- How often do you pray?
- We should be walking and talking with God throughout each day.

### Thanksgiving

“give thanks in all circumstances.”

- Do you always remember to offer thanks and praise?
- How can we be thankful in all circumstances?

### Hope

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, **set your hope fully on the grace** that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

- On what do you set your hope?  
A nice house, a job promotion, a nice vacation, retirement

### Setting our Hope

How do we set our hope fully on the grace that is to come?

- Sing songs about heaven.
- Keep your eye on the goal; avoid the distractions of the world.

Phil 3:14;18-20

### Meditation

Bible meditation is not emptying your mind, but filling your mind – and your mouth – with God's word. It is focusing on God's thoughts, until they become your thoughts.

Joshua 1:8

Psalms 1:1-2

### Meditation applied

- Write a sermon
- Write your own commentary
- Teach a Bible class

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### NEWS AND NOTES

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Please pray for Lawrence Spencer, who has been visiting with us recently, as he searches for a job.

**Deb Haley** flew to Cookville, TN with our daughter and grand kids. Will return Friday, June 24th.

**Brian Nash Visiting Preacher -6/26**  
- Meet and Greet at the Mann's Saturday– 6/25 10:30 to 1pm

**Happy Father's Day!**