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MARCH MESSENGER

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By Pastor Don Lain

I like words that carry strength and determination; words that carry clear intent. There is a word that is used sparingly throughout the Bible, but every time you see it you clearly understand what it means and the intensity of the word. The word is RESOLVED. As far as I can tell, the word is only used four times in the entire Bible, and each time there is a powerful message. In II Chronicles 20:3, when faced with the threat of invading armies, we read, *"Alarmed, [King] Jehoshaphat RESOLVED to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah."* I love that! When some of the Hebrew children were added to the king's court and the instructions were given to offer them the finest of foods and wines from the king's table, we read in Daniel 1:8, *"But Daniel RESOLVED not to defile himself with the royal food and wine..."* He resolved to live a holy life. I love that! In Malachi 2:1-2, we read, *"And now, you priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, and if you do not RESOLVE to honor my name, says the Lord, I will send a curse on you, and I will curse your blessings."* That's a strong call! Finally we find in I Corinthians Paul's testimony: *"For I RESOLVED to know nothing while I was with you except Christ and Him crucified."* Powerful!

There's a verse that is used in reference to Christ that is a derivative of the word, RESOLVED. Let me offer it to you within it's context. We read in Luke 9:51 these words: *"As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus RESOLUTELY set out for Jerusalem."* As I shared in a morning devotional, it's humbling and inspiring when you flesh out the meaning of this verse. Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem...for the place that would turn on Him and falsely accuse Him...for the place that would abuse Him physically...for the place that would condemn Him to death, and not any death: Death on a cross! He resolutely set out for Jerusalem where He would suffer and die carrying with Him to the Cross the sins of the world for all recorded time: past, present, future. From Luke 9:51 forward, Jesus moved with a singular resolve: I must get to Jerusalem for it is there that I will do what is required to bring redemption and the promise of eternal life to the world. Jesus was RESOLUTE; He would not be deterred, side-tracked or otherwise persuaded! He was resolved to save you and me!!

Peter, when He preached his first sermon in Acts 2 came to understand the RESOLVE AND DETERMINATION of the Godhead to redeem the world. He proclaimed:

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which

God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear." (Acts 2:22-24,29-33)

RESOLVE, RESOLVED, RESOLUTELY – strong words. It's this strong and immovable word that describes the intensity of the love of God to get to Jerusalem because He was determined to redeem you and me!!! Nothing and no one would stop Him!! I'm glad...and so are you. As we celebrate Good Friday and Palm Sunday in the days ahead, let us not forget Jesus' RESOLVE to save you and me... and be grateful.

March Birthdays



Elaina Rivera	14 Pastor Don Lain	27
Elizabeth Ruple	14 Lucy Adams	28
Joanna Kolpien	25 Jenny Bishop	31

If you have a birthday or anniversary that needs updated, please email or call the church to let us know!

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The March Messenger Continued..

NYI QUIZ SCHEDULE

Our Parkside Quizzers are finished quizzing for the season. Please congratulate them on a job well done! It was a whole new experience quizzing on Zoom and from different households. Our quizzers did a great job! Thank you to Mr. Harold for holding Zoom practices as well! Stay tuned for details on a future Teen Quiz Celebration!

PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER



Dr. Seuss week is March 1-5! The Infant Room will be collecting red and white strips of paper for all books read at home to see how tall they make the Cat and Hat's hat!



March is Nutritional Month. The Toddler-PreK classes will be joining Miss Elaina March 22-26 for taste testing classes. The kids will taste some new dishes and learn about them! The older classes will give feedback to help with menu planning!

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Marcella or Cheryl in the Child Care Center Office.

Easter Services



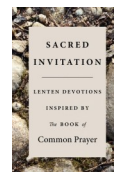
Palm Sunday is March 28.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 pm

Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Zoom Discussions Continue!

During Lent, for those who chose to, we are reading the book Sacred Invitation. **The discussions will continue on March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.** Please contact Pastor if you are not already receiving the weekly Zoom Link.



Significant Dates :

March 7: Finance Cmt Mtg
after the service.

March 9: Church Board
Meeting at 6:30 pm

March 14: Daylight Savings Time
Begins 

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 21: Possible In-Person Service

March 27: Pastor Don's Birthday!

March 28: Palm Sunday 

April 1: Maundy Thursday

April 2: Good Friday Tenebrae

April 4: Easter Sunday 

EASTER FLOWERS



For those interested, you will have the opportunity to order an Easter flower in memory or honor of a loved one. They will decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then you take it home! Please contact the church office: office@parknaz.org or 440-333-3998 by March 21 to place your order. The cost per flower and choices will come via email. If you do not see emails, please call the church office.

Live Stream of Weekly Services & Devotionals:

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (services are currently online only)

Wednesday Devotionals by Pastor Don at 11:00 a.m.

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*All in person events depend on the state of the Pandemic and Board Decisions. Please check with Leaders and/or the website (www.parknaz.org) before Heading to the Church!