

God's Abundant Pardon**Isaiah 55:1-9**

We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character. People tell us to repent and stop thinking the way we do. Most of us would give anything to do this. If it were only that simple to stop our obsessive thoughts! When we are starving emotionally, it is almost impossible to stop thinking about what has fed that hunger, even when we realize it doesn't satisfy.

People don't seem to understand. They may quote a verse like, "Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong" (Isaiah 55:7). But we think, **How?** My thoughts seem to be out of my control.

God does understand. He put that verse into the larger context of dealing with the hunger within our souls. He said, "Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. . . . Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously" (Isaiah 55:2-3, 7). The word translated "generously" can be understood to mean "in progressively increasing measure each time we come."

We fight our sins on two fronts: dealing with the hunger deep inside us and changing our thoughts of doing wrong. Neither battle is easily won; each requires our daily readiness and willingness to allow God to satisfy our hunger and help us overcome our defects of character.

Don't Harden Your Heart**Isaiah 55:6**

We need to seek God while we still have the opportunity. If we procrastinate and make excuses long enough, we will find that without knowing it our heart has hardened. Someday our heart may be so hard that we can no longer hear God's call and respond to it. The time to repent and turn to God is now!

Denial Leads to Blaming**Isaiah**

Instead of admitting their sins and responding to that truth, the people of Judah blamed God for the terrible consequences of their sins. If we continue in denial, we will also become expert blamers. If we desire to progress in our spiritual walk, however, we need to take responsibility for our actions. The painful circumstances that we suffer are often direct consequences of our own failures.

The Importance of Action**Isaiah**

God is not an enabler. As we see in the book of Isaiah, God takes our actions very seriously. He does for us what we are unable to do for ourselves, but then he leaves the rest to us. Isaiah told the people that despite their impending doom, God would deliver them from Babylonian captivity. God provided the way, but the people had to take the steps to leave. When our prayers for recovery are not answered, it may be time for us to act. Often, it is only after acting in faith that we are able to see what God has already accomplished for us.

Just For Today the Choice is Mine

Just for today I will try to adjust myself to what is and not force everything to adjust to my own desires. I will accept my family, my friends, my business, my circumstances as they come.

Order of Worship**Worship Leader: Bob Queenan**

Song – Come, Now is the Time to Worship	Lord's Supper
Prayer	Song #66 – Doxology
Song #634 - We'll Work Till Jesus Comes	Offering
Song #636 - To Love Someone More Dearly	Sermon – Barry Joiner
Song #47 - Holy, Holy, Holy	Song – I Washed My Hands This Morning
	Prayer

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Prayers and Praise

- Prayers for Michael Elliot, down with double pneumonia.
- Prayers for Kay's granddaughter Zion.
- Prayers for Briley, coping with Marfans syndrome.
- Praise for Chris Langford's progress, and prayers for his continued recovery.
- Prayers for continued healing for Kay's nephew Jeremy.
- Prayers for Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- Prayers for health for Anna's Nana, Bonnie Borgstrom, and for her caregiver Barb
- Prayers for Ryan Burns, Jordan Allbritten, and Thomas Mullinaux, serving in the armed forces.
- Prayers for our widows: Myrna, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Millie & Carolyn.

The Paralysis of Analysis**Ecclesiastes**

The Teacher's search for meaning was almost like a scientific experiment. He seemed desperate to explain life's ambiguities; he tried every human solution available before finally turning it all over to God. We need to beware of the paralysis that can set in when we get caught up in analyzing our situation and seeking human solutions to our problems. It's too easy to get lost on the way and never reach the right conclusion: Our lives and wills must be turned over to God. Only then will we be able to make true progress.



Welcome!

We're a bible-based congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls to praise and worship the one God. All are welcome! Please join us in our worship services and classes.



Seek the Lord while you can find him.
Call on him now while he is near.

ISAIAH
55:6

Meditation for Today

There is a proper time for everything. I must learn not to do things at the wrong time, that is, before I am ready or before conditions are right. It is always a temptation to do something at once, instead of waiting until the proper time. Timing is important. I must learn, in the little daily situations of life, to delay action until I am sure that I am doing the right thing at the right time. So many lives lack balance and timing. In the momentous decisions and crises of life, many ask God's guidance, but into the small situations of life, they rush alone.

I pray that I might delay actions until I feel that I am doing the right thing. I pray that I may not rush in alone. I pray that when the time is right to do the right thing, that I do not hesitate to take action.

The Church of Christ in Idaho Falls

Weekly Calendar			
Sunday	10:00 am	Bible Study	At the building and live stream
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship	At the building and live stream
Wednesday	10:30 am	Senior Breakfast	At Perkins
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Bible Study	At Jonathan & Jamie's – July 6 th & 13 th
Thursday	6:30 pm	Hymnburgers	At Bob & Brenda's

Supported Missionaries and Works	
Glenn Langston - Blind Ministry	Nathan and Alvin Luther – Philippines
Ghana West Africa Water Project	Caleb Odle - Arlington, Texas
Cimi Kafexhiu - The Church in Durres, Albania	

Events Calendar	
Thursdays	Hymnburgers 2022! Most Thursdays in the summer at 6:30 pm the Queenan's. Burgers & dogs & water provided, bring something to share or just yourself. Food & fellowship, followed by some informal singing. Bring your family and friends – no dogs, please.
July 16 th	Senior Breakfast 10:30 am at the building – all seniors, pre-seniors, and caregivers are invited! (3 rd Saturday of the month).
July 17 th	Praise in the Park – On this Sunday we will worship at Freeman Park and enjoy a potluck together, followed by lots of time to play and fellowship.
Aug 14-17 th	Salmon Gospel Meeting – “Faith Under Fire” with Jason Jackson, timely lessons from 1 st and 2 nd Peter. See Floyd for details.
Sep 16-18 th	Youth Rally here in IF – see Andy for details. We will need host families for our September 16 Youth Rally for 45+ teens, so if you are available to host in your home, it would be greatly appreciated. Details to follow.
Dec 9 th -11 th	West Yellowstone Winter Retreat is BACK!! We have joined an effort with a few congregations in Wyoming and Montana to bring back the Winter Retreat in December. You must register - registration information is on the table in the foyer.

