



Welcome

1/28/2024

John 3:16

We, the families of the Village Bible Church do lovingly welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the Gospel.

As a body of believers, we are unified under the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We exist to equip the saints through preaching, teaching, and biblical discipleship which results in genuine worship, progressive sanctification, the exercise of spiritual gifts in Christian service, and evangelization of the lost. In everything, our goal and desire is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

Announcements

Hymn #140 Lead On, O King Eternal

Greeting

Hymn #57 Be Thou Exalted

Hymn #23 Worthy of Worship

Offertory - Sarah Davis

Hymn #11 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Message

Hymn #487 where He Leads Me I Will Follow

*As we leave this place, we are entering the Mission Field—
May the Lord find us Faithful!*

Missionary of the Month

Pregnancy Service Center

They are a Christ centered pregnancy resource center encouraging life, healing and purity.

They are passionately committed to upholding the sanctity of human life and sharing the light and unconditional love of Jesus Christ with all who enter our center and those reached in the community. We humbly seek to inspire spiritual growth, develop Godly character and promote life-honoring choices that create positive lasting differences in the lives of individuals and their families.

If you would like to give a special gift to this ministry this month, feel free to put it in the offering plate marked accordingly.

This Week:

TONIGHT 6PM

Annual Business Meeting/Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kid's Club

Coming UP:

2/4 AM&PM

Missionary Guests
The Houtz Family

2/4 PM

Church Dinner

2/13 6:30PM

Farewell Tea Party
for Ewa

2/17 7:30AM

Men's Breakfast

FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshipping together. We believe children learn much from sharing the worship experience with adults. Please be considerate of others and keep children in their seats and as quiet as possible. Pews in the rear of the Sanctuary are reserved for families with small children.

Cry room - Back of Sanctuary

Nursery 6 mo. - 3 yrs.

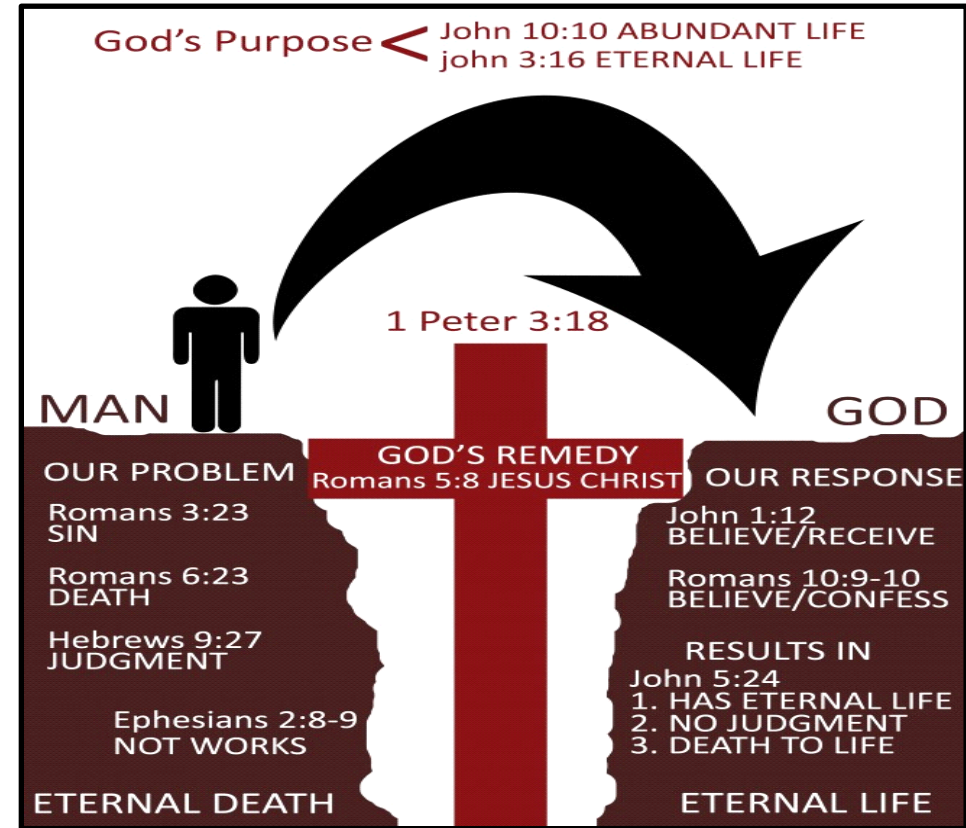
Bethanne/Ewa

January 28, 2024

Pastor JJ Sexton

Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People
"that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus"



Sunday Morning Sunday School
 Sunday Morning Worship Service
 Sunday Evening Prayer Service
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study
 Services available for all ages

9:30 a.m.
 10:45 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

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*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16

A Low Point for David 1 Samuel 21:10–15

Then David arose and fled that day from before Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

- There is no indication that God directed David to Gath of the Philistines.
- Maybe David thought it safer for himself and his family if he left Saul's jurisdiction.

And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing of him to one another in dances, saying: 'Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands'?"

- It seems David intended to hide in Gath so that he could remain incognito.
- But he was recognized as the "king of Israel" because he had greater prestige than Saul.

Now David took these words to heart, and was very much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

- David's plan to hide in Gath was ruined by too many people recognizing him.
- David was fearful for his life.

So he changed his behavior before them, pretended madness in their hands, scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva fall down on his beard.

- David pretended to be out of his mind to appear harmless.
- David pretended to be out of his mind to save his own life.

v. 14–15 - David escaped from his enemies.

Two approaches to what David did:

1) David was not trusting the Lord when he went to Gath and lied.

- Like Abraham (Gen 20) and Isaac (Gen 26), David failed to trust the Lord and lied.
- David was out of God's will and wrong to go to Gath and in sin when he lied.

2) David was making the best decisions he could and God was with him.

- David was in God's will and God allowed David's plan to fail for a reason.
- David was humbled - **Psalm 34:1–7**
- David learned the Lord is good in all things - **Psalm 34:8–10**
- David feared the Lord and would not sin - **Psalm 34:11–16**
- David realized that the Lord would always save him - **Psalm 34:17–22**

David was trusting the Lord when he went to Gath and he was not in sin.

- David was captured by the Philistines and Lord saved him - **Psalm 56:1–7**
- The Lord allowed David to be caught so that he could learn through the experience of brokenness, humiliation, and failure that the Lord would always care for him and save him, and that he need not fear but always trust the Lord - **Psalm 56:8–13**

Brother and sister, not every failure in our life is because of sin or bad decisions. God will sometimes allow us to fail. God uses the low points in our life to teach us about His faithfulness, goodness, love, mercy, grace, and power to save. When God brings us through our low points we learn not to fear and promise to always trust Him, serve Him, and praise Him!