

Worship Service
May 26th, 2019

*Worship Song Together with Band
Opening Prayer Presider
Bible Reading Exodus 13:17-22 Robert Stewart
Prayer Kurt Schwartz

Announcement Gil Henderson

Offering Prayer Presider
Offering Together
Special Song Worship Band
Message **The Way of God's Guidance**
..... Timothy Hong

Prayer of Blessing Presider

Today's Sermon Outline
The Way of God's Guidance
Exodus 13:17-22

Through God's perfect knowledge

After God took the Israelites out of Egypt, He guided them through the desert. Why? See verses 17-18: "...For God said, *"If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."* So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea."

They were unable to see what would happen if they took the shorter and easier way. But God was able to see it. So instead of guiding the Israelites along the shorter, and more comfortable route from Egypt to the land of promise, He led them through the longer and more difficult route. Usually, we want to take an easy and broad road. But we do not know what really lies ahead on the easy and broad road. However, God knows what will appear in every road we may take in this world.

So, if God does not lead you through an easy and comfortable road of which you would like to take, don't complain or resist. He knows the safest and best road for you. He can see the end of your journey from the beginning. So just trust that He is going to lead you through the best way.

Through God's presence

In the desert, God appeared to them through a pillar of fire and a pillar of clouds. They were examples of "theophany"- "God's appearance in a visible form." With His presence through the pillar of fire and the pillar of clouds,

God assured them that He would never leave them nor forsake them (Deut. 31:6). When we face desert like circumstances and doubt God's presence in our lives, God may use some visible signs to assure us that He is still with us. Then what could be the visible signs of God's guidance in our lives today?

God's Word can be a visible sign of His presence. "*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path*" (Psalm 119:10).

The gifts of the Holy Spirit can also be visible signs of God's guidance, such as healing, speaking in tongues, power to control self, peace in the midst of turmoil, changes in the hearts of people.

But, the perfect visible sign of God's guidance in our lives today is Jesus. Jesus is the manifestation of the eternal Word and God (John 1:14; 1:18). So when we are in a desert, we have to fix our eyes upon Him (Hebrews 12:2).

Through constant dependence on God

Why did God not give them a full road map but instead made them follow the pillar of fire and clouds day by day?

Because God wanted them to depend upon Him day by day and moment by moment. God told them clearly about the final destiny they would reach- the land of promise, Canaan. But before they reached there, they should follow God's guidance day by day and learn to have intimate fellowship with God every day.

God does not give us one big roadmap of our lives. He does not say to us "Here is the roadmap of your entire life. Just follow it" Why? Because, God wants to have fellowship with us day by day. If we have a clear roadmap for our whole lives, we may forget to have intimate fellowship with God every day. We may forget how fragile and weak we are, and may become proud of ourselves.

That is why God leads us to depend upon Him day by day.

No matter what circumstances you are facing today, just depend upon Him moment by moment and day by day.

Applications

1. Usually we want to take short cuts - easy and comfortable ways, but God may lead us to longer and more difficult ways. Why does God do that? How should we respond to such guidance by God?
2. God wants to strengthen your faith through some visible signs of His presence. Have you ever seen God's visible signs? How have you responded to the signs?
3. Why does God make us depend on Him for His guidance day by day instead of giving us a full roadmap of our lives?

Announcements

Welcome New Comers and Visitors

We welcome all new comers and visitors to our worship service today. Please join us for our lunch fellowship which will be held in the fellowship hall right after the service.

Lunch Preparation

This week – American and College group **Next week** – Spanish Group

*Today's fellowship cleaning turn is Filipino group (Lyle Atonson, Ian Tan)

Prayer Request

*Traveling mercies – Rossana, Yanni are in Utah. Yolanda Jelico – in the Philippines.

* For Haroon's mom in Pakistan- to pass her US visa interview (May 29th) so she will be able to come to Chicago before Anayza's baby's birth.

Welcome

9 people of Korea ESF are visiting us this week. They will have fellowship with us until Tuesday (May 28) and will leave to New York on Wednesday (May 29) morning. We need volunteers to drive them, take them to tour Chicago, treat them to lunches or dinners. If you want to volunteer for any of them, please talk to Richard Shaffer (808-201-4224).

Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (May /2019)

Date	Group	Leader
May 26	Filipino Group	Lyle Atonson, Ian Tan
June 2	African Group	John Ayetty, Christian Zandanga
June 9	College and Young adult Group	Moses Sanchez, Jerson Garcia
June 16	Spanish Group	Analís Garcia, Blanca Guerra
June 23	American & Pakistan Group	Clint Gaines, Haroon Wilson

Ushers of the Month

Offering Ushers	GiGi Alberto, Charles Gaines, Samantha Gaines, Lyle Atonson
Welcome Ushers	Analís Garcia, Patricia Grass

Last Week's Offering

Tithe	Maria Regina Gigi Alberto//Lyle & Lynn Atonson//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Rose & Nestor Dumlao//Juanita Evans//Eloisa Flores//Charles & Samantha Gaines//Anayza & Haroon Wilson Gill//Mary Herrera//Timothy Hong//Lydia Hong//Sung Hee Kweon//Diana B Lamier//Samuel Lebbie/Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Jasmine Luna//Michael Meadors//Lucienne//Elijah Sanchez//Verjun, Sandra San Jose//Ivy Chua Tan//Rodriguez Pierrot//Mercedes Asparo
Lord's Day	John & Branda Ayetty//Eryn Corachea//Eloisa Flores//Sung Hee Kweon//Diana B. Lamier//Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Ildevert, Denise & Family Mbougou//Richard Shaffer//Maria Marta Velasquez//Noomi//Marceline//Robert Nastrores
Thanksgiving	John & Branda Ayetty//James & Kristine Cheon//Rose & Nestor Dumlao
Mission	Rene & Lynn Corachea//Carlos Lopez//Richard Shaffer
Others	Michael Medors

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 5-27-19	1 Chronicles 6-7		John 13	
Tues 5-28-19	1 Chronicles 8-9		John 14	
Wed 5-29-19	1 Chronicles 10-11		John 15-16	
Thurs 5-30-19	1 Chronicles 12-13		John 17	
Fri 5-31-19	1 Chronicles 14-15		John 18:1-18	
Sat 6-1-19	1 Chronicles 16-17		John 18:19-24	
Sun 6-2-19	1 Chronicles 18-20		John 18:25-40	

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Worship Services:

Sunday Main Service 11:30 AM

Prayer Services

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106

Bible Study

Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM
Saturday 10:30 AM

Cell Groups

Monday- Friday according to arrangement of each cell

College Student Ministry

Thursday 9:45 PM at Skype

Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

Children's Ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Sunday 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Missionaries

Eva Sanchez – Campus ministry in Peru
Miguelina Martinez – Campus ministry in Dominican Republic
Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India
Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines
Paul Uzoma – Campus ministry in Benin, Africa
Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia
Angelito Garcia – Campus ministry in Ukraine
Raul Navarro – Student ministry in Cuba

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