

Welcome



Sunday 10:30am & 6pm

Coffee & Donuts Fellowship before Sunday Morning Service

Sunday Services Streamed Live

Wednesday 6pm



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SACRED CALL IN CONCERT THIS MORNING

A morning of Southern Gospel Music.

CHURCH LUNCH – AFTER SERVICE TODAY

Taco Bar is on the menu. Crunchy, Soft, Taco Salad, just anyway you enjoy your Taco. Please plan to stay for lunch.

NEXT SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH

MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:30AM - WOMEN'S MEETING 11AM

FIGHTING FOR PEACE

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. - John 14:27

We tend to think of our homes as automatic havens, places where we can finally exhale after facing a demanding world. Yet, the front door does not lock out friction. Often, the very people we love the most are the ones who experience our lowest patience, and small irritations quietly grow into heavy walls of silence.

We look for spiritual battles in big life crises or distant headlines, but true peace is usually won or lost right in the living room. It happens in how we respond to a sigh, a heavy step, or a frustrating moment after a long day. Scripture reminds us in Ephesians 4:26-27, "In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold." When we let small frustrations simmer, we unknowingly invite discord into the very space God designed to be a sanctuary.

Peace does not protect itself. Maintaining a warm, grace-filled home takes active, intentional care because hostility creeps in whenever we simply stop paying attention. Choosing a different path requires the kind of firm, everyday resolve found in Joshua 24:15, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." That kind of leadership is not about perfection. It is about a daily, gentle commitment to choosing grace.

When you walk back through your front door today, that truth changes how you handle the mail piling up on the counter and the exhaustion weighing on your shoulders. It means stopping long enough to soften your tone when your spouse or child speaks to you, refusing to let yesterday's irritation spill into today. You do not have to fix every broken dynamic in a single afternoon, but you can decide right now to bring gentleness into your next conversation. God is not asking you to manufacture a flawless household. He is simply inviting you to partner with Him in guarding the peace He so generously placed in your care.

Prayer: Lord, You know the quiet tensions that sometimes fill our homes and hearts. Forgive us for the moments we let frustration win and allow small arguments to steal our joy. Help us to be intentional guardians of peace in our living rooms and hallways. Give us the courage to address bitterness quickly and the grace to respond with kindness when we feel tired. Thank You for never leaving us to fight these battles alone, and for promising Your steady presence right in the middle of our everyday lives. Amen.

'LIFE RETURNS TO THEIR EYES'

Walton County Jail in DeFuniak Springs, Florida, is being transformed from a place of confinement to a site of spiritual freedom. Rev. Jonathan King, pastor of First Apostolic Church of DeFuniak Springs, serves as a volunteer chaplain for the Walton County Sheriff's Office. He said the ministry takes a specific angle that's bearing fruit.



"When we approach these men and women as people instead of just as inmates, we're finding that God is doing the work in their lives," King told CBN News. The ministry at the jail is a coordinated effort between the Walton County Sheriff's Office, First Apostolic and New Life Church of Santa Rosa and includes worship, prayer, and Bible study. The impact is going far beyond a weekly meeting.

The results have been impressive with 70 inmates baptized in July. King also helped baptize another 45 inmates in August at the Okaloosa County Jail. "It's a beautiful thing to watch as men who started the day with absolutely no hope of anything for the future," King said, "and over months we watch as the life returns to their eyes and they have some purpose."

Some take that transformation with them after they leave, including one man who now attends King's church. "He got out on a Thursday afternoon and on Sunday he was in our service on Sunday morning. We've been seeing him. We have multiple services on Sunday. He comes to both of them and he's brought more people with him than most anybody I know," said King.

There are other positive signs. "I've watched as the Lord has literally changed the atmosphere in that jail," King said in the interview. "Several weeks ago, they communicated to me that they pulled the reports of those 70 inmates that we baptized there at Walton a few months ago, and as of a couple weeks ago, they had zero disciplinary actions towards any of them."

The ministry is now expanding to help men prepare for life after incarceration. "They're going to allow us to teach a recovery part of that reentry program where we'll be able to connect with those that are fixing to leave and to connect with them and tell them that they have somewhere to go when they get out," explained King. For King, changed lives are more than just jailhouse conversions.

"If the Lord can convert somebody in a jailhouse, then who are we to look down on that and say, 'well, it's just because they're in jail.' Well, the truth of the matter is we all were converted somewhere. And I believe that God can start a conversion process in some inmates in a jail that will move past the jail," said King.

BIBLE STUDY TEACHER GETS TEST OF HER LIFE

Bible Study teacher and author Christine Hoover didn't realize she would face a severe personal test while writing a study on Second Corinthians. A wife, mom, and Bible teacher, began writing More than Enough, God's Strength in our Weakness in 2 Corinthians. She and her husband got the call no parent wants to receive. "Our oldest son was in college in California. We live in Texas. And late one night, he had gone to the ER, and the ER doctor called and said, 'Your son has cancer, and it has spread all over his body. It's in his brain, his heart, his lungs, his stomach, everywhere.' And so, as you can imagine, we were completely shocked," Hoover recalled.

Their son Will, a college athlete, had always been healthy and strong. The devastating news turned their world upside down. As there son went through treatment, she decided to continue to write this study because it is about weakness and suffering.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9 and 10, Paul, after he had famously asked God to take away the mysterious "thorn in his flesh," wrote the following famous line: "But He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me, for when I am weak, then I am strong." This scripture became Hoover's anthem and helped her not only take care of her son but also keep writing the Bible study. I had heard that verse so much, but I was experiencing it in real time. Every day I would wake up and I would think, I can't believe this is happening to us. That word, cancer, applied to my son and to our family. And so, I would think, I don't want this," she explained.

Every morning, the Lord would remind me: He wasn't asking me to be strong. He was saying, 'Bring your weakness, bring those thoughts to me. Rely on me to give you the strength that you will need for this day," she said.

The Apostle Paul tells us to embrace our weaknesses, and '**God Did a Miracle**'. Today, at age 22, Will is back at college and running on the track team. His doctors say the chemo worked miraculously. "He's a cross-country runner. He actually had a personal best in his event in track this year. So, the Lord has restored his health in some very miraculous ways. It's hard sometimes to embrace that word for yourself to say, 'Did God really do a miracle?' He used medical intervention, and He did do a miracle in my son's life. So, he is serving the Lord this summer through FCA in South Africa and just doing really, really, really well. So, we're just praising the Lord still for his recovery," she said.

Let your faith work for you where the rubber meets the road, where faith is lived out specifically in these difficult things in your life.

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