WELCOME 13th March 2022 – 2 Lent '22 C

Luke 6:1-11

Welcome! It's great to be together again…*Bible Study Qs are provided to equip you so God can lead you into the fullness of His word & work in your life, then you can share that w/ someone else. We'll also use these for our Zoom Bible Study Catch-up on Friday.* While the restrictions are lifting…We're still doing things we need to maintain a level of safety: Hand sanitizer. Masks optional but for some a good choice. Communion. Thanks set-up & clean-up folks!

Thank you especially to our special guest: Stephen Gilmour…a Compassion International Communicator who is here with his family today to share how the gifts we offer back to God through Compassion International actually bless those who receive them.

As we move into this week…Follow me…Trust in the Lord with all your heart…Fear the Lord & turn away from evil...Come stand in front of everyone…Stretch out your hand…

Each is an invitation into the life-transforming work of Christ. Each an invitation to life responsive to God & abundant in his present powerful providing grace.

When you say "yes" to this invitation…you find strength you never imagined, hope despite the odds, joy multiplied, peace that lasts, light brighter than any shadow, & the presence of God at every step. When you say "yes" to this invitation…Christ calls forth a boldness in you by his Spirit that trusts the age-old promise:

The LORD will personally go ahead of you.
He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.

Jesus invites you to accept his invitation…to allow His love life power Word to fill & direct your life so your heart is changed & your life shaped as we are entrusted w/ power & authority to invite others to join us on the way of Jesus…the journey w/ him.

Stretch out your hand

To receive or give mercy & restoration – forgiveness & freedom

The invitation is open… How will you respond to God's invitation?

Let's pray & then we'll see…

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord God, heavenly Father, you know that we are set in the midst of so many challenges & seemingly great dangers. We become fearful & anxious & seek shelter instead of perseverance. We too often duck & cover instead of holding our heads high. Grant us your strength & your protection. Defend us from fear in danger & fatigue in our daily work. Equip us to stand triumphant over all temptations. At every step let our feet move in time to your stride & walk confidently in your way; according to the life you give through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord alive in us…Amen.

Let's sing then we'll hear God's Word…

2 LENT '22 C – RSVP: INVITATION TO BOLDNESS

Last week we supported our sponsored young man Nguna to the tune of $682. For us that might be a couple weeks' rent or a utility bills…but in Kenya…or another country not like ours; it's a king's ransom & multiplies in impact & in joy & thanksgiving.

We get to glimpse that impact today. Stephen Gilmour & his fabulous family are here to share that "grace upon grace" that in Christ our gifts become. I don't need to say much more than welcome Stephen!

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Christ invites us to join in his life-transforming work…to make the gospel real & his grace tangible…When you say "yes" to this invitation…you find strength you never imagined, hope despite the odds, joy multiplied, peace that lasts, light brighter than any shadow, & the presence of God at every step. When you say "yes" to this invitation…Christ calls forth a boldness in you by his Spirit & His love life power Word fills & guides your life so your heart is changed & your life shaped as we are entrusted w/ power & authority to invite others to join us on the way of Jesus…the journey w/ him.

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Let's pray… Sovereign Lord, your hand has touched the dry bones of our lives & given birth to faith in you. Your Word has breathed new life where there was death, your spirit raised us up from where we lay, your love has brought us home and to your Cross, and by your grace we stand forgiven, free. Make us now a living sign of your presence & generous gracious provision to the world. Every word & deed a further invitation to join you for eternity…from now on in Jesus Christ…Amen