



Weekly Booster

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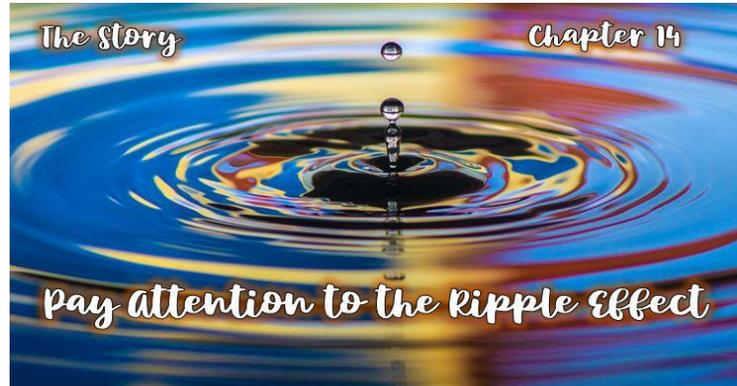
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The decisions you make and the actions you take affect those around you.

Rehoboam learned that lesson the hard way. Rehoboam followed his father Solomon to the throne of Israel. Solomon had exacted harsh labor on the people. A delegation, led by Jeroboam, went to the new king and asked him to take away the harshness.

In private, Rehoboam asked his elder council what he should do. They advised that he become a servant to the people, lighten their load, and the people would always be faithful servants to the king.

His circle of younger friends gave him just the opposite advice. They told him to work the people harder. He liked that idea, told the delegation his plans, and wound up with a divided kingdom.

At one time or another all of us are impacted by someone else's decisions or actions. When we suffer the negative consequences of another's wrongheaded decision, God can redeem the situation. Although Rehoboam wound up ruling only two tribes—Judah and Benjamin (as opposed to Jeroboam's rule over ten tribes)—it was through Judah that Jesus came to us. God can work, and often does what seems to us as his best work, in situations that seem the most difficult.

We should always consider how our decisions and actions affect those around us. In "systems thinking" it is said that "you are the highest leverage point in any system you are in." More simply stated, you can make a difference. You are more "powerful" than you think you are—no matter your station in life.

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Reminders

May 11th

Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m.

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

May 12th

T.O.P.S.
4:30 p.m.

May 16th

Methodist Men's Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
All Men Welcome

****Worship Assistants needed
for May**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

"The Story" Study Groups
Women-Wednesday-11:30 a.m.
All-Wednesday-6:15 p.m.

Ripple - Continued from page 1

Clint Eastwood's film *Invictus* tells the story of Nelson Mandela's use of the South African rugby team to help heal a nation divided by apartheid. In one scene of the movie he explains to a team member, "Reconciliation starts here. Forgiveness starts here." He knew his actions would have a ripple effect on those around him. Eventually the blessing of that "ripple" washed across the nation.

Rehoboam made a bad decision, but it was really his father Solomon's actions that divided the kingdom. He forsook the one true God and chased after other "gods," he neglected to serve the people and instead forced them to work harder, and he was focused on himself, as reflected in his accumulation of wives, gold, and horses in direct disobedience to God's counsel. His son Rehoboam was merely living out consequence of those decisions and actions.

Learn from Solomon's mistake. Love God first. Love others second. And serve those that do not yet know God. You will be surprised to see how far your ripple will travel.

Adapted from the article about The Story was originally written by Pastor Rick Brown of Christbridge Fellowship in Tomball, Texas.



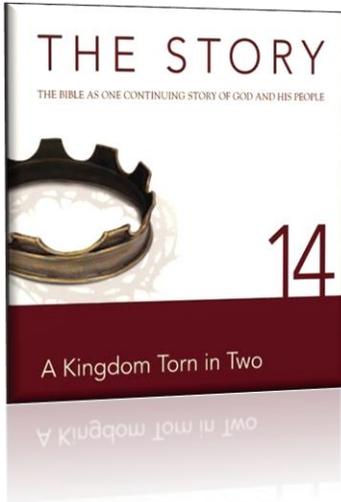
*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.*

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Books and Study Guides are still available. Contact the office.

Book Your Appointment Online



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste it into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.



Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High**
 Sunday School 10:15
 Questers (Adults) 10:30

****Chancel Choir –**
 Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Tuesday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Wednesday
 CLOSED

Thursday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Friday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



Where did Tabitha (whose name means Dorcas) live?	Why did Jacob ask to see Joseph's sons before his death?	Who was Jeremiah's scribe?
a) Philippi	a) to bless them	a) Baruch
b) Corinth	b) to get to know them	b) Jehudi
c) Joppa	c) to ask something from them	c) Elishama
d) Caesarea	d) to tell them a story	d) Hananiah

Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster

Birthdays and Anniversaries



8th – Janet Jones
 10th – Molly Bowen, Ryan Selby
 11th – McKenzie Sheeder
 12th – Jessica Lashier
 14th – Raymond Berlin

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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now on our Youtube channel only.

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

L: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

P: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

L: Therefore, beloved, let us know love in word or in speech but indeed and in truth.

P: Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.

All: This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen!

“A King Torn in Two”

New Testament Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

New Testament Scripture: *Revelation 7:9-17*

Gospel Reading: *John 10:22-30*

Songs

The Risen Christ #3179 (Green Book)

Christ Beside Me #2166 (Black Book)

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry #2051 (Black Book)

I'll Fly Away #2282 (Black Book)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 65

Online Worship – Facebook 7, Youtube 8

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

Answers for May 1st are d) Peter c) Persia a) Gomer

Clues for May 8th Q1) Acts, Q2) Genesis, Q3) Jeremiah



Pastor's Reflections

To all those who are called to be the Church of Jesus Christ,

This week in The Story we find a kingdom torn in two. This might be especially poignant in this season of the United Methodist Church. However, I encourage you to remember that the UMC is only one denomination of the **Church** that Jesus spoke about when he said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

We know the end of The Story, and it includes a New Garden where God will be among His people. God's sovereign will, mercy, and justice will determine who those people are – not you, and certainly not me. We know that it requires people to confess Jesus as Lord and believe in their hearts that God has raised him from the dead. We know that they will be known by their love and the fruits of the Spirit.

We know from scripture that the source of all division starts with rejection of God's first commandment, "I am the Lord your God...you will have no other gods before me." Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

Jesus also said the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. If we aren't in agreement in our conviction that God comes first, there can be no unity. The Bible teaches that we show our love through obedience to God. Our claim to love God will prove hollow if we continue to do our *own* thing rather than *His*.

Jesus also told us to love our neighbors like ourselves. The New Testament has many instructions for the Church, and they are centered on loving one another. Ephesians 4:2 says, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." Philippians 2:3 tells those in the Church, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."

Keep in mind that love and humility when dealing with one another, especially when we disagree.

Blessings,

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[Psalm 121:1-8](#)

Psalm 121 is a song that pilgrims sang on the long walk up the mount to Jerusalem. It's fitting that it begins with mountain imagery. The terrain approaching Jerusalem is rocky, arid, and difficult—and it makes for a sweaty climb. It is easy for your foot to slip, easy to be exposed mercilessly to the hot, Middle Eastern sun.

But Jerusalem is where the temple stood. For God's people, it was the place where God's presence could be found. So when the psalmist looks to the mountains, he is looking toward God's presence.

You, too, are on a pilgrimage. When life surprises you with pitfalls, or you stumble on the trail, or relentless trials beat down upon you like the hot sun, you can sing this psalm. You can ask God to invigorate your faith, as you remember where your help comes from— from the God of the universe who made everything you see, hear, touch, and experience.

Look up! See the sky. Sing to the Lord as you ascend, and know that he will protect, guide, and strengthen you today.

Reflect & Pray

What verse in Psalm 121 resonates most with you? Why does that particular verse encourage you today?

Lord, teach me to sing a song of ascent as I look to you today. Thank you for watching over me, sheltering me from harm. I am grateful for your kindhearted affection and protection. Amen.

Article drawn from the [NIV Radiant Virtues Bible](#). NIV News, HarperCollins Christian Publishing April 25, 2022, 501 Nelson Place, Nashville, TN 37214.



Please join us this Sunday, May 8th after church service in Fellowship Hall for cake to celebrate Janet Jones's 85th Birthday!

Women's Spring Tea, May 1, 2022

