



Weekly Booster

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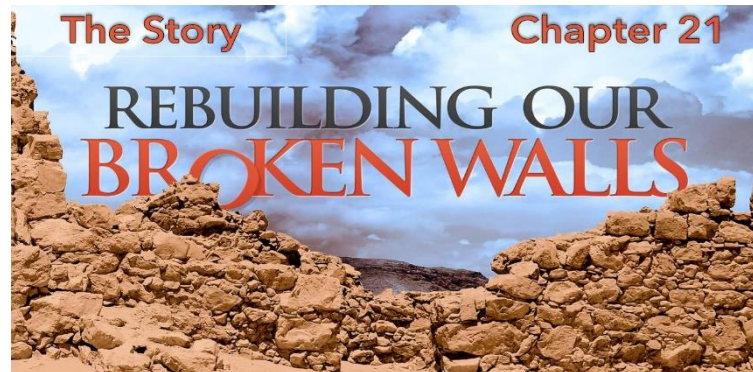
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Many of us were familiar with the film critic duo Siskel and Ebert. Gene Siskel died in 1999. Then, in 2006, Robert Ebert lost his lower jaw and his voice to complications from cancer. He has since relied on Post-it notes, his writing, and various automated voices. The kind you find on your laptop. He types in the words and then pushes a button that translates his written words into spoken words that come out of his speakers.

One voice was called Alex. A generic American accent with no emotion. Very robotic. He had used a British accent named Lawrence. But no off-the-shelf automated voice matched his distinctive voice, a voice that millions knew from his show, *At the Movies*, for so many years. The voice he most wanted was his own.

Enter CereProc. A Scottish company that customizes text-to-speech software for voiceless customers. The company custom-builds voices by mining an individual's archived voice recordings and piecing together, syllable by syllable, Ebert's voice. When it finishes its work, Ebert will sound like Ebert. At least more so than Alex or Lawrence do.

Sometimes we don't miss a voice until it goes silent. At the end of the Old Testament, there is a period of 400 years often referred to as "the silent years."

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"I understand once again that the greatness of God reveals itself in the simple things." – Paulo Coelho

Reminders

June 25th

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

June 26th

Men's Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

June 29th

Women's Bible Study – 11:30 a.m.

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
No choir until fall

June 30th

T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants are needed for July**

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

"The Story" Study Groups
Women-Wednesday-11:30 a.m.

**** Special Music is needed for the summer. If you or you know of someone that would like to charge their musical talents this summer, please contact the office**

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Years without any prophets or leaders whose words or lives were recorded in Scripture. Years where there was no voice from God.

But before the silence, Ezra read the word of God to the people. His desire was that they rebuild the wall around Jerusalem for protection. And God's greater desire was to rebuild the hearts of his people. The men, women, and children gathered together. They heard the word. They understood the word. And then they did the word.

You can hear God's voice in the same way these people did. Through his word. It's not Alex's voice. It's not Lawrence's voice. It's his voice. When you hear it there will be a response. The Israelites wept. Others have repented. Still, others have heard the good news and rejoiced. And you? If you hear it today, it can rebuild your life.

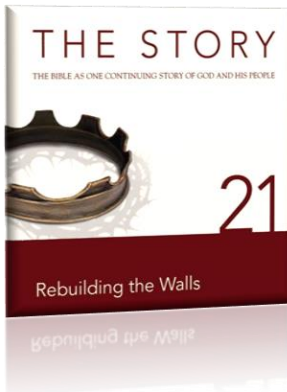
Ebert's real voice may never be heard "live" again. But God is still speaking today. You only need to gather the men, women, and children, open his book, and listen.

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



The children of Marlene Clark are inviting you to join them for cake and coffee on Saturday, July 2nd in honor of Marlene Clark's 90th birthday. The celebration will take place at the Depot Deli from 2:30-5:00 p.m. We hope you can stop by to help celebrate this special occasion.





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.



How many talents of gold did the queen of Sheba bring as a gift to Solomon?

- a) 15
- b) 120
- c) 600
- d) 989

"My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be ___ years?"

- a) 90
- b) 100
- c) 110
- d) 120

How many goats were offered as a sin offering during the dedication of the house of God in the book of Ezra?

- a) 3 goats
- b) 7 goats
- c) 9 goats
- d) 12 goats

Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster

Birthdays and Anniversaries



26th – Margaret Brady

27th – Hillary Manrose, Rex & Lu Hickman, Jon & Liz Skillern

28th – Josh & Laura Bowen, Brent & Lesley Ehlers

29th – LuAnn Armstrong

30th – Lois Anderson, Drew Morelock, Amy Polston

2nd – John & Heidi Williams

**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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Go to the addresses by holding down the Ctrl button and clicking on the links
<http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

Live streaming of our weekly service is now on our Youtube channel only.

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

Leader: God is a God who calls.

People: We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.

L: God is a God who equips.

P: We are here to worship and to be shaped into the body of Christ.

L: God is a God who sends.

P: We are here to worship so that we can carry that spirit of worship out into the world where we live.

L: God is a God who blesses.

P: We are here to worship and to request a double share of that blessing.

All: Let us worship God. AMEN.

“Rebuilding the Walls”

Old Testament Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

New Testament Scripture: *Galatians Galatians 5:1, 13-25*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:51-62*

Songs

I Love You, Lord #2068 (Black Book)

Spirit of the Living God #393 (Hymnal)

How Great Thou Art #77 (Hymnal)

Seek Ye First #405 (Hymnal)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 61

Online Worship – Youtube 12

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 June 19th are c) 30 years old a) John the Baptist
d) fisherman**



Pastor's Reflections

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

As I write this we are in a new season. Yes, it is the first day of summer, but it is also a new season for your church. This year has brought new policy in your annual conference, a new interim bishop, and – as of July 1st – a new pastor. On top of that the CAT results show a church that is less than satisfied with how things are in the church. Beloved, it is a season to work.

We have seen repeatedly through our study of The Story that positive change for God's people starts with a change of heart. Examine yourselves and be honest about where you have put God in your daily lives. Make any necessary changes. Put in the work on your relationship with your Heavenly Father. Seek first the Kingdom of God!

I leave you not with my words, but with words from God's word:

So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and, in your name, perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' -Matthew 7:12-23 (NIV)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. - Philippians 4:4-8 (NIV) - Pastor Kelly



An 8-Point Inventory for Spiritual Growth

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts” – [Psalm 139:23](#)

Most of us don't like to look within ourselves for the same reason we don't like to open a letter that we know contains bad news. But taking a spiritual inventory every so often provides a framework for recognizing both the good and the bad qualities that make us who we are, changes that bring us closer to God, and areas to celebrate! Consider these areas of life:

1. Our Relationships with Others

In [Matthew 6:12 – 14](#) Jesus instructs us to pray, “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” Consider any resentments, grudges, or jealousies you may have. Take the time to evaluate whether you've been blaming others for your own ill-advised choices, and be sure to note those people you've hurt, been critical of, or gossiped about.

Reflect: What do you see as the major reasons some of your relationships have been lost or are less than they could be?

2. Our Priorities in Life

We naturally do what's important to us. Others identify our priorities by our actions, not by our words. [Matthew 6:33](#) tells us what will happen if we make God our number one focus: “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Seek to identify those areas of your life in which you're still not putting God first. Notice whether or not your priorities have been self-centered or self-serving. Examine the possibility that misplaced priorities may have harmed those close to you.

Reflect: What are some of the positive priorities in your life? Which priorities do you need to change?

3. Our Attitudes

[Ephesians 4:31](#) counsels us to “get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.” Look for areas of your life for which you’re ungrateful. Reflect upon whether you’ve been easily angered by or sarcastic toward someone else. Explore why you’re still fearful of certain people and situations.

Reflect: How do you go about maintaining an “attitude of gratitude”?

4. Our Integrity

In [Colossians 3:9 – 10](#), we’re instructed, “Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” Look for areas in your life in which you’ve been dishonest; areas in which you may have exaggerated your good qualities or achievements to make yourself look good. Examine whether or not you live one way in front of your Christian friends and another way at home or at work.

Reflect: How would you rate your integrity? Do others trust you to follow through on your promises?

5. Our Mind

Did you know that the most difficult thing to open is a closed mind? [Romans 12:2](#) gives us clear direction regarding our minds: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.” We need to acknowledge and examine ways in which our coping skills — our denial — may have protected us from pain and hurt in the past. Our denial may have afforded us protection, but it did so by preventing us from living in and dealing with reality.

Reflect: In what ways do you try to fill your mind with the truth and with other positive thoughts?

6. Our Body

Satan works through our bodies, our flesh, but thank God that the believer’s body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. God freely gives us the grace of his Spirit. He values us so highly that he chose to place his Spirit within each of us. We owe it to our Creator to have as much respect for ourselves as he has for us. [First Corinthians 6:19 – 20](#) asks, “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

Reflect: How have you mistreated your body in the past? How are you treating it today?

7. Our Family

Joshua, one of Israel's Old Testament leaders, made a bold statement regarding his household: "If serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" ([Joshua 24:15](#)). God designed the family to be a safety net from life's storms. As much as it depends on us, we need to provide a haven for our family.

Reflect: How would you rate your relationship with your family? How can you improve it?

8. Our Church

[Hebrews 10:24–25](#) motivates us with these words: "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Analyze whether or not you've been faithful to your church in the past. Your church is like a bank: The more you put into it, the more interest you gain. Determine whether you've been supportive or critical of your church. If you don't like something about it, get involved so you can help change it or at least understand it better. Replace your grumbling with service.

Reflect: Do you have a church home? Do you actively support it with your time, talents, and treasures?

Spiritual Renewal as We Step into God's Truth

These eight areas offer an easy checklist for spiritual inventory. As you consider changes in your life, remember two things. First, in [Isaiah 1:18](#) God invites us: "Come now, let us settle the matter . . . Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Second, keep your inventory balanced by making sure to note the positives in your life and the ways that you've been able to step into God's truth.

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The Upper Room for July and August is now available. There are both large and small print books available. You will find them located inside the front glass doors and in the elevator.