



Weekly Booster

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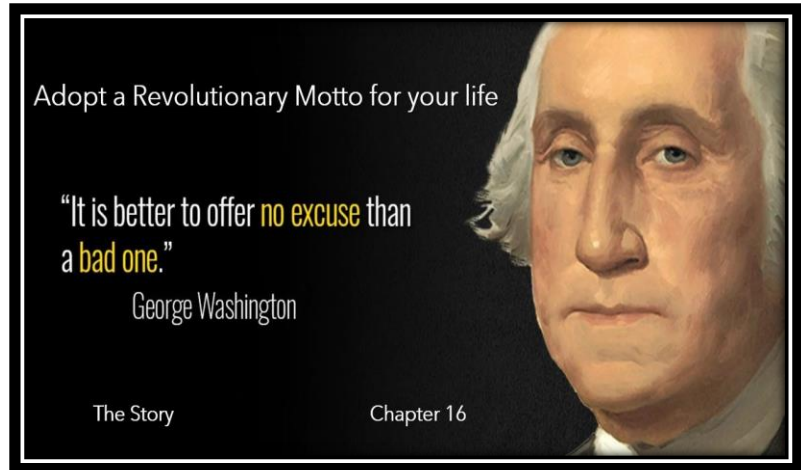
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In the early formation of our nation George Washington had the opportunity to become king of the burgeoning nation. But given the young nation's experience with England and because he had a robust prayer life, he knew there was only one King, so he declined the offer.

The people of the land apparently knew the same. "In a 1774 report to King George, the Governor of Boston noted:" If you ask an American, who is his master? He will tell you he has none, nor any governor but Jesus Christ." The pre-war Colonial Committees of Correspondence soon made this the American motto: "No King but King Jesus."¹

The story of God's chosen people might have gone very differently had they chanted the same motto. Instead, they wanted a king. Over the period of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah there were thirty-eight kings. Only five of them were good. Of the others a refrain heard throughout the Old Testament goes like this: "They did evil in the eyes of the Lord."

Prophets appeared exhorting the people to turn back to God. God spoke through one prophet—Isaiah—to tell the people of Judah that they would be captured and deported to Babylon but afterward he would bring them back home. The purpose? "Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in me will not be disappointed. Then the whole human race will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob" (Isaiah 49:23).

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*When you have a dream,
you've got to grab it &
never let go – Carol
Burnett*

*Nothing is impossible.
The word itself says "I'm
possible!" Audrey
Hepburn*

Reminders

May 25th

No Women's Bible Study
for the next two weeks.

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.

Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

May 26th

T.O.P.S.

4:30 p.m.

**Worship Assistants needed
for May 29th & June

** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall

"The Story" Study Groups

Women-Wednesday-11:30 a.m.

All-Wednesday-6:15 p.m.

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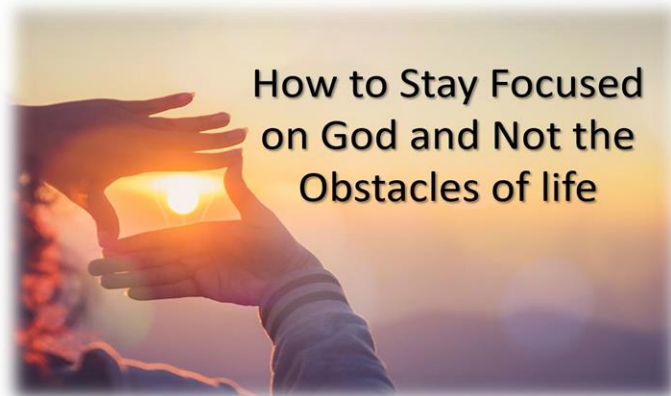
In Isaiah 53 the prophet depicts the coming Messiah. "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain" (Isaiah 53: 2, 3). God did not want the people to miss him. But they did. And still do.

Our nation would have gone a much different route had Washington agreed to be king. But he seemed to know what many others didn't. When we displace God on the throne of our lives, the outcome will go horribly wrong. But when we put God on the throne in our lives, we put ourselves in the best possible position for godly success.

Maybe our American ancestors knew the best way to start a revolution. Adopt the motto "No King but King Jesus" in your life. See what changes that ignites in your life.

¹ Idea from Randy Frazee's sermon on *The Story*, Chapter 16. Reference from "Is America a Christian Nation?" CARL PEARLSTON <http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/politics/pg0040.html>

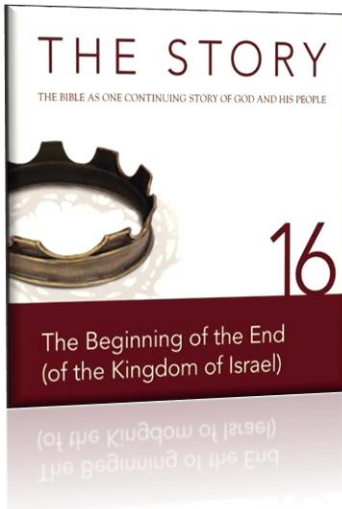
Adapted from the article about The Story was originally written by Pastor Rick Brown of Christbridge Fellowship in Tomball, Texas.



If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them." [Numbers 14:8-9](#)

There are times when fear can paralyze the bravest of hearts. When we perceive threat to our well-being or an obstacle standing between us and our goals, we often fear that the overall plan for our lives is in serious jeopardy.

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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.



Why did the redeemer before Boaz refuse to buy the field & acquire Ruth?

- a) he didn't want to impair his inheritance
- b) unable to care for Ruth
- c) he did not love Ruth
- d) he was busy

With what weapon was Goliath defeated?

- a) sword
- b) sling
- c) bow
- d) chariot

Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster

What did Nahum say the shepherds & nobles of the people of Nineveh do?

- a) sleep and snore
- b) drink & stagger
- c) asleep & slumber
- d) doze and sleep

Birthdays and Anniversaries



22nd – Amanda McIntosh, Hilary Rodewald
23rd - Bev Delehant
24th – Nathan Crowdes, Scott & Ashley Lundgren
25th – Mace & Robin Hensen
26th – Rex Hickman
28th – Mike Peterson

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

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "Those who love me will keep my word."

People: Lord help us to know your word.

L: The Lord desires to make a home with those whom He loves.

P: Lord, make your home with us

L: In Jesus you may have peace. Do not let your hearts be troubled.

P: Lord, help us not to fear in this world of tribulation

All: Jesus has overcome come the world. Praise be to God!

"The Beginning of the End"

New Testament Scripture: Acts 16:9-15

New Testament Scripture: *Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5*

Gospel Reading: *John 14:23-29*

Songs

In The Garden #314 (Hymnal)

God Leads Us Along #3031 (Green Book)

Blessed Assurance #369 (Hymnal)

Awesome God #2040 (Black Book)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 65

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 May 15th are a) Samson b) Paul b) leprosy

Clues for May 22nd Q1) Ruth, Q2) 1Samuel, Q3) Nahum



Pastor's Reflections

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

This week in The Story we read about God's messengers. Sometimes the message from God is a hard one to hear. Sometimes the message is encouraging. Sometimes it's a little of both. Sometimes what we get out of the message depends on what we bring to it ourselves. Will we listen with humble hearts, or will we listen defensively? Will we hang on through the tough parts of the message and make it to the encouraging parts?

As I was in worship this weekend, I heard some hard things and some encouraging things. I'm going to share a couple of the things that I took away from the messages I heard.

Victory has a name, and it's Jesus. God's people are empowered by Jesus' name. What will you do in Jesus' name?

If we picture the body of Christ (that's us) as an orchestra, we find the Jesus is the conductor of many, often squeaky, instruments – like an elementary school orchestra conductor. We must develop our gifts and talents, never stop practicing, so that we can bring glory to the conductor. One of the ways we do that is with rich, spiritual disciplines. Daily be in the Word, in prayer, in service.

Maybe we should leave the back pews open for the new folks who come to see what, or should I say who, our worship is all about. Wouldn't you be more comfortable in the back when going someplace new? Let's love our neighbors like ourselves.

Blessings,

Pastor Kelly

p.s. I have spoken to the men's Bible study group about C.S. Lewis. You may know him as the author of The Chronicles of Narnia, but he also wrote several works about Christianity. I just became aware of a *free* course that might be worth checking out. You can find it here: <https://lp.hillsdale.edu/cs-lewis-christianity-preregister/>

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In those times we need to remember the promises of God.

When the Israelite spies set out on a reconnaissance mission to assess the land of Canaan, they had no idea what they would encounter. It was a great honor to be chosen by Moses for such an assignment, and Moses selected the top leader from each of the twelve tribes for the job.

Yet all their training and leadership experience did not prepare them for something so overwhelming. Who had ever heard of a grape cluster so huge that it had to be carried on a pole lifted by two men ([Numbers 13:23](#))? Who could possibly be prepared for Canaanite warriors so massive they dwarfed the best of Israel's army ([Numbers 13:33](#))? It is no wonder these spies felt a whirling mix of emotions as they headed back to their commander-in-chief to give a full report.

You can imagine the scene. Moses and Aaron (Moses' brother) gathered the people to hear the news. The spies confirmed that the Promised Land was indeed everything God said it was — but they focused on what they saw as the obstacles to their taking the land, namely the giants who lived there. They gave an accurate report, but they failed to give the whole story. Only Joshua and Caleb spoke the truth.

These two faithful men recounted what they had seen and then reiterated, in their own words, the promises of God that had brought them to this point: “If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them” ([Numbers 14:8–9](#)). Joshua and Caleb lived to see the Promised Land, but only because they focused on the goal God had laid out for them and not on the obstacles standing in the way ([Numbers 14:30](#); [26:64–65](#); [32:11–12](#)).

The blessings God has in store for you are just as rich! Never allow shortsighted vision — especially one focused on obstacles — to block the far-reaching plan of the Lord.

Article drawn from [The Charles F. Stanley Life Principles Bible, 2nd Edition, NIV](#). NIV News, HarperCollins Christian Publishing April 25, 2022, 501 Nelson Place, Nashville, TN 37214.



The Church Directory now has 27 people listed. There will be one more opportunity to have your picture taken at the church after Pastor Kelly returns from vacation. Update your contact information yourself (see how-to video here: https://youtu.be/3NGE7Ec5_jA), or **we** can help you. Tell us what info of yours we can share in the directory, even if it's none. It's your decision. A printed directory will be available, but the main directory will be online through our One Church software. One Church software only has places for individual photos, but we are happy to take a family photo for you, too. You can provide your own photo. You can upload it yourself, or we'll help you do it.

