

Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

10 August 2014

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:2

Topics

A.M. Bible Class:

God is able (Isaiah 59:1-2)

A.M. Lesson:

What is your job (John 14:1-6)?

P.M. Lesson:

Prophecy of Scripture (2 Peter 1:12-21)

Wednesday:

The rise and fall of Judah during Hezekiah's reign (2 Kings 19 ff)

Pulpit Evangelist

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Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

He Is Able

Hymn # 206

There is a beautiful song in our hymnals called "He Is Able." It was written by Rory Noland and Greg Ferguson. A second verse was later added by Virginia H. Vick.

The words to this song express a faith challenge. When there are problems that need solutions, God always expects us to act in whatever ways he has given us power to act. Sometimes, unfortunately, we are totally powerless to act. In those times, all we can do is wait for God's action.

*Honesty has disappeared;
the one who tries to avoid evil is robbed.
The LORD watches and is displeased,
for there is no justice.
He sees there is no advocate;
he is shocked that no one intervenes.
So he takes matters into his own hands;
his desire for justice drives him on (Isaiah 59:15-16 NET).*

*But those who wait for the LORD's help
find renewed strength;
they rise up as if they had eagles' wings,
they run without growing weary,
they walk without getting tired (Isaiah 40:31).*

This song expresses God's peace when we feel totally powerless to enact positive change and we surrender the problem and its solution to God:

He is able, more than able
to accomplish what concerns me today.
He is able, more than able
to handle anything that comes my way.
He is able, more than able
to do much more than I could ever dream,
He is able, more than able
to make me what He want me to be.

I will trust Him, always trust Him
when I can't predict my life's rise or fall.
I will trust Him, always trust Him
when I can't understand my life at all.
I will trust Him, yes, I'll trust Him
to make all things to work for good to me;
I will trust Him, always trust Him
to make me what He wants me to be.

Thomas says he doesn't know

Richard A Burridge

John 14:1-7

"Do not let your hearts be distressed. You believe in God; believe also in me. There are many dwelling places in my Father's house. Otherwise, I would have told you, because I am going away to make ready a place for you. And if I go and make ready a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that where I am you may be too. And you know the way where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus replied, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have known me, you will know my Father too. And from now on you do know him and have seen him."

Again, Thomas misunderstands, thinking at the earthly level. When Jesus was going into Judea to wake Lazarus, Thomas morosely went to "die with him" (John 11:16). Again, he has not realized what Jesus means, and does not know the way to this wonderful place. Jesus replies that we do not have to go anywhere—we have to *be* with him: "I am the way, the truth and the life." As with other "I am" sayings, these are all key Jewish terms which Jesus is claiming to fulfill. To be the "way" is similar to "I am the door" (John 10:7-9), while the "truth" is what Jesus has been talking about throughout the gospel. All the other "I am" sayings involve "life", "bread of life", "resurrection and life" and so forth. Now they all come together. As the Jewish law and scriptures brought people to God, now Jesus is claiming to be the way to the Father, where all truth and life is to be found.

No other religious teacher claimed actually to *be* the way, the truth and the life, but rather to

have pointed people *to* the way, the truth and life of God. Only one who has come from God, from the infinite, can become the bridge whereby finite human beings come to God. Wherever anyone finds truth and life in God they come through the way of Jesus. They do not just find God, but they know him as Jesus reveals him, as our Father: "if you (plural) know me, you will know my Father also."

Daily Bible Commentary on John (Hendrickson).

Special Request

Please refrain from wearing supplemental fragrances and colognes to services. Some of us are sensitive to perfumes even in light application. In a setting such as this, sensitive ones find it difficult to escape the fragrance clouds and to find fresh air.

News

Mike Cavasos will have sinus surgery on August 26.

Tatyana Knowlton is visiting family in Russia and Ukraine.

John and Sharon Cunningham are traveling.

Esther, Nysha and Sara Atchley are traveling.

They plan to be home this week.

A **building cleaning** is scheduled for

September 6 at 10:00 A.M. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 10 A.M.

Prayer List:

Bill and Barbara Eisenberg, H.L.

Boling, Mike and Sandy Cavasos,

Nic and Ani Self, Richard Tuey.

