

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer. Pray for Tony who is recovering from an ankle surgery.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Bellas.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for the Ewings.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 8/11/24: 58

Online views (through 8/15): 6

Giving

Online: (8/5/24-8/11/24): \$260

In-Person on 8/4/24: \$300 for general

Rather view this information on your phone?
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



Give Online



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Matthew 9:29

Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you."


Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

August 18th, 2024

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be **CONNECTED** with Jesus, **CHANGED** by Jesus, and **COMMITTED** to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



EMAIL LIST: If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

SERMON SERIES: We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about a passage where Jesus heals a couple of people.

Announcements

SMALL GROUPS: Small groups will be starting again soon! Last year we changed our small groups to have a men's and women's group. This year we plan on having those groups meet again, every other Tuesday. The youth group will also be starting up again for the school year. If you are interested, please sign up at the welcome counter. There is also a schedule available at the welcome counter. For more information, please see Pastor Josh.

LUNCH AT THE FISHERS: Pastor Josh and Tammi are inviting the church over to their house for lunch on 9/8 and 9/15! Last names A-H are 9/8 (A-D bring a side dish, E-H bring a dessert) and I-Z are 9/15 (I-R bring a side dish, S-Z bring a dessert). Please feel free to ask Josh and Tammi any questions.

Opportunities to Help

TECH: Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

WORSHIP TEAM: Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

PRAYER GUIDE: Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.

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Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

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James 4:1-3, Micah 3:4, Prov. 15:8

ii. _____

1 Pet. 3:7-12, Prov. 28:9, Is. 1:15, 59:2, John 15:7

iii. _____

James 4:3, 1 John 5:14, Matt. 21:22

2. Next, make sure to:

i. Pray, and pray _____

Luke 18:1-8, Col. 4:2, Rom. 12:12, 1 Thess. 5:17, Eph. 6:18

ii. Put it in God's hands, and be _____ with His answer

2 Cor. 12:1-10, Eph. 6:10, Rom. 5:3, James 1:2

iii. Ask God to strengthen your _____

Mark 9:24, 10:27, Heb. 11:6, Luke 17:5, Phil. 4:13

3. Finally, after all of that, don't forget to:

i. Be _____ to God

John 14:15, Luke 11:28, James 1:22, Rom. 6:16, 1 John 5:3

ii. Remember God's _____

Ps. 77:11-12, Ex. 12:25-27, Deut. 6:12, 8:2, Joshua 4:21-24, 1 Cor. 11:24

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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 9:27-31 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- Have you ever felt like God wasn't answering your prayers? What was the situation like, and what ended up happening? If you feel like you're in that situation right now, take some time to jot down how you've felt during this process.

Diving In

1. In this passage of Scripture, there is no indication that Jesus stopped to talk to the men who were crying out to Him. They probably felt like Jesus had abandoned them, and didn't hear their cry for help. Have you ever felt like that?

- If you have ever felt like that, what was the situation that was going on?
- Do you feel you have been praying about something during this season of your life and God hasn't answered your prayers? What have you been praying about?

2. Looking at your answers from question #1, and looking at the first part of the message outline, what in your past has hindered your prayer life?

- Be honest with yourself: is there anything during this season of your life that is hindering your prayer life?
- If there is something that is hindering your prayer life, what is your next step to deal with it in a way that would honor and glorify God the most?

3. Instead of just letting Jesus pass through, the blind men follow Him, which would have been difficult considering the nature of their disability. What do you think led them to accomplish this daunting task?

- How easily do you stop praying about something? What could encourage you to continually pray? Spend some time in prayer, asking that God would strengthen your faith.
- When you do get an answer from God, how can you be more content with whatever answer He gives you?

4. It's so easy to forget the situations that we've been through, but if we are intentional not to forget the situations that God has pulled us through, it can help to strengthen our faith down the road. What's a situation that you can remember, that God answered your prayer after you cried out to Him?

- How can you help yourself not to forget that prayer that God answered?
- How can you best share that story with others to encourage them in their faith?

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
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