

Have You Ever Been Carried Away From Him?

By: Oswald Chambers

If love does not carry us beyond ourselves, it is not love. If love is always discreet, always wise, always sensible and calculating, it is not love. It may be affection or warmth of feeling, but it does not have the true nature of love in it.

In Mark 14, Mary of Bethany is so carried away by her love for Jesus that she breaks a bottle of precious perfume and pours the fragrance over his head. Have I ever done something like this for God, not because it is my duty or there is some reward in it for me but just because I love him? If you are spending all your time marveling about the magnificence of the redemption, remember that there are valuable things you could be doing for the Redeemer. Not colossal, divine things: simple, human things that show God you genuinely love him.

There are times when it seems as though God is watching just to see if we will abandon ourselves to him. It's as though he wants to catch us in a natural, spontaneous, affectionate action.

Abandonment is of more value to God than personal holiness. Personal holiness fixes the eye on its own spotlessness. When we fixate on our own holiness, we obsess over how we walk and talk and look. We become fearful of offending God, anxiously wondering if we're useful. If we come to the conclusion that no, we aren't, we are near the truth. It is never a question of being useful but of being of value to God himself. When we are abandoned to God, he works through us all the time.



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We exist to glorify God by serving as a conduit for the grace of God whereby faith the Love, Life, Lordship and Leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed and expanded to all nations.

Mission Statement:

We desire to be a multi-cultural, multi-generational conduit of the grace of God to be used to fulfil our purpose, for the glory of God.

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Weekly Corporate Gatherings:

Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM
Discipleship Groups (times vary)

Staff:

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Order of Worship
Sunday, Sep 15, 2024

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(**Congregation** responses spoken together appear in **bold print**.)

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God, we celebrate God's abundant and powerful love day by day and night by night. God watches over us, loving and healing us. Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

(Prayer) Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. In Jesus name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen.**

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

[Glory to Glory to Glory](#) [Glory and Honor](#) [King of Glory](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; squash our assumptions; cast our causal detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that You can, we pray that You will, and we wait with great anticipation, in Jesus' name we pray (and we all agree by saying) **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 50:4-10 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 116 1-9 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[Trusting Jesus](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING James 3:1-12 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-37 (NASB95)

SERMON: <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Loving and merciful God, You know our hearts and You know our lives. We confess to You that which causes separation, pain, and distress. We confess to You our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for Your grace to reconcile, to heal and to build up. We love You and want to follow You. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION: NICENE CREED

BLESSING AND SENDING

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3 NASB95

15 Sep 2024

Pastor Aaron Jackson

1. Don't _____ for the _____ to fall on your _____.

(Daniel 2:17-18)

2. One _____ experience doesn't mean your _____

_____ is _____. (Daniel 2:46-49. 3:1)

3. _____ when the world expects you to _____

_____. (Daniel 3:12-17)

4. _____ will be with you _____, even in the _____!

(Daniel 3:24-27)

5. Even if you're _____, God is still _____.

(Daniel 3:18)

Obey: Examine your own life and see which path you're on. Are you on a path that leads to Jesus at the altar or is your path leading towards a different altar?

God's will and our prayers (sometimes)

Prayer Group: 'Oh Lord, we beseech thee, change Nebuchadnezzar's heart!'

God: 'No'

Prayer Group: 'Oh Lord, don't let your faithful servants be thrown in the fire... please, think of their families!'

God: 'I want them thrown in the fire'

Prayer Group: 'Oh Lord, they're getting close, um... I command the flames to be gone in Jesus name!'

God: 'My child, it is my will and desire that they go through the flames - I have something for them but it is only found in the midst of the fire.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Theme Of The Year: Remember our theme for this year...the 3 P's: Proclaim, Persuade & Pray! This is a daily prayer we commit to acting on regularly, along with weekly accountability. If you are not already...Join us, get involved in the call and ministry of God!

COPORATE FAST: Our corporate fasting and prayer time will be at the end of this month from Thursday September 26th to conclude Sunday September 29th. Information will be available on the church family page of our website.

Authorities we want to specifically pray for this week:

MO US Senator- Josh Hawley

MO State Senator District 2- Nick Schroer

11th Judicial Court Circuit Judge Div. 5- W. Chris McDonough

Div. 6- Trisha McCulloch