



April 15, 2021

Hello Bethel,

Conversations can lead to the strangest places. I was having a conversation this week about work and it led back to the passage from Sunday. As we talked about the trials, struggles, and suffering that we all will go through (from James 1), we began to talk about going through it alone, as opposed to going through it with a community. That led to thinking about our gospel values as a church (remember IHART) and how Intentionality, Authenticity, Relationship, and Transformation all play into the journey of trials, struggles, and suffering. That led me to one of my favorite passages—Hebrews 10. The writer of Hebrews tells us in verses 22-24:

***“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near (NLT).***

My friends, we were never intended to go through these times alone. We always have God encouraging and strengthening us, but we also have a community that will walk with us. We need to be intentional in not isolating ourselves when we go through the process. We need to share with others authentically how we are struggling and how it is affecting us. We have relationships within our faith family that will journey with us through the dark valleys. We need to be confident that we will be changed and transformed as God works in us to bring us to maturity, completion, lacking nothing we need to be a follower of Jesus.

All this from one rather simple conversation about work...I love how God works to teach us when we least expect it. Have a great week! We will see you on Sunday when we start looking at the incredible story of Ruth!

Pastor Geoff

### *Greetings From Your Bethel Office*

#### *AWANA News:*



During the year T&Ts earn points to spend in the store on items for parents, siblings or friends. The Spring Store is April 21. The store is great for Mother's Day, and Father's Day gifts. Another item clubbers can spend their points on is a scholarship to use toward a week of Bible camp.

Would you consider donating an item or two for the store? The list below are suggested items for the store. *(Please NO used items.) Thank you.*

### **Suggested Items for Store:**

- Footballs, Soccer balls, Baseballs
- Nerf balls
- Outdoor games
- Gift Items for parents or teacher gifts
- Craft kits
- Water toys or games

**T&Ts are grades 3rd to 5th grade.**

**Items can be dropped off by the Children's check-in Counter.**

Wednesday, April 21 is the spring store night.

**Thank You,**

Have you been wanting to download the Bible App (*YouVersion*) on your phone/tablet/ipad? You can do this easily with the steps below. If you have any questions or problems, please call the church office 532-7040

### Instructions for the Bible App:



**1: First** go to the App Store and in the "search" bar type in: "**the Bible app free**". An icon of a **brown Bible** will appear and that is the one you download. (the app is free)

**2: When** the app is downloaded on your phone, **click on bible icon**. A screen with your name will come up.

**3: On the bottom** of the screen in the right corner is an icon labeled "**More**", (it has three horizontal bars above it) **click on that**.

A list will come up starting with your name, notifications, friends, etc.

**4: Move down** that list until you will see "**Events**", **click on that**. The screen that comes up will have a map.

**5: Below the map** will be the name of the church, "**Bethel Church**", **click on our name**. When you click on our name it will take you to the **Sunday Event**. The Sunday event will have our announcements, etc. and as you scroll down, you will get to the sermon. This will provide you with a place to take your own notes as well as the verses being taught for that Sunday.

**NOTE:** *The Sunday service appears early on Sunday mornings and will stay available for 7 days, until the next Sunday date. For instance: April 11th was available early morning of April 11 and will last on the site until Saturday April 17th. Sunday April 18th will be available at 6:00 am that day.*

### [Missions / Salvation Army Dinner](#)

Are you looking for a place to serve? The Missions Team is looking for a few people to help with the Salvation Army Dinner on April 30. If you would like to help out, please contact Jack Price 308.530.8786