

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 1:35-45

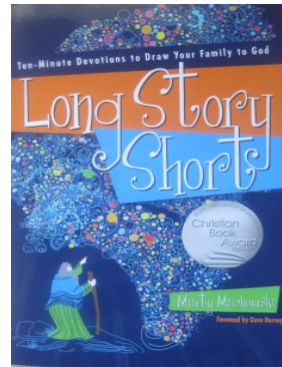
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

## THE POWER AND PRIORITY OF PRAYER

Final Song

Benediction

### New in the Rosedale Library:



**Long Story Short:** Ten minute devotions to help you establish a pattern of family worship in your home. No preparation is required – read a passage of Scripture together, discuss a few questions and pray. Recommended by Pastor John and Leslie.

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### Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

- Monday**      Van Galen, Sam
- Tuesday**      Warankie, Diane
- Wednesday**      Warankie, Pat & Danielle
- Thursday**      Watson, Leroy & Gay
- Friday**      Ynema, Ron & Willie
- Saturday**      Arnold, Nelson & Heather  
Grace, Michael, Elizabeth

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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### Memory Verses for Junior Church:

#### Younger Elementary:

“He must become greater; I must become less.” - John 3:30

#### Middle Elementary:

**Review:** “Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.” - Acts 13:38

## This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am  
Lord's Table – 10:30 am  
CAP Money Course – 6:30 pm

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**Veil of Tears:** Thank you for supporting the 'Veil of Tears' dinner and movie event. \$1549 was raised which is enough to purchase 18 sewing machines through the ministry of Gospel for Asia.

**CAP Money Course:** The CAP Money Course is a free three week course to help you manage your money better and learn to budget, save and spend well. Beginning next Sunday (June 7<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30pm. If you would be interested in attending or inviting a friend please speak with Leslie Bellingham.

**Elisha House Baby Shower:** On June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Elisha House is sponsoring a Baby Shower for two young moms who have chosen life (Katelyn and Gillian). If you would like to attend the shower on behalf of Rosedale, or to provide a gift please contact Nikki: nikki@elishahouse.on.ca

**Summer Events & Dates:** Please take note of the following summer dates. More information on each of these events will be coming soon!

- Ladies' Fellowship – June 27
- Community Festival & Garage Sale – July 11
- Outdoor Service & Picnic – July 12
- Daily Vacation Bible School – July 13-17

## The Priority and Power of Prayer - Mark 1:35-45

### I. Jesus Prayer Life (vv. 35-39)

#### 1) Priority of Prayer

- a. Jesus was likely exhausted from the previous evening of ministry (vv. 29-32)
- b. In spite of His busy schedule, Jesus begins the new day in prayer with His Father!
- c. He understood the priority of prayer!
  - i. Peter wrongly thought that ministry activity was the priority – subtle rebuke directed toward Jesus in v. 23
  - ii. Jesus knew the importance of speaking to God about men, before we speak to men about God
  - iii. Jesus' prayer life was more than a model for us– it was essential to His ministry

#### 2) Place of Prayer

- a. Jesus retreated to a 'desolate place' away from the crowds – continuation of the wilderness theme that permeates chapter 1 of Mark
- b. Perhaps this indicates a fight with temptation – the temptation of worldly 'success'??
  - i. Jesus' response to Peter in v. 38 reveals His motive for ministry
  - ii. Jesus' was concerned with the spread of the gospel, not with the accolades of worldly 'success' and popularity

**Application:** *"If He who was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners, thus prayed continually, how much more ought we who are compassed with infirmity?" - J.C. Ryle*

-What does your prayer life indicate about your priorities? Are you depending on God or on self?

## II. Jesus' Power to Heal (vv. 40-45)

#### 1) The Problem

- a. Leprosy was a terrible disease which was very common during Jesus day (Luke 4:27)
- b. A stark picture of sin and its consequences in our lives
  - i. Sin disfigures and defiles us
  - ii. Sin isolates us from God and from others
  - iii. Sin renders us spiritually 'dead' even as we continue to live

#### 2) The Plea

- a. This man knows he is in a helpless situation
- b. He believes that Jesus is able to heal him
- c. He isn't sure whether Jesus is willing to help

**Application:** Jesus is always willing to cleanse those who will call out to him for mercy and grace! *"Blessed indeed is he who has learned that he is a spiritual leper... To know our disease is one step toward the cure." - J.C. Ryle*

#### 3) The Provision

- a. Jesus is moved with human emotion
  - i. Compassion for the man Himself
  - ii. Anger about the effects of sin on Creation
- b. Jesus touches him
  - i. A shocking violation of the ceremonial law
  - ii. Normally touching leads to defilement, but in this case touching leads to cleansing!

#### 4) The Prohibition

- a. Jesus commands the man to be silent – a recurring theme: 'Messianic Secret'
- b. Jesus didn't want people following Him for the wrong reason

**Application:** *"Jesus told the leper to be quiet and yet he told everybody. Jesus commands us to tell everybody and we keep quiet." - W. Wiersbe*