

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday January 10, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Mark 9:14-29

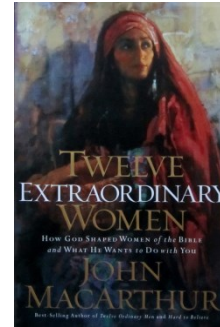
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

I BELIEVE - HELP MY UNBELIEF!

Final Song

Benediction

New in the Rosedale Library:



Twelve Extraordinary Women: A book by John MacArthur. How God shaped women of the Bible and what He wants to do with you.

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

Review: "All wrongdoing is sin."
- 1 John 5:17a

Middle Elementary:

Review: "For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."
- Psalm 100:5

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Sarides, Costa & Isabel
- Tuesday** Sarides, Daniella
- Wednesday** Sarides, Nick
- Thursday** Schoenfeldt, Darryl & Diane
Nathan, Ryan
- Friday** Schoenfeldt, Eileen
- Saturday** Schoenfeldt, Jeffrey

This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am
Board Meeting – 5:30 pm

Wednesday: Hopeful Hearts Seniors – 12:00pm
Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am
Membership Class – 6:30 pm

Membership Classes: Our first set of membership classes for 2016 will begin tonight at 6:30pm. Topics will include: The Church, The Gospel, Doctrinal Distinctives, Overview of Baptist History & Polity

Annual General Meeting: This year's AGM will take place on Saturday January 23rd at 9:30am. Aside from reviewing ministry reports for 2015 we will be voting on a revision to our Church Constitution, and a revision to the Missions portion of our Budget for 2016. Everyone is welcome to come to this meeting, and members are asked to make this meeting a priority.

Baby Shower: Esther Denis (our new Fellowship co-ordinator) is organizing a shower for the new arrivals next Saturday at 2pm. Sign-up in the foyer and speak to Esther if you have questions.

Open Arms Mission: This month we are collecting canned salmon for Open Arms in addition to other non-perishable food items. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

I Believe - Help my Unbelief

Mark 9:14-29

I. Failure (vv. 14-19)

- 1) Contrast Between 'Mountain' and 'Valley'
 - a. Glory of God vs. Destruction of Devil
 - b. Encouragement of the Prophets (Moses/ Elijah) vs. Discouragement of the Scribes
 - c. Pleasure of the Heavenly Father vs. Torment of an Earthly Father
- 2) Continuation of 'Sinai' / 'New Moses' Theme
 - a. Jesus descends the Mount of Transfiguration to a scene of failure and faithlessness (cf. Exodus 32)
 - b. Jesus' appearance provokes amazement among the people (cf. Exodus 34:29-33)
- 3) The Demon Possessed Son
 - a. Described as an 'Epileptic' in Matthew 17:15
 - i. Physical illness exploited by the demon
 - ii. The son had been afflicted with this problem since childhood (v. 21)
 - b. Disciples failed to exorcise the demon
 - i. Provokes an argument with the Scribes
 - ii. Provokes a rebuke from the Lord Jesus

Application:

-Mountaintop experiences are often followed by spiritual valleys. Discouragement, failure and frustration are all part of our Christian pilgrimage here on earth. Failure can be painful but it's also a teacher that God uses to great effect in our lives!
- We cannot stay up on the mountain forever – solitude is not meant to make us solitary
- Satan begins his work very early in life – we should too by bringing our children to Jesus!

II. Faith (vv. 20-29)

- 1) Faith of the Father
 - a. The father's faith was shaken by the disciples' inability to help his son
 - b. Father questions Jesus' ability to perform the miracle – "if you can do anything..." (v. 22)
 - i. Contrast this with the Leper's words in Mark 1:40 – "if you will, you can..."
 - ii. Jesus gently corrects him – ability is not the issue; faith is the issue!! (cf. Heb 11:6)
 - c. Father acknowledges the inadequacy of His faith and asks for divine assistance
"As our faith is never perfect, it follows that we are partly unbelievers; but God forgives us, and exercises such forbearance towards us, as to reckon us believers on account of a small portion of faith." – John Calvin (*Harmony of the Gospels*)
- 2) Faith of the Disciples
 - a. Disciples are perplexed by their inability to cast out the demon – v. 28 (cf. 3:14-15)
 - b. Jesus traces the problem to faith - Prayerless Ministry = Self-Dependent Ministry

Application:

- Don't judge the Master's ability because of the failures of His Church. Men will sometimes disappoint you, but Jesus will never disappoint!
- Jesus' words in v. 23 must be understood within the framework of God's sovereignty. Anything is possible for the one who believes providing that it lines up with the will of God. (Mark 14:36)
- Don't wait until your faith is perfect – use the faith God has given you and pray for more faith as you earnestly study God's Word (Romans 10:17)
- Don't attempt to live the Christian life in your own power – without Christ we can do nothing!