

New Song News

Psalm 40:1–5 (ESV) ¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. ⁴Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

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This Week

- ✓ Wednesday, Ladies' Bible Study, 10am – 12pm at HQ. See Nancy Seman.
- ✓ Wednesday, 7pm – All Church Prayer Gathering. Participate in person or via Pastor Herb's Facebook page livestream.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm – Learning Community in person and Zoom, studying documentary "American Gospel: Christ Crucified."
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study
- ✓ Friday, 1pm – Learning Community in person and Zoom, studying documentary "American Gospel: Christ Crucified."

Next Sunday

- ✓ Potluck dinner after worship; Wellness Group at 1:00 in person or via Zoom

Looking Ahead

- ✓ May 22, Governance Board meeting, 9:30am.
- ✓ May 28, Leadership Team meeting, 6:00pm.
- ✓ **May 31** - New Song Memorial Day picnic, gather at 1:00; eat at 2:00; games, and fellowship until whenever. Bring picnic food to share.
- ✓ New Song FB Live link: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh/>.
- ✓ New Song YouTube Channel - Sunday sermons, Thursday Bible Studies & Pastor Herb's daily 12:11pm From Where God Sits episodes: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGj3cRY-AnOkv1AetkgDMMw>

Regular Offering	Projected Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise
5/2/2021 2,586.80	\$ 2,845.94	5/2/2021 \$ 0.00	5/2/2021 \$ 0.00
To Date \$ 54,247.84	\$ 51,226.96	Balance \$ 3,643.46	Month Total \$ 0.00
Experiencing More Building Fund Campaign			
	Actual Giving	Weekly Pledged	Friends of New Song
5/2/2021	\$ 90.00	\$ 543.59	\$ 0.00
108 weeks	\$ 38,474.66	\$ 58,707.69	\$ 3,000.00

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New Song Notes, Pastor Herb Shaffer

Recognizing the Right Storms

May 9, 2021

Storms, part 3

March Memory Scripture

Psalm 23 ¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever. **Psalm 23 (NKJV)**

STORMS:

a metaphor for the difficult circumstances in life unavoidable, overwhelming, powerless to God, essential the **means** to experiencing true joy, not a hindrance

Mark 5:1–20 (ESV)

How to beat life's storms

1. SEE the right storms.

➤ See the spiritual beyond the physical - SLO.

2 Corinthians 4:1–6

2 Corinthians 4:16–18

➤ See God's purposes beyond the pain.

2 Corinthians 5:6–10

2. FIGHT the right storms.

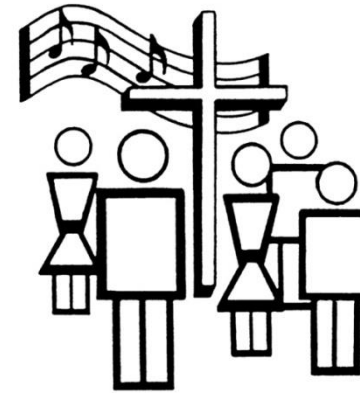
➤ Fight the fear with trust – the SLO lifestyle.

Mark 4:39–41 (ESV)

➤ *Fight the devil's schemes with authority and power - SLO.*

1 John 4:4 (ESV) ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

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3. ENJOY the right results.

Mark 5:14-17

➤ *Jesus' Presence that brings JOY, peace, contentment & so much more.*

† *there is always joy available **IN** the storm - Joy is a **CHOICE!***

1 Peter 4:13 (ESV) ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

Hebrews 10:34 (ESV) ³⁴For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

➤ *Jesus' Plans that bring Life Abundant.*

† *there is always greater joy when you emerge from a storm because you have experienced God's closeness and power extraordinarily.*

Mark 5:18-20

What do we do this?

† *Proactively, on the offensive, following Jesus' example, face and overcome storms as victorious soldiers of Jesus Christ*

- ☒ What stuck out to you?
- ☒ What is God saying about what stuck out?
- ☒ What do you need to do in response?

New Song
Community Church

Living Right-Side Up

- S.L.O. Lifestyle with God Together
Surrender ➡ Listen ➡ Obey ...**together**
- Soldier-like Friendships
“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” Proverbs. 27:17
- Salty Presence “Beyond the Walls”
Making people thirsty for Jesus