New Song News

Psalm 42:1–6 (ESV) ¹As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? ³My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" ⁴These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. ⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation ⁶and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you ...

John 14:23, 25–27 (ESV) ²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Today

- √ 9:00am, Sunday school for toddlers and elementary children. Learning Community for adults.
- ✓ First-time guests, fill out a blue Welcome Card & drop it in the offering plate. We invite you to take one of Pastor Herb's books as a welcome gift.
- ✓ Special prayer for children. See bulletin insert for details.

This Week

- √ Wednesday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Thursday, Learning Community, 7pm in person & Zoom.
- ✓ Friday, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Friday, Learning Community, 1pm in person & Zoom.
- √ Friday, 6:45pm Viewing of *The Chosen* at Nina Wiebalk's home. See Nina for more information.
- ✓ Saturday, 7am, Men's Group at fire ring. See Dave Sabo for info.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ May 18, Men's Study, 8-9:30am; clean HQ following study.
- ✓ June 1, Ladies Tea. More details soon.
- ✓ June 23, Baptism and All-Church picnic.
- ✓ Submit Prayer Requests: email or text newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com.
- ✓ New Song FB Live: https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh
- ✓ Sunday sermons, outlines & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access



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4/21/2024	\$ 2,444.00	\$ 3,560.25	4/21/2024	\$ 80.00	4/21/2024	\$ 0.00	4/21/2024	\$ 20.00
To Date	\$ 59,014.05	\$ 56,964.	Balance:	\$ 2,739.77	Month Total	\$ 32.60	To Date \$	1,350.00
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New Song Notes,

Pastor Herb Shaffer

Eastertide: Finally at the End of Themselves, part 2 April 28, 2024



Jeremiah 32:17 'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. **Jeremiah 32:17** (ESV)

The deep work of Jesus in the 40 days of Eastertide

1. Empty – to the end of themselves, "Done"

2. Slow-Cooking – to wrestle long, hard and deep

3. Nitty-Gritty – to follow Christ in daily details

→ Resurrection Day.
Luke 24:25–27 (ESV) (pew Bible page 885)

Luke 24:36, 44–49 (ESV) (pew Bible page 885)

- → 8 Days after Resurrection Day.
- **John 20:26–29 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 907)
- **→** Fishing Day.
 - † human inability and Jesus' ability John 21:6–7 (ESV) (pew Bible page 907)

† shame and forgiveness
John 21:15–17 (ESV) (pew Bible page 907)

† trusting Jesus with the future John 21:18–19 (ESV) (pew Bible page 907)

† human comparison; spiritual transformation **John 21:20–24 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 907)

★ Ascension Day.
Acts 1:4–8 (ESV) (pew Bible page 909)

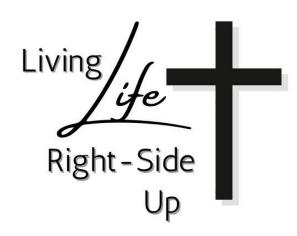
- **†** reminds them of marching orders
- **†** promises Presence with power
- trusting Jesus with the future (again)

What do we do with this?

To experience the Abundant Life Jesus promises, we have to stay with Him in the painful work He is doing, even when we can't see Him. We must obey relentlessly, refusing the temptations to quit, medicate the discomfort, distract ourselves or pretend as this Spirit works to get us to Empty, Slo-Cooking in the Nitty Gritty.

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





2024 Theme

► Know and Obey God's essential Truth

But be *doers of the word*, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22

→ Radical Managers of God's stuff

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so *that they may take hold of that which is truly life*.

1 Timothy 6:17–19

Bright Lights of Christ to others

In the same way, *let your light shine before others*, so that *they may see your good works and give glory to your Father* who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16