

New Song News

Psalm 104:1-4, 33-34 (ESV) ¹Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, ²covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. ³He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; ⁴he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire. ³³I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Matthew 7:7-11 (ESV) ⁷"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Today

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Week of Prayer with Fasting begins, see insert for details.

This Week

- ✓ **NO** Learning Communities – Prayer Gathering instead
- ✓ Wednesday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Wednesday, 7:00pm, **PRAYER GATHERING**, in person or via Zoom.
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Saturday, 7am, Men's Fire Ring gathering. See Dave Sabo for more info
- ✓ Saturday, Men's monthly Study, 8-9:30am
- ✓ Sunday, 9am, toddler & elementary Sunday school, Learning Community
- ✓ Sunday, New Members Presentation during worship.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Dec. 14, All-Church Dinner following worship.
- ✓ **Recycle your aluminum cans** – Proceeds support Children of Promise. Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of the front door.
- ✓ 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



Gen. Offering	Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise	Building Fund
11/2/2025 \$ 3,592.00	\$ 4,006.23	11/2/2025 \$ 135.00	11/2/2025 \$ 50.00	11/2/2025 \$ 20.00
To Date \$ 174,943.52	\$ 176,274.15	Balance: \$ 3,629.97	Month Total \$ 50.00	To Date \$ 2,455.00
Please print name and amount on offering envelope to receive credit.				

New Song Notes

Pastor Herb Shaffer

Turning Away and Turning Toward

Nov 9, 2025 Knowing God by Jesus' interactions, part 5

John 1:14, 16-17 ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
John 1:14, 16-17 (ESV)

HOMEWORK

1. In the Throne Room, "God, show me how you want me to fast... how you want me to go farther than ever before... how I'm compromising that I need to change... and what You need to show me."
2. Do the fasting week in community
3. Pray for Pastor Herb, that God will give him clarity on what this fast is about for us as a community.

Mark 9:28 (ESV)

➔ It's all about _____!

Fasting is about turning away and turning towards Jesus

1. See Jesus – take eyes off of all else to fix them on Jesus.

Mark 9:1-6 (ESV)

- ➔ Awe, bordering on terror, is THE response to truly seeing Jesus
- ➔ We can experience awe without intimacy but we cannot experience intimacy without awe

2. Listen to Jesus – take ears off of all else to fix them on Jesus.

Mark 9:7-13 (ESV)

- † True listening requires asking questions ➔ Jesus' true identity

3. Trust Jesus – take reliance off all else to fix it on Jesus.

- ➔ Reliance is revealed by behavior and results
- ➔ Trust must be increased – it is not a fixed quantity

Mark 9:14–27 (ESV)



4. Pursue Jesus – take desire off all else to fix it on Jesus.

Mark 9:28-29 (ESV) ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.” (“and fasting” in some manuscripts)

† Pursuing Jesus is a lifestyle of paying the price of exclusivity to Jesus

† Jesus... “you’re not there yet, but you can be...”

➔ Many could become _____ but are unwilling to pay the price



Practical tips on fasting...

- † Fasting is not for the faint of heart, but for soldiers who want Jesus’ best
- † Expect and be prepared for difficulty so you don’t give up
- † Fast as God leads – it is His agenda
- † Fast in community – don’t try to be a solo hero
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Fasting Insert...

What do we do with this?



- ☒ 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



2025

**Walking in step with Jesus
with His Presence, Love and Power**

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV)