

This Sunday, Watch Our Live Stream

Sunday morning, we will post the Youtube Stream Link on our Facebook page, and website at 10:45am.

Please watch & worship with us!

*Sunday, May 31, 2020
Order Of Worship*

Welcome

"This Is Amazing Grace"

"Who You Say I Am"

Everlasting God Virtual Video

Message

Dennis McNulty, Pastor

"Reckless Love"

Closing Announcements



Learning to Live in Tension

One of the hardest things I am learning, during this time of forced distancing and rest, is living in Tension. It's not comfortable. It takes away any sense of control that I might believe I have over things bigger than myself. The phrase is not original to me but the one that has been sticking with me over these weeks of forced separation, forced rest and forced trust is "the Already and the Not Yet".

As we move just away from Easter, I have been thinking about that Tension for the apostles and Jesus' followers over the Holy week. Palm Sunday had the entire city of Jerusalem in a buzz as the Jews waited, longed for and even prayed for deliverance from oppression. That day they would welcome the rumors of Jesus of Nazareth with the perfect bloodline and influence to walk into the city and cause an uproar as almost 2 million people came for the Passover celebration. What better time could there be for Him to come and rid them of their oppressors and take His rightful place as their King?? Then the completely unexpected happened: Nothing,...Tension,...Stress. We all know the time line of events that week that would ultimately lead to Jesus' crucifixion. Friday afternoon He's placed in the tomb and it's sealed, then...Nothing,..Tension...more Stress. Saturday, Nothing,...Tension,...What Ifs, Stress. Saturday was literally living between the already of what Jesus claimed to be and not yet of what He said would be next. I have felt like I am living that Saturday Tension during this whole time of distancing and What Ifs and Unknowns. The already and the not yet and the realization that I have no control.

Looking ahead, we as Christ followers are to live this life in that gap. We serve a God of the already accomplished and not yet happened. It's hard to live in the bubble of Tension, but we also serve a God who is never surprised. Nothing happens that He did not already know, and He knows our future. One comedian put it this way, "I've read the back of the book, and we win!" I have been challenged to focus again on the fact that this life, this world, this Tension bubble is NOT what we are here for. My gaze is being drawn upward. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 says, "So we aren't depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. 17 Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison. 18 We don't focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can't be seen. The things that can be seen don't last, but the things that can't be seen are eternal."

I am to learn to be at peace with what I do not know and cannot control, because the Maker of the Stars, my God, my Father is already in control, and all of this is already finished to Him. Mark 9:21-24 says, 21 Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been going on?" He said, "Since he was a child. 22 It has often thrown him into a fire or into water trying to kill him. If you can do anything, help us! Show us compassion!" 23 Jesus said to him, "If you can do anything? All things are possible for the one who has faith." 24 At that the boy's father cried out, "I have faith; help my lack of faith!"

Isn't that just like us, like me to cry out and say "If you can do anything?" and Jesus almost smiling says, "IF I can do anything??" He's got this, He's got us. In these times, the true test and hardest lesson, for me is either I trust Him, or I don't. So I will lean into the Tension of the "Already and not Yet".

Doug Hilyard

How Can I Give?

1. Online giving is available on our website! On our site, you can also find online giving tutorials. www.burningbushbaptist.net
2. You can mail your offering to the church. 2195 Burning Bush Rd, Ringgold, Ga, 30736
3. Text giving. Text the amount you would like to give to (706) 637-2111



To honor the Governor's directives all staff members will be working from home. There will be no one in the office. Please call us on our cell phones if you need anything or have questions.

MEN'S
FRATERNITY

**MEN'S FRATERNITY
IS MEETING ONLINE**

A 15-20 minute video will be posted each Tuesday afternoon on the Life of Moses.

Wednesday evening at 7pm we will host a Zoom conference call discussion based on the video.

If you want the link to the Zoom meeting please contact Pastor Dennis at bbbc@volstate.net

Sorry this is for guys only 😊

PROJECT ONE:27

POSTPONED UNTIL JULY

Contact Jeff Van Fleet at jvanfleet@rtdproject.org or by text at 423-414-8223 with any questions.



Each Sunday, we will be posting a Kid Church lesson/music/video on the b3children fb page at 10:15am.

Please have your Kids watch & worship with us!



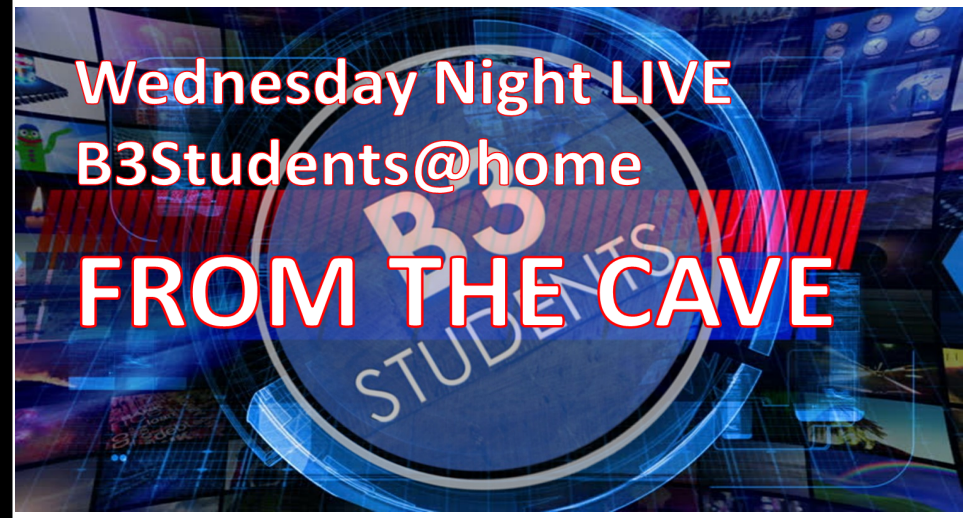
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