

## WATCH YOUR STEP

Ecclesiastes 5.1-7 // June 2, 2019

### POETRY IN MOTION

Command: <sup>1</sup> Guard your steps when you go to the house of God.

Reason: To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil.

Command: <sup>2</sup> Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God,

Reason: for God is in heaven and you are on earth.

Conclusion: Therefore let your words be few.

Proverb: <sup>3</sup> For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.

Command: <sup>4</sup> When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it,

Reason: for he has no pleasure in fools.

Conclusion: Pay what you vow.

Proverb: <sup>5</sup> It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

Command: <sup>6</sup> Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake.

Reason: Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

Proverb: <sup>7</sup> For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity;

Conclusion: but God is the one you must fear.

Isaiah 1.10-21

### A NEW TEMPLE

Hebrews 10.1-25 // Ephesians 2.18-21

When comparing the words of the Preacher in Ecclesiastes with that of the author of Hebrews and Ephesians, we seem to find ourselves in what seems like a contradiction. Do we guard ourselves as we approach God, with fear and silence? Or do we go with boldness and assurance, in confidence drawing near to this holy God?

In light of the final sacrifice of Jesus, we recognize the depth of His grace as we view His love towards us in the cross. Yet in light of that same final sacrifice, we recognize the depth of His holiness as we view His hatred towards sin.

### LEARNING TO WALK

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words  
than to have words without heart.

-John Bunyan

Prayer is less like a megaphone for you to tell God what you want, and more like a stethoscope that reveals what is in your heart. Our words, and our actions, reveal the contents of our heart. We must learn to take our thoughts captive and allow the ugly truth of our heart's state be acknowledged. It is only then that we can truly start to be transformed into people whose words are more honest, and whose walk follows those words.

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Ecclesiastes 5.1-7. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

In light of these verses, now read Hebrews 10.1-25. How do the Gospel truths in Hebrews shed light on the way we should control our words as we walk out life?

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Repent and Ask for Provision

In what ways have you made promises or commitments to the Lord that you have not fulfilled? God has given us mercy for those empty promises, and we ought to ask Him to help us believe in that grace, as well as give us wisdom and strength for future commitments. What might you ask God for as it pertains to some commitments you've made to Him that you still hope to stay committed to?

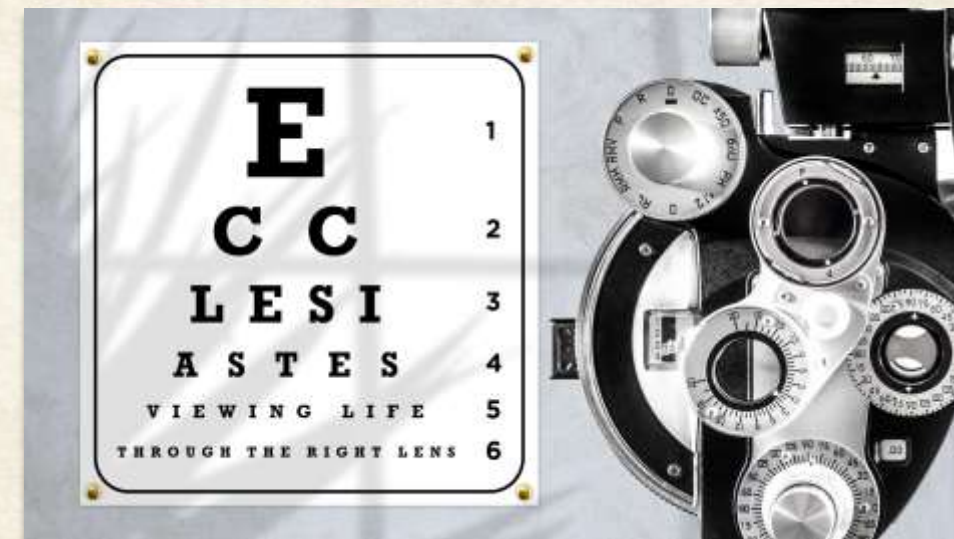
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Your Life Mission

Most of us have made some kind of a commitment to God to be more bold and intentional when it comes to sharing our faith. And most all of us have failed in keeping that commitment in some way. Don't view "total success" as the only sign of a fulfilled commitment, though. Even the smallest step towards sharing your faith (such as asking someone over, getting coffee, striking up a conversation at work during your break rather than staring at your phone, etc.) is a step in the direction of fulfilling that commitment and should be seen as a victory.

What opportunities or conversations or social settings with non-believers are on the horizon or in your calendar that you could use prayer for, that you might be able to encourage them and help them find the love and strength of God? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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