



August 2019 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"
Worship Hours:
Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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Question for Pastor...

"Do the people who believe in something other than Jesus end up going wherever they believe?" PART 2



A Brief summary of PART 1 answer from last month:

The short answer is "No." The fact that people come to believe in other things than Jesus does show that they are searching for spiritual answers. But, we have to remember that it's not enough to just search for the truth if your search ends at the wrong place! For example, when the teacher asks "What does 2 + 2 equal?" all the students will be searching for the right answer. (And there is only one right answer!) If someone's search for the right answer leads them to say, "Three!" instead of "Four" we would say that it's good that they were searching, but they still got it wrong! Then we would help them to see how "4" is the only right answer.

On Easter we celebrated the event that proves Jesus is the "right answer" to the question, "Which is the right God to put your faith in?" Jesus claimed to be God and the only way to eternity. He's not alone in that claim. Countless people have done the same. What makes Jesus different is this: He is the only one who walked out of His grave thereby validating the truth of His daims.

Part 2 of what makes Jesus the only right answer to all spiritual seeking:

The other major difference between Jesus and all other spiritual beliefs is that Jesus is the only one who dealt honestly with our 'sin' problem. It makes sense that a sinless God could not just 'look the other way' when we sin. It has to be dealt with

All other belief systems are based to some degree on the idea that sin can be dealt with by covering it up with good deeds. One problem with that idea is that you can never be sure if you've done enough good deeds to outweigh your bad deeds (sins). The other problem is that it's just a wrong idea to think that good deeds can cancel out bad deeds. I like to use the analogy of oranges (or any fruit) to show how piling up 'good' on top of 'bad' doesn't get rid of the problem.

For example, let's say you have 'bad' oranges in your fridge. Does it work

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to stack 'good' oranges on top of them?! Of course not, the bad oranges soon turn the good ones into bad ones as well. The only thing that works is to remove the bad oranges. It's the exact same way with sin. Piling up 'good deeds' on top of our sin, doesn't deal with the problem. Only having them removed solves the problem. Jesus is the only right answer to all of our spiritual searching, because He alone did what was necessary to remove our sin. He, the sinless Son of God, took the punishment for them - in our place - when He died and suffered hell. And proved that God the Father accepted His sacrifice as full payment for sins when He walked out of His grave!

When you have a God who loves you enough to die for you, just so you could be forgiven and live eternally in His perfect Kingdom, why would you want to search anywhere else?

Thanks for Asking, Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net



Celebration of Pastor David's 25 Years as a Pastor

Pastor David was ordained 25 years ago and has served our church family/community for that entire time. We are celebrating this wonderful milestone in Pastor's ministry on August 11 With a potluck following worship. Please invite people to come celebrate! Guests do not need to bring anything for lunch--we always have plenty.

Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..." Each week we'd like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to re-



member that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted. This past month we thanked God for

- · Freedom to live out our faith in our lives
- Parades See us at the NL parade
- Volunteers
- Tuesday's Table Here July 30

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence during August

LWML...

PIE OUTREACH: We have been making pies and planning for the New London Music Festival Pie and Ice Cream outreach. Next pies to make are apple and peach. Anyone with apples, or peaches to donate, please contact Bonnie Hansen at 796-5605.

SHOES FOIR MISSIONS: We are collecting used shoes in very good condition (clean with no holes or tears) to donate as a fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp. Shoes can be baby through adult sizes. Flip flops, tennis shoes, boots, women's dress shoes, are accepted. They request that each pair of shoes be rubber banded. Also please make sure that shoes that require laces, have them. There will be a collection box at church. Lutheran Island Camp receives payment from a company, who then refurbishes them, and donates them to people in third world countries. This is an on-going fundraiser for the camp, and the shoes will be delivered from time to time to the camp.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 11th, at church. At this meeting we will be electing new officers. All offices will be up for election. Please consider the Lord's calling in accepting a position in the LWML. NOTE: There will be no LWML meeting in either July or August, due to busy schedules, and pie baking (when apples and peaches become available, we will get together and do baking). Also, at the September meeting we will be discussing and deciding meeting times (evening or daytime), and where we want to meet, as well as what we would like to accomplish as a society.

TRAP-SHOOTING FELLOWSHIP...

 Brats & Devotion: at 6:00. Shooting: at 6:30

Good inter-generational fellowship: All Evening

More details:

What to bring: Your own shells

A friend or two

Anyone under age 16 must have a parent or other adult who is responsible for them.

NOTE: Date change for August: Trap Shooting will be on the First & Third Wednesday (7th & 21st)



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Confirmation Class Lock-In...



Thanks to Mike & Carmen Macik, Lyndsay Ampe, Noah Miller and Lance Sawatzky for all your help with Friday Night's Lock-In!



Thanks...

Tuesday's Table

Thanks to everyone who brought food or served the Lord, by serving others !!!

(We served 90 people plus 15 take-out meals!)



COMMUNITY DINNER





Youth Experiences

McCartney take away: My Favorite session was the Church of Thrones: 4 steps to end abortion: Exploring the 4 steps to end abortion and going over a real game plan to see abortion end soon. I found it to be the best, because it discussed real life applications and tips to help defend the Christian stance on abortion.

Hattie take away: My Favorite session was High Cost of Free Love. A synopsis: God created sex, but did create it with boundaries to protect us. This generation needs to have a compelling reason to commit to sexual integrity and remain pure until marriage. They talked about the consequences of sex with no boundaries. I found this to be a very interesting that gave a lot of good ideas of choices in life.

Are you the Goat: Living in a Social Media World- With all the apps in the world are we using them correctly? Chat about safely using the internet world and becoming the GOAT.

Noah's Favorite Session was Improv 321 - Their name stands for 3 Christian guys giving glory 2 1 God. Very entertaining. God provides us Joy. Some people think happiness and joy are the same, but happiness is temporary. Joy is some God gives us permanently.

Noah My favorite Mass event speaker was Jason Seaman - Jason was a 30-year-old middle school teacher at Noblesville, Indiana middle school. Jason stopped a former student who was involved at a school.

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shooting in the school where Jason taught. Jason stopped the shooter and was shot 3 times with two of the bullets still in his body. He told how God kept him calm in the moments after the shooting.

Lance My favorite was the comedian David Dean, a comedian with clean family-oriented humor. God created humor but some abuse it. I enjoyed that he brought humor to real life situations. I didn't have a favorite moment but enjoyed getting to know God on a deeper level.

George - (Was the Moses of the Group and parted seas for other members of the Group to navigate the 30,000 people at the Gathering.) My favorite Session was titled Living Life a Little Different – This session was about living life differently as a follower of Jesus and may lead to some critics - but gave advise on how to deal with those critics. I felt the speaker had a good message and was interesting to listen to.

Carson I didn't have a favorite session but I did enjoy Living Life a Little Different. People go through different challenges in life.

Andy My favorite session was Cross-Platform Play. What if God wanted to bring who you are in the gaming world to who you are in the physical world? I thought it was cool idea to talk about Jesus while playing video games. I also liked the comedian David Dean. I also enjoyed some of the evening events, because it was cool to see how enthusiastic people were about God!

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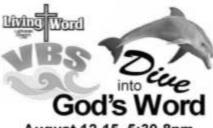
Some takeaways from the Adult Leaders:

- There were 5,184 adults at the event 4,101 were volunteers (4 out of 5 were volunteers!)
- We as adults need to form relationships with our youth.
- We as parents need to be engaged. We need to prioritize our vouth's walk in church.
- Pray, Listen, Laugh, and encourage our youth.
- It is important to have congregation with long term investment in
- Form a Written ministry plan for families and young people so when there is transition there is plan to keep things normalized. There will be transitions.
- 1st Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. But set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.
- Check your heart Need an authentic faith we 'major' in the minor stuff.
- "People before Program" Focus on the kids and not the event. Pursue in the one and believe in them.
- Listen Active listening, repeat important things, listen with your eyes, listen with your face.

- Technology can have bad effects: The brain is literally decaying due to lack of use. We need to read more.
- . Technology affects us spiritually as well: The inventor of Google wants to transfer his mind to a computer, so his mind would live forever. But God created us as physical beings, and came to live with us in a real body, died in a real body to forgive us, so we can live forever as body, mind and spirit together!
- Identity- Many youth lose their identity in college.
- Try not to ask why bad stuff happens to me but ask for God to
- . Psalm 46 was the theme of the Gathering. Its not "if" trouble will come it's "when." 46:1 God is our Refuge - Our Safe place in time of trouble. God is present with us in the Lords Supper.
- During the storm the Disciples asked if Jesus didn't care but he calmed the storm. Even when we feel like God is not with us he will calm the storm.
- What about Disabilities? Was an important session. We are all Wonderfully Made. Psalm 139. God knit us all together. With out families with disabilities we are incomplete as a church.
- To start a program, it is important to get ideas from the youth. If they are involved it provides investment and they are great problem solvers. Host a Sunday to us for disability awareness.
- The Skit Gws Had a powerful message at the end with a handicap person learning that God makes everyone wonderfully made.

Who Can You Invite? to...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Sign up to help with:

- + Meals
- + Art/Crafts
- + Games
- + Puppet shows

Ages: 4yrs - having completed 5th Grade

August 12-15, 5:30-8pm

Lessons: Noah's Ark

Jesus Feeding the 5000 Jesus Calls His Disciples Paul's Shipwreck

Please begin praying about kids you can invite.

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Opportunities for Growth...

"The Holy Land"

Sunday mornings @ 9:00

Filmed on site in the Holy Land, Lessons from God's Word on living as a Christian in the midst of a non-Christian society."

Please join us for coffee, goodies and study!



MEET FOR PRAYER-

WEDNESDAYS @ 6 p.m. at church

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

Is on "Summer Break" - back in September

Women's Study Wednesdays @ 6:30

Is on "Summer Break" - back in September

Men's Group Study—Tuesdays @ 6:30

Is on "Summer Break" - back in September

Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(inspired by Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you")

Remember to take a time-out and PRAY for...

- A great turnout for Vacation Bible School August 12-15th
- God to continue to work through the books we handed out at the parade
- Thanking God for the great fellowship at the Big Kahuna and GL Cruise
- Thanking God for the Link and the opportunity to host Tuesday's Table
- Thanking God for our Youth and Young Adult and Adult leaders who attended the National Youth Gathering
- God's continued work in their lives as a result of the Youth Gathering
- Thanking God for our Confirmation class and lock-in chaperones
- God to bless our annual Pie Outreach effort on August 17.
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Great weather for the end of the growing season
- The Holy Spirit to work through our Summer readings in Proverbs
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for government leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Courage to take a stand for Jesus at work.
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan (and their fundraising in the US)

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August 2019 - Daily Readings

Each month of the Summer we will read through Proverbs one chapter a day. Write down one verse from each chapter that you want to put into practice that day.

God's Battle Plan For Your Daily Life: The Book of PROVERBS

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August 2019 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

Aug 4 Leone & Kerry Quigley

Aug 11 Potluck

Aug 18 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore

Aug 25 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller

Sep 1 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham

Sep 8 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson

Sep 15 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

Sep 22 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson

Sep 29 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl

Usher Schedule

Aug 4 Derek & Sarah Olson

Aug 11 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson

Aug 18 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen

Aug 25 Brent & Lance Sawatzky

Sep 1 Jason & Levi Miller

Sep 8 Wendy & Lonny Robbin

Sep 15 Brady & Andrew Sharp

Sep 22 Wally Abraham & Noah Miller

Sep 29 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer

Custodian

Living Word Youth - (George & Bo Schmidt) Sep Living Word Youth - (George & Bo Schmidt)

Altar Guild

Aug Mona Hjelle Nancy Jo Wendt

Make A Meal Volunteers

Bonnie Hansen & Wachters Nancy Jo Wendt & Wendy Robbin

Seen on Church Signboard...

Hey! We've Got One Word for People Like You: "Welcome!"

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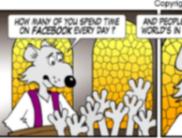
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			Sep 8	Violet Dauk		
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Aug 18/	25	Ed & Kevin	Sep 29	Gwen Ruchti		
Sep 1/8		Keith & Joe				
Sep 15/	Sep 15/22/29 Jason & Ed		Accompanying Musicians			
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Church Mice

Sep 8 Linda Dilley

Sep 15 McCartney Knutson





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Sep 22 Scott Wachter

Sep 29 TBD

August Discipleship Verse...

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit fruit that will last. John 15:16

Miscellaneous Notes...

Food Pantry Reminder

Please remember to bring your donations for the Food Pantry. Place them in the purple container by the door at church. Thanks to everyone for donating!

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

Here's just a sampling of what you'll find :

- Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- Today's Light Devotional Bible
- August Newsletters
- Christian books and magazines
- July September Portals of Prayer



Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

http://livingwordlutheran.net/sermons.htm (Or just click on "New Sermons Online" at the bottom of the livingwordlutheran.net home page)

7-7-19 "Exercising your freedom of religion to point to Jesus" 7-28-19 "What happens when we get distracted"

Offering Envelopes Are Available for 2019

If you like to use dated envelopes for your offerings, we have them available. Just pick up a box of envelopes from under the mailboxes. Write down the # of the box you took. Thanks!



Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

Email pastor@livingwordlutheran.net and he will send you a link to view the directory online.

Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Just a reminder that there is an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" fiver are available from the church office.

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Congregational Outreach News.... Page 17

Green Lake Sunday-Brunch Boat Cruise





Big Kahuna was a HIT!







You're Invited...

Open House Bridal Shower: For Mariah Welsh Saturday, August 24 from 10am-2pm

Congratulations...

Lyndsay Ampe on your new position as Ag-Business Instructor at Ridgewater College!

If you have someone you'd like to offer congratulations to, just email Pastor David with the info: pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

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Email Humor...

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.

Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played the National Anthem ... and that is how the substitute organist became the permanent organist!

It's Time to Start Purchasing Items for School Kits...



We have 12 Backpacks to fill for Orphan Grain Train's School Kit Project.

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

What Goes into a School Kit?

- 1 Backpack
- 2 Spiral Notebooks
- 2 Pencils
- 2 Pens
- Crayons (24 pack)
- Ruler
- 2 Glue sticks
- Scissors
- 10 sheets of construction paper
- Washable markers (8 or 10 pack)

Please bring your School Kit items to church beginning August 18.

It costs \$11 to ship a box of school kits to kids who need them. Please consider a donation to help with shipping.

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Community Outreach News...

New London Water Days Parade Outreach Thanks:

We gave out the Arch Book My Birthday Book, rubber duckies with Christian messages, invitations to Vacation Bible school, and various

other items.



Many people contributed to this event. Thank you to Laurel lverson, Mary Lee Moore, Laurie and Keith Hanson, Wendy Robbin, Marda Welsh, Mona Hjelle, Ed Vegdahl, Violet, Pastor David, Bonnie Hansen and Mike Knutson.

The books were paid for from past Mexican Fiestas and A Thrivent action fund

Let us know if you have some new ideas for reaching out to people who do not have a church home.

Thanks again and God bless you! ~Ruth Vegdahl





The Link...

August 2019 Updates

Rib Fest Update: Our event insurance covered \$5,000 and thanks to the generosity of communi-

ty members, donors and to community foundations, we were able to recapture the full amount! We are in the process of developing a money handling procedure with the board in order to prevent any such incident in the future.

Tuesday's Table

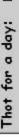
Aug. 6th - Our Lady of the Lakes

Aug. 13th - Evangelical Covenant

Aug. 20th - Faith Lutheran

Aug. 27th - No Tuesday's Table @ Peace Lutheran.

We will also be gearing up for the Wildcat Backpack Program mid August. This is one of our most important programs and would not be possible without your support.



Opportunities to Serve...

Custodians Needed

You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary cleaning A check-list of duties is posted by the mailboxes. Please consider being a part of this service. Talk to Jamie lverson if you have questions or to volunteer.



Help With Our Nursery

We need a couple more volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-6 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help.

One More Fellowship Server Needed: We are looking for someone to team up with another family to take a turn at serving snacks for after-worship fellowship time once every 2 months.

A Great Month To Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

One of the best (and simplest) ways to share Jesus' love is by making a meal for someone who is going through a tough time. Please use the Prayer and Care cards in the attendance pad at worship or call Pastor David if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks! Our August Make-a-Meal volunteers are Bonnie Hansen & Wachters.

We are also looking for a person to be the Make-a-Meal coordina-

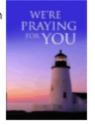
<u>tor</u> - someone who notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and who also arranges for the meal to be delivered. If you could be that person, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

Remember the Teal's Rebate Program.

Teal's Grocery gives a 1% rebate to eligible organizations. There's a box under the mail boxes where you can put in your receipts.

Remember to use our "We Prayed for You" program...

We'd like to send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship. How you can help: Simply tell Pastor David when you feel that someone you asked us to pray for would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. Then just call, email or text him with that person's address. It truly is a simple way to brighten the spirits of someone who's going though a tough time.



We are currently in need of a volunteer to mail the cards. If you could help, talk to Pastor David. Page 18 Page 19

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Stewardship...

Basic Principles for taking good, wise care of God's Gifts"

This month: The Gift of ... LIFE!

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Psalm 139:13-14

That passage makes it dear: GOD didn't just create the heavens and earth, He created each one of us! God knows you. He created you. And that means You have purpose! And here's the over-arching purpose for each of our lives:

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Simple to remember. 3-Gs "Give God Glory." And, in order to accomplish that purpose we need to arm ourselves with this attitude:

"I am here- here at work, here at school, here hanging out with friends, here at home, here in the car on the way to ... - to shine the spotlight on God." ("give glory" = "shine the spotlight on")

What makes that basic attitude tough is that it runs contrary to the attitude we typically have. Which is? "I am here to do whatever makes me happy, wealthy, popular, comfortable." In other words, we have the attitude that our lives are ours to do with as we please. In reality, our lives belong to God to live in ways that please Him - that bring Him glory.

Try answering this question: What would you do different with your time, if you remembered that it really isn't yours to spend however you feel like it - that it's a gift from God, to be spent in ways that glorify him? Are there things you'd quit spending your time on? Are there things you'd quit spending so much time on. Are there things you'd spend more time on - people you'd spend more time with?



Work on the cementing the attitude "My life has purpose, and that purpose is to Give God Glory." You get the attitude down and you'll find the specifics of what you do with your time will naturally

That for a day: How

Story Behind The Song...

"That Where I Am"

This is an upbeat song written by Rich Mullins in 1998. We have sung this song periodically in worship since the early 2000s. It's always been one of my favorites, in part because it is upbeat and easy to sing. But mostly, because of the third line of the chorus: "In the world you will have trouble, but I leave you My peace."

We sang That Where I Am several times over the 3-month period where my dad went from being in perfect health to being in heaven. That third line of the chorus brought me the peace of Jesus during a time of great trouble. It reminded me that Jesus knows all of our troubles and has the power to get us through them. That brings a peace the world cannot give!

This song was on Rich's final album "The Jesus Records" and was the last demo recorded by Rich before his death. The demo was made by Rich in an abandoned Green Bay, WI church and the words have added meaning knowing that it was written before his accidental death. The version we are familiar with was released posthumously with added instruments and vocals of his group (the Ragamuffin Band), Michael W Smith, and a large choir of family and friends. It's not too tough to figure out that a reading of John's account of Jesus' time with His disciples in the "Upper Room" is what led to the composition. You see, the entire song is actually comprised of passages from God's Word in John chapters 13 through 16. (Grab a Bible and read John 13-16 then read the words of the song.)

In my Father's house there are many, many rooms In my Father's house there are many, many rooms And I'm going up there now to pre-pare a place for you That where I am, there you may also be

If I go prepare a place for you I will come back again
If I go prepare a place for you I will come back again
And you know I am the Way, the Truth, the Light to light all men
That where I am there you may also be

Chorus: That where I am, There you may also be
Up where the truth— the truth will set you freeIn the world you will have trouble, But I leave you My peace
That where I am, There you may also be

Remember you did not choose me, No, I have chosen you Remember you did not choose me, No, I have chosen you The world will show you hatred, The Spirit show you truth That where I am there you may also be (Chorus) Page 22 Page 23

And I've come down from the Father It's time for me to go back up And I've come down from the Father It's time for me to go back up One command I leave you: Love as I have Loved That where I am there you may also be. (Chorus twice)

Editor's note: Like Pastor, this song has special meaning to me knowing that it is the last song written by one of my favorite artists, Rich Mullins. Hear his original demo at: https://youtu.be/3qUtP_Tm-48
The final recorded version can be heard at https://youtu.be/4g62zLky698

New Music of the Month...

This new section will feature a new Christian song each month that has just been produced or starting to be played on the radio...

This month I want to introduce a song written a couple months ago by Hillsong (https://hillsong.com/worship/) entitled "King of Kings." To see them perform the song and talk about the story behind it, go to https://youtu.be/gRohiwLSOOw

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