# Foundations

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FOUNDATIONS BIBLE CHURCH | AUGUST 2024



KINSHIP RADIO PRESENTS THEIR FIRST MEN'S CONFERENCE:

## FROM THE GODFATHER TO GOD THE FATHER

FEATURING MICHAEL FRANZESE



TICKETS: \$25

CONFERENCE INCLUDES: TEACHING SESSIONS BREAKFAST WORSHIP

DOORS OPEN AT 7:15AM, DAY STARTS AT 8:15AM HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH | MANKATO, MN

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Preparing people for Wholeness in Jesus through The Word of God.

Readying the remnant For the rapture.



FBC would love to have you join our choir!

If you would like to give it a try, please come and join us for practice.

We practice every Wednesday night from 6 pm to 7 pm

If you would like to participate, but can't do it every week, please talk to Makayla or Cari.

WORD

....of spiritual warfare and devils' devices



#### August Anniversaries

- 02 -- Duane & Carol Kvittem
- 14 -- Todd & Jeanette Corv
- 23 Cory & Amanda Sypnieski
- 30 Tyler & Makayla Nepp

#### August Birthdays

- 01 -- Michael Hill
- 02 -- Brytain Walker
- 07 -- John Schavey
- 11 -- Sonny Nepp
- 12 -- Zac Herrmann
- 23 -- Kip Herrmann
- 24 -- Dedra Hervey
- 25 -- Donna Fortune
- 25 -- Elizabeth Schavey
- 27 -- Ray Masters

**No Wednesday Night Classes during June, July or August** 



#### Malual Minn Sunday **Blood Pressure Checks** O 0 **Blood Sugar checks Medication Questions** 0

Last Sunday of Every Month after Worship

#### Sundays @ 9 am Adults - Walking in the Desert with God

Sundar

Youth Group - the Be-Attitudes Prek-4th grade - Answers in Genesis



No Meetings June, July, or August

## **Upcoming Events**

04 - Potluck

3rd Week of the Month

FBC will be delivering

Meals on Wheels.

day, please see Sally Y.

Takes ~1/2hr to deliver 17 meals

- 06 CED Team Meeting
- 08 Women's Bible Study
- 11 Time for Prayer during Fellowship
- 13 Stewardship Team Meeting
- 17 Men's Breakfast
- 20 Deadline for Newsletter
- 22 Women's Bible Study
- 25 Medical Missions
- **28 Spiritual Ministry Team Meeting**

### **Fellowship Hall Servers**

- 04 Potluck
- 11 Kip & Debbie Herrmann
- 18 The Herveys
- 25 Steve & Nancy Jones

# Pastor's Pen

#### Satan in the Heart of a Believer?

I was always taught that Satan cannot enter into a believer's heart... That is where the LORD resides, in the temple of the human heart... How could Satan get in there if God is present.

Yet – the Scriptures tells us in many ways Satan can be somewhere even where God is and manifest in the lives of God's people...

Think about it:

First in heaven, when Satan is addressing God in the spiritual battle for Job....

Second in the world, aren't demons and angels among us, and aren't believers on this earth that "the god of this world" is leading to hell in a hand basket....

Third, the Psalms tell us that God is everywhere, from heaven to sheol... Satan is here and so is God....

Fourth, look at Israel in the Old Testament – demons were worshipped, false prophets listened to lying spirits and themselves, yet – God was among the people while Satan and his cohorts run amuck through the Israelites....

Finally, the Fifth - and the focus passage of this article, Judas Iscariot the betrayer when Satan entered his heart....

Here is the passage:

**Luke 22:3-6** Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he covenanted and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

The word entered has the definition of coming into, arise, and to go in through.... Judas can be considered possessed as well as the person Satan used get to Jesus....

That means - even a follower of Jesus could be the tool Satan uses to get to other believers and bring in betrayal.

The word betray has the definition of yielding up, transmit, cast, deliver up, give over, hazard, and put in prison.... Judas, led by, listening to and controlled by Satan was conspiring with "twice the son's of hell" and "of their father the devil" to plan a coup and be a hazard against Jesus.

That means – even those close to LORD could turn against Him and against fellow believers becoming a hazard to them.

Why am I sharing this, why am I focusing on such a dark reality.... Jesus indicated that betrayal will be a line of demarcation and sign of the times when His return was getting nearer and nearer, and the end of the end times was upon us. Even families would be tore asunder by betrayal between brothers, sons, friends, in-laws and fellow believers. (see Matthew 24)

So, that being said – having seen a rise of satanic thinking in the church (meaning the church as a whole in America and across the world) and an increase of many types of betrayal – it is important to understand that Satan inspired and Satan entered hearts can and will and has been happening.

Now, if we look at Luke's account above one more time, we can glean some lessons and tests to discern if betrayal is in one's own heart or if another around you may have gone the way of Judas and Satan has entered them.

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- #1 Judas was not keeping watch over his heart. He was not paying close enough attention to the voices lobbying for his heart's affections. One may go the way of Judas the heart and it's affections are not watched and guarded. Remember "out of the heart comes evil thoughts". So, to check if Satan has an inroad in you or others around you check on what your affections are set on, and take note of what others around you seem most affectionate about. Also ponder what your own voice is saying to you and what other's voices are saying "For what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart"
- #2 Judas was seeking out those who were already marked by Jesus as Satanically inspired and admittedly adversarial towards Him. One may go the way of Judas by seeking out those who are already against or has a beef with a fellow believer, which can in turn mean they really have a beef with Jesus to – as it is written of Jesus "The reproaches of those who reproach you fell on me" and as recorded in Samuel "for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them". So, to check out if you have an adversarial spirit, ponder if you seek out or look for those who already have a beef with a fellow believer or if those around you are doing the same and seeking out people who have a problem with a specific fellow believer.... It might indicate that betrayal is right around the corner.
- #3 Judas let himself be bought. We know from Scripture that he helped himself to the "purse" of the Jesus and the disciples. Is it any wonder why Paul was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write "for the love of money is the root of all kinds of evils". The practical lessons are not to love money and not sell out yourself or your fellow believers. Also, another practical reality is that people can be bought or can buy into something that Satan and those who he has "taken captive to do his will". So, the tests ask if you "have a price", I mean the world sates that "everyone ahs a price".... Ask DO I easily buy into things said, things heard, things seen without deep circumspection and thinking before buying into it. And are others around you buying into things easily or you can sense they "have a price".... People are bought rather readily by others' ideas and by what holds their affections.
- #4 Judas covenanted, joined, concurred, consented, agreed with very spiritually unsavory, bad fruit bearing priests and religious officers. Again, remember they showed their true colors and Jesus called them out and who they really belonged to the Devil. One may go the way of Judas by associating with those and covenanting in a posse like manner, together against those who are against fellow believers and who are the real deal with Jesus. So again the lessons be careful who you covenant with and who you seek to connect yourself with, watch out for those who are teaming up against God's people and against fellow believers without godly or Scriptural cause. The tests: ask what the groups of people with whom you associate focus on, who they talk against, and if they single out individual believers. Also, use do diligence in knowing what groups or people want you to join them and why. Scripture says "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother", "Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips and harbors deceit in his heart" and "There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers."

Prayerfully and Discerningly,

Pastor Daren les Barnett

## Your Voice Can Make a Difference

By Ronda Cooper, Spiritual Ministry Team Member

Lord, we ask that Your Word may chasten us whenever we go astray.

May it enlighten us whenever for a moment we get into darkness.

May Your Word be the supreme ruler of our being.

May we give ourselves up to its sacred law to be obedient to its every hint, wishing in all things, even in the least things, to do the will of God from the heart and to have every thought brought into captivity in the mind of the Spirit of God.

May the Proverbs furnish us with wisdom, the Psalms comfort us, the Gospels teach us the way of holiness and the Epistles instruct us in the deep things of the Kingdom of God.

Charles Spurgeon: Prayer and Spiritual Warfare-The Presence of the Word.

We stand again at a crossroads, and at each corner of this intersection are factions demanding to be followed with each pressing hard their ideology and raising their voices to drown out the other three and yet somehow they manage to find a common enemy – Jews and Christians. So it is that we watch and see today that many are struck with a heavy hand for not bending a knee to the prince of this world.

Even in the spiritual realm there are boundaries set upon those that would do the work of the devil. The four houseman of the Apocalypse have boundaries they cannot cross <u>Rev.9:15</u> And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind.

The devil must get permission to tempt to seek to destroy Job 1:12 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Evil has boundaries!

It is like the sea when God created the heavens and the earth Proverbs 8:29a when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command.

Reaffirming that God is in control of all of creation!

It is the chaos leading to those boundaries that consumes so much in only moments!

Job suffered great loss and Jesus gave warning to Peter to be aware.

Luke 22: 31:32 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Do we talk with each other about what concerns us?

We are where we are today because we did not want to talk about those same things. Many saw them coming down the track like a freight train but turned their head as it went by. Because of our decision to leave the decisions up to others; we no longer find that we have any say in matters of great importance.

Nothing that men want to hear anyway!

This is why there is such great need today for members of the body to come together to pray for one another.

The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings... If God be near a church, It must pray. And if He be not there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be slothfulness in prayer - <u>Charles Spurgeon</u>

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Today more than ever in the spiritual battles being fought upon the earth it is very important to keep the Pastor in prayer, to keep the spiritual ministry leaders in prayer, to keep the Sunday school teachers lifted up ~ especially those who are teaching the next generations. It is important to keep one another lifted up and encouraged. One of the ways that we can do this is by coming together for a prayer meeting seeking God's face and His hand.

When you come, do not come worried about what your prayer sounds like, come with a heart that is <u>focused</u> on God and speak to Him about the things that concern you, we are there to support your concerns and to petition God that His answers may come to whomever or whatever the prayer goes up concerning.

Do we believe that God is in control or do we mouth the words hoping that others will believe what we cannot? In times like we are in, we should have more than a handful of people interceding, there is a world dying outside our doors and when we are silent, we have to ask: do we really care?

These are not questions of condemnation, but they are questions that we need to consider and take the time to talk to the Lord about. Together, with the Lord, we can move mountains, we can see people come on bended knee before the Lord, we can be a part of the healing of a community, and we can help one another find the answers to questions needing answering or give a hand in seeing answers being fulfilled. <u>You never know how the Lord may choose to use you</u>.

Lord, my prayer for each reading this letter is that they would be able to see how much they are needed as people of prayer. There are many jobs and many tasks that are presented before us and the laborers are few. Many Lord will feel that they do not have the gifts or the skills to speak, to write, to lead, to pray with others and so, Lord, I ask for courage for them. I ask that they be reminded that prayer is a time of sitting with You, and that they find that they get lost in prayer and forget that they are with others who have come together in agreement to present our concerns, requests and praises to You, our God and Father.

Lord, may hearts be moved to speak, and freedoms come to those who feel bound to withhold themselves from meeting for prayer. May we give You our praise, may we worship You in all things, and may we understand what freedom in Christ Jesus means in our lives and then run to You, Father:; for by Your Word all things are, and will be, and there is not one thing in creation that does not submit to Your Word!

To our Almighty, Powerful and Great God and Father, | pray and ask these things in Jesus name. Amen

