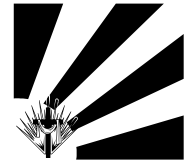




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September 2009

Month of September

WORD: *Jesus' saving grace is upon those who are open to the Father's will.*

READINGS

September 6 Is 35:4-7a
Ps 146:7-10
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37

September 13 Is 50:5-9a
Ps 116:9
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

September 20 Wis 2:12,17-20;
Ps 54:3-6,8
Jas 3:16 - 4:3
Mk 9:30-37

September 27 Nm 11:25-29
Ps 19:8,10,12-14
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

Teachers Development Program For the West Coast Districts As approved by BDL ECSL

Host: BLD Phoenix
Date: November 14 - 15, 2009
Venue: Madonna Hall,
Queen of Peace Church
141 N McDonald St Mesa 85201

By invitation only.
For covenanted members with unique
MGT results in prophecy or teaching.

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Youth Life in the Spirit Seminar #4 November 6-8, 2009

Desert Outdoor Center 41402 N. 87th Ave,
Peoria, AZ 85383

Open especially to all recent YE graduates.
Please stand by for more details!

Website: www.BLDPhoenix.com
Group E-mail: BLDPhoenix@yahoo.com

MONTHLY COUNSELS

September 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sincerity)

Theme: We are open to the Father's will when we minister with no partiality in doing his work.

Promise: *"God cho(o)se those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him." (Jas 2:5)*

Reflection: *He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.* Jesus restores to wholeness of person, every man who approaches him and is open to the Father's will. Jesus seeks nothing less than perfection for every man who seeks his assistance. If a man seeks what is tawdry and lustful, one may ask, "To what perfection does that lead him?" If a man's ears yearn for the filth and the forbidden in other people's lives, how does that improve his state? If we speak ill of others and attribute false motives to what they do, what does it profit us? The deaf who does not hear incessant lying and endless gossiping trivia is better off in some sense. The mute who is unable to speak evil and cruel words and cannot bear false testimony by word against anyone is blessed in that way. Yet we poorly serve God if he has chosen to give us developed and functional faculties and we choose to misuse and/or abuse our body's blessings and possibilities. We also do God disservice if we willfully refuse to employ what he has freely gifted us for our own good. God's plan for each of us is to invite us to be rich in faith and to lift up from poverty our spirits to the level of the noble work and service that lie in wait for us in the economy of human salvation. If we are to be heirs of his kingdom, his love and help are ours for the asking. In BLD, we are offered numerous chances to sincerely love the Lord and ask ourselves, "What other perfection do we seek?"

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to commit my whole life to you in earnest. Obtain for me sincerity of purpose and effort to be worthy of being an heir to your kingdom. Amen.

Order: *"Be strong, fear not."* (Is 35:4a)

Direction: Speak to the mute, he can hear. Lead the blind, he can walk. Embrace in fellowship everyone you meet. Be sincere in every doing and helping in God's community.

September 13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Self-Denial)

Theme: We are open to the Father's will when we deny ourselves and take up our cross.

Promise: *"...whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it" (Mk 8: 35b)*

Reflection: *What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?* (Jas 2:14) Faith is the practical application of love. It is active love. Compassion to become itself must be acted out in the flesh, *incarnated*, that is, as often as a favor is conferred to a neighbor according to his need. In our community, how can we not help and act and be moved by the tragedy of others, or by the urgency of someone's dire need? How can we refuse our inborn calling to give of self when we are able? Are we not made to serve because we have a hand with which to share? Open hearted, we are open handed too. We also often pray for one another. When we turn our face to someone else other than the one in the mirror, we turn our face to God. What we do not begrudge when we give is called sharing a part of ourselves. What we deny ourselves may become a prized possession *Continued next*

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of someone else who would treasure it more than we ever could. In such voluntary cross bearing, there happens a change in the inmost self that starts with God's initiative. God's leading must be fueled by our own willingness and cooperation until it is ultimately made honorable conduct by God's grace.

Prayer: Help me dear God never to shirk from duty or service. Grant me the love and the opportunity to give and share of myself in imitation of you. Amen.

Order: "Follow me." (Mk 8:34b)

Direction: Put your faith into action. Demonstrate it through work and service. Spend time with your family and spread your love and God's help around.

September 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Humility)

Theme: We are open to the Father's will when we defer to one another in humble service.

Promise: "God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life." (Ps 54:6)

Reflection: On the cross, when Jesus said, "It is finished," it was a perfect demonstration of both Christian adulthood and childhood. By handing himself over to the Father's will, Jesus acted with unrivaled adult humility, supreme childhood love and obedience. There is no further proof of his gentleness. He who bore the weight of human sin, he embraced the humiliation of death to conquer death. He who upholds our life, he immortalized humility to forever vanquish selfishness, pride and ambition that eternally divide the loyalties of haughty men. The Lord, perfect model and guide, we put him to a shameful death, when in reality, it should have been jealousy, selfish ambition, our human inconstancy and insincerity that we should have put to death. When spiritual adulthood finally becomes our way of life and when in time we truly defer to one another in humble service in the manner of the Lord, in such a time shall we honestly praise the Lord for his goodness, worship him with sheer joy and live forever in his peace and love.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, teach us to love the Father who loves us. Sustain us in humility. Keep us dependent on your kindness and mercy. Amen.

Order: "Be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk 9:35b)

Direction: Be patient. Be helpful. Be humble. Avoid conflict in reverence to God. Cultivate peace. Nourish friendships. what we need when we need it. Of course, God himself knows there are worldly things and pleasures to enjoy in life. Everything he created is good and he will not for one moment deny us what we really need. In prayer, God first draws us to himself as his family.

September 27: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Submission)

Theme: We are open to the Father's will when we break strong holds that separate us from Him and from one another.

Promise: "...because you belong to Christ...you... will surely not lose his reward." (Mk 9:41b)

Reflection: The Holy Spirit blows where it wills and will come to rest where it wills. Therefore, consider it our function to never cease to inspire anyone who seeks the Christ no matter how meagerly or anyone who sings God praises no matter how lamely. Everyone has to begin his faith journey somewhere. We ought to encourage everyone who has shown the courage to take his initial steps to the Lord. Remember that everything is on the initiative of the Lord. By the grace and assistance of the Holy Spirit, may we all be united in our willing submission to the

Counsels continued...

Father's will and plan. Indeed, there is a time to weep and wail over impending miseries as surely as there is a time for all of us to bask in the warmth of the Lord's company. That time will be when we all finally lay aside our corroded silver and gold and our accumulated trinkets that cannot see or talk so that we may now seek the only treasure that lasts. While there are strongholds that separate us, we have more things in common than we realize. We are children of the same generous Father. We follow the same commandments. We await the fulfillment of the same promise. Because we all belong to Christ, we surely will not lose our reward.

Prayer: Dear Father, may we always seek your company. Dear Jesus, never leave us. Dear Holy Spirit, may you ever refresh us. Amen.

Order: "Weep and wail over your impending miseries." (Jas 5:1b)

Direction: Repent. Reconcile with the Lord. Submit to the Father's will. Trust in his goodness and mercy.

September Teachings Schedule

Teaching Topics:

Christian Service; Christian Community

For All Encounter and LSS Graduates (Adults)

When: **September 27, 2009** at 12noon to 4PM

Where: VHC Offices 1212 N Spencer St., Mesa 85203

Please bring you Bible, Notebook and Pen!

"And He gaved some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God." (Ephesians 4:11-14)

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARY
6 - Fr. Reggie Carreon	
7 - Pedro Rivera	
21 - Bushen Rivera	1 - Denny & Nina Custodio
21 - Waricel Rillorta	3 - Rod & Grace Ibe
22 - Ma. Theresa Querol	
24 - Adri Junia	
26 - Bing Magnaye	
27 - Jon Ward	

Don Moen Concert

October 24, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Phoenix First Assembly Amphitheater

13613 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85022

Ticket Prices:

\$55-Front Half Main Floor \$44-Back Half Main Floor

\$35-Messanine #25-Upper Level

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THE LORD'S PROVISIONS

Cash flow as of August 2009

Receipts \$3,851.04

Disbursements \$1,232.61

Surplus (Deficit) \$2,618.43

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