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*The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.*

*October 25, 2020*

## **“SITTING AT JESUS’ FEET: WORSHIP MATTERS!!!”**

**LUKE 10:38-42: verse 42=But one thing is needful and Mary hath chose that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**

In the words of my good friend in glory right now, Sister Carolyn Cummings, to all of my **SON KISSED brothers and sisters**, what a joy! **My SON KISSED brothers and sisters**, it is imperative for us to understand this morning, it is good to want to serve Christ, as an expression of love for what He has done for you. Yet when your activity consumes your time and energies, so that you have no time for Him, you have become too busy. God will not ask you to do something that hinders your relationship with Him. If anything pulls you away from God, that activity is not from Him.

Here in our text this morning let us pull three points from this text that will show us how to become a survivor.

**1: PRIDE (Arrogance, Conceit, Vanity).** Verses 38-40: Pride lures us into living independently of God. There is an incompatibility between blind arrogance and the presence of God in our heart. The proud person depends on himself or herself rather than on God. This causes God’s guiding influence to leave his or her life. When God’s presence is welcome there is no room for pride because He makes us aware of our true self. **SITTING AT JESUS’ FEET!!!**

**2: PRIORITIES (Goals, Objectives, Order).** Verse 41: Right priorities begin with God. To receive God’s guidance, said Solomon, we must acknowledge God in all our ways. This means turning every area of life over to him. (Proverbs 3:5-6). Right priorities grow out of consistent dependence on God. To make the kingdom of God your primary concern means to turn to God first for help to fill your life. (Matthew 6:33). Right priorities grow out of obedience

Grab, Drop & Go Message – “Grab a Sermon, Drop Offering and Go Home” & Parking Lot Worship in Cars - Coronavirus Pandemic 2019-2020

to Christ Jesus. Jesus was always direct with those who wanted to follow Him. He made sure they counted the cost and set aside any conditions they might have for following Him. Jesus did not hesitate to demand complete loyalty. (Matthew 8:22). **SITTING AT JESUS' FEET!!!**

**3: POWER (Control, Influence, Strength).** Verse 42: We experience God's power in ordinary things. A shepherd's staff was commonly a three- to six-foot wooden rod with a curved hook at the top. The shepherd used it for walking, guiding his sheep, killing snakes, and many other tasks. But God used the simple shepherd's staff Moses carried as a sign to teach him an important lesson. God sometimes takes joy in using ordinary things for extraordinary purposes. (Exodus 4:4-5).

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I love being your pastor

Hot dog

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020**



**Pastor White, we appreciate ALL that you do. October is Clergy Appreciation Month, but with us, it is an every day event. We are blessed to have you, Sister White, and family here with us! We love you and thank you for your devotion to your calling.**

*AND*  
I WILL GIVE  
**you pastors**  
ACCORDING  
TO MINE HEART,  
*which*  
SHALL FEED YOU  
WITH  
*knowledge &*  
*understanding.*  
JEREMIAH 3:15  
www.papersonsformentories.com

--**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month** – Co-sponsors are the Women's Missionary Society, Sister Constance Jones, President; and the Break Every Chain Health Ministry, Sister Nichole Nichols, Chair. Two weeks ago, we saluted **Mrs. Vernetta DeRamus and Mrs. Ann Mills, SURVIVORS.** Today we share a testimony from a beloved member of the Johns Chapel Family, **Ms Brenda Bell.** This is her story as a **SURVIVOR** of Breast Cancer:

“I had a cyst for a year. I started losing weight. Told my Dr. He sent me to see the surgeon on a Thursday; he wanted to do surgery on Friday. I told him no, I had to go to church and pray about it, and we would do it on Monday, November 9, 1994. No biopsy, a frozen section, 11 lymph nodes, one had cancer. Took 4 chemo treatments and pills for a year. I read all scriptures on healing. I wanted to cry when I lost my hair. To God be the Glory. And family – 26 years” Her advice to others is to stay positive and pray.

**Breast Cancer Awareness information and pink ribbons are available to help in the fight against this disease. Share the info. Share the ribbon. Share the love.**

**The Great Pink Pumpkin Contest  
In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness  
Be sure to check out the entries.**

--Please pray for God's continued protection during the ongoing **Coronavirus Pandemic** and His healing across the land. Please stay abreast of the latest directives. [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)  
<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov> [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

**REMEMBER TO WEAR FACE MASKS IN PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES – CHILDREN TOO! MANDATE  
OF STATE OF ALABAMA – EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

--Pastor White presents: **“SERMON DASH”**. You may receive a hard copy and/or a CD/DVD of sermons via text, phone call, e-mail or word of mouth, etc., and we will get the sermon to you.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE THIS WEEK – Check e-mails and text messages for info**

--On today at 3:00 pm in the church parking lot, Johns Chapel will be the host church for the **Welcome Program for Presiding Elder Marshall, Mrs. Kimberly Huggins Marshall, and Joshua Marshall**. For more info, please see Pastor White or Dr. Stafford Thompson.

--**EACH SUNDAY** – Worship service in cars at **9:00 a.m.** Grab Sermon & Go – **10:45-11:45**; Church School Lesson **12:00 NOON** via conference call. Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936.

--**EACH WEDNESDAY** – JC Bible Study via Zoom and conference call - 7:00 p.m. Watch for Zoom invitation in your e-mail and text. Conference call Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936.

Congratulations to this week's Zoom door prize winner: Sister Constance Jones. Good job! Just join bible study on Zoom on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., and wait for your turn to win the door prize.

**--Hallelujah Night** will be held on this Saturday, October 31 here at the church, sponsored by the JC YPD and Richard Allen Young Adult Council (RAYAC). Auxiliaries are asked to decorate a table and include treats. Individuals are asked to donate treats for the children. More details from Nikki Mills.



## CALENDAR UPDATES:

### Our Annual Family & Friends Day Celebration has been rescheduled to Sunday,

November 22. We will have a Spirit-filled celebration and a 12 tribes fund raiser. More details from Brother Ed Brown and Sister Debra Fay “Ed” Brown, Chairpersons.

--9<sup>th</sup> District Lay Meeting – Nov 21 via Zoom. Last day to register is Oct 31. Registration fee is \$25. Please see Dr. Russell Nichols, President or Secretary Marge Simmons for more info.

--9<sup>th</sup> District Planning Meeting – Nov 5-7 via Zoom.

--Ozark-Troy District Planning Meeting -- Nov 14 via Zoom

--9<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District WMS Convention will be held on December 5 via Zoom. Registration fee is \$25. Please see President Constance Jones or Secretary Marge Simmons to register.

--**ALABAMA COMPLETED THE CENSUS WITH 99.9% OF HOUSEHOLDS COUNTED. Thanks, JC, for standing up and being counted.**

### PRAYER LIST Week of October 25-31, 2020

-- Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland)  
--Sister Eleanor Bailey  
--Sister Thelma Bailey--100-year-old member doing well at home in Tennessee  
-- Sister Jennifer Bigham  
-- Sister Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street, Charles Town, WV 25414

--**Sister Geraldine Booth, Home from SE Health, Dothan, doing well**

--Brother Mack Chambers, Sister LaToya Chambers, Larissa, Layla & Landric Chambers – Bereavement

--Sister Brenda Crawford

--Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones

--Ms Fay, lives in another state – A believer asked us to pray for her sister to have a closer walk with God

--Sister Annie Pearl Frazier

--Sister Ruby Grayer

--Sister Dorothy Holmes



--Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden

--Sister Vivian Johnson

--The Family of Sister Mable Mays- Bereavement

--Sister Gay Nell Miley – Bereavement

--Sister Ann McGaughey

--Sister Lynette Robinson & Family - Bereavement

--Sister Jackie Scott

--Sister Betty Simmons

--Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie White, Sr. — Parents of Pastor White

--Sister Johnnie Sanders

--Brother Larry Wilson—Husband of Sis. Shun Wilson

--Sister Eloise Williams

--The United States of America & the World

**\*New entries in bold print**

**Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in members.**



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Oct 25 Billy Engram

Oct 25 Shandaija Tyson

Oct 27

Oct 30

Dyshunta McDaniel

DeVonte Mills

**NO ANNIVERSARIES ON RECORD THIS WEEK.**



**TODAY AT 2:00 P.M. Senior Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson will share a message to encourage voting. Join the Zoom meeting – See e-mail for the link.**

**NOVEMBER 3 – GENERAL ELECTION. Vote Early Absentee or make your way to the polls on November 3– PLEASE VOTE.**

**From <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/absentee-voting>**

Absentee ballot applications must be **received** in the office of the Absentee Election Manager for your county no later than the 5th calendar day prior to the election.

An absentee ballot returned by mail must be postmarked no later than the day prior to the election and received by the Absentee Election Manager no later than noon on election day. If hand-delivered, the ballot must be in the office of the Absentee Election Manager by the close of business (but no later than 5 p.m.) on the day prior to the election.

**NOVEMBER 2, AT 7:00 PM – Bishop Seawright and his nephew, Brother Antjuan Seawright, Political Strategist, will host a Vespars (prayer) Service on the eve of the General Election. Will be on FaceBook Live. Please mark your calendars and join via the 9<sup>th</sup> District website, <https://www.ninthamechurch.org/>**

