

Alliance Church Newsletter

Loving, Lifting, Locating, Life

A.W. Tozer

"The Word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian."

Bible Study

Please Join us as we go through the Gospel of Mark this Summer

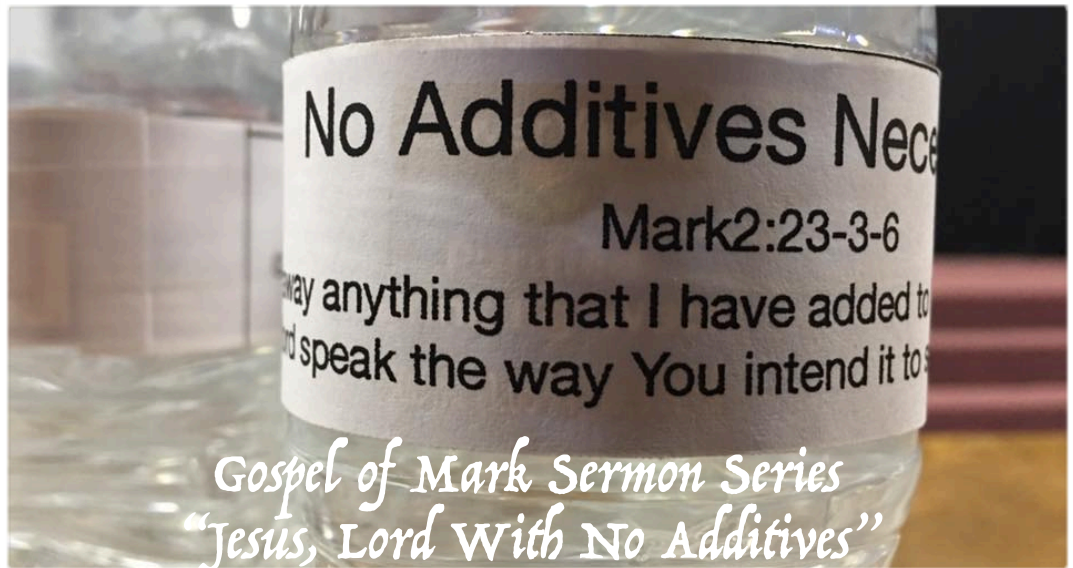
Mark 3:1-6

Mark 3:7-19

Mark 3:20-30

If you would like a written copy of the sermons as we make our way through the book of Mark please visit:

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Pastor's Corner

With all that's going down in Houston, I hope that we all are praying for them. It will be years before Houston is back to somewhat normal. At the moment that I'm putting this down on the Newsletter, there are 30,000 people in shelters. Some will never have a place or a house to live in. The news tells us that only 20% have flood insurance.

Lives are just wrecked and changed, most forever. In the midst of all this human tragedy I find myself criticizing the people getting on the very small boats to find safety.

Many are lofting large flat screen TVs. It's quite a sight in the midst of all this chaos, we want to save the most important thing in our lives – our TV!! I was texting friends and kidding about this, and yes, ridiculing those being rescued. Suddenly, my television came up with an error message, and I couldn't imagine??

Pastor's Corner Continued...

My new puppy had chewed thru the power cord to the translator. It took me quite a while to figure it out and the irony of the situation and the realization that I had been dissing God's children sunk in.

Shame on me! I spent some time retexting those whom I had been trying to get to join me in my sin. Nuts, will we never learn?

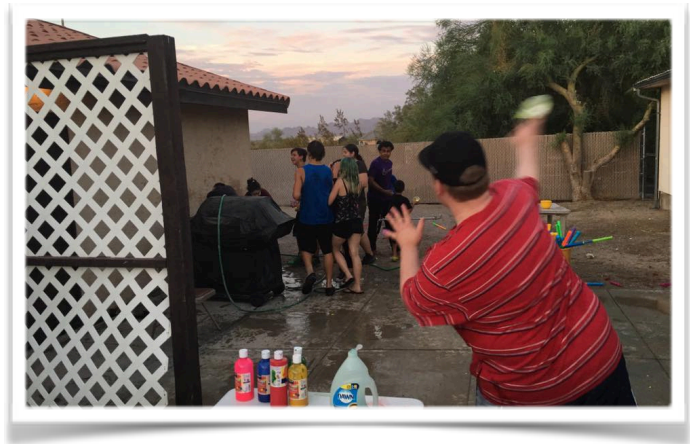
CRUISING OUT OF THE HEAT

Just like all the other summers, about this time, we get sick of it! Between living in Lake Havasu and Quartzsite we have been 23+ years in the desert. I really don't think we get used to it, we just accept it and praise the Lord. Really! I'm serious too.

Should we instead rant and rail and talk about how unfair God is? What a gracious God we serve! He even lets us get away every year.

Many of you know that Carol and I go on a cruise every year. My father (who died 2 years ago, Memorial Day) takes us. We have traveled to Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean many times; and we love it.

How can we afford it? When I say dad takes us, I mean it, he still pays for the entire cruise, Carol and I, my brother and sister and their spouses. Every year. Even today he is taking us, his generosity follows his death and continues to bless us.



Pastor's Corner Continued...

We were planning to go again next year to either Hawaii or Alaska and were wondering how many in our church would like to go also?

The fellowship would be incredible! Please write us and share where you would like to go and when you would like to book a cruise, and we'll put it all together and let you know.

No, dad just pays for family members, and he's not adopting any more children. Sorry! Be praying about it if you think that you would like to go, because we need to book by January 2018.

-Jeff

A Note from the Youth

Before I say anything, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your financial support. Without it we could not do everything we do. We couldn't pick up teens every week on Friday, Sunday morning, or Sunday night. We couldn't pick up children for

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This Month:

“Five Vows to Make and Keep”

by A.W. Tozer

5. Never Accept Any Glory

God is jealous of His glory and He will not give His glory to another. He will not even share His glory with another. It is quite natural, I should say, for people to hope that maybe their Christian service will give them a chance to display their talents. True, they want to serve the Lord. But they also want other people to know they are serving the Lord. They want to have a reputation among the saints. That is very dangerous ground—seeking a reputation among the saints. It’s bad enough to seek a reputation in the world, but it’s worse to seek a reputation among the people of God. Our Lord gave up His reputation, and so must we.

Meister Eckhart once preached a sermon on Christ cleansing the Temple. He said, “Now there was nothing wrong with those men selling and buying there.

There was nothing wrong with exchanging money there; it had to be. The sin lay in their doing it for profit. They got a percentage on serving the Lord.” And then he made the application: “Anybody that serves for a

Sunday school and provide lunch for them. For some, during the summer time, it is their most fulfilling meal. Without your financial help we wouldn’t be able to train these teens to be leaders, or expose them to a world that is bigger than Quartzsite.

Without your prayer support, we wouldn’t see teens or children come to an understanding of salvation. We wouldn’t have the strength to stand firm against all the enemy’s attacks.

Every aspect of your support lifts us up to do the work of God, and I want to say thank you. For almost ten years, I have led the youth at QAC, and I have seen God work greatly in many lives.

This past month Jasmine, one of our leaders, started the next leg of her great journey called life. Be praying for her that she stays close to God, as she earns her nursing degree at NAU. Because of your support, Jasmine and other teens like her, learn how deeply God loves them. They learn of their worth in Christ, and his sacrificial death for them.

Jasmine was not the first teen to come through our church, and she won’t be the last. But even if only one more teen accepts Jesus, all the time, money, prayer, and effort that we have spent on them would be worth it. It will be worth it to see these teens worship alongside us, as we worship our God into eternity.

And do we stop? No, we continue to reach out, so that every teen hears the message of Christ, that we may see them in the sweet by and by.

In Christ’s Grip,
Jeremiah

Prayer Update:

Jerry Still is back home after 64 total days in the hospital and rehab. Please continue to pray for Jerry and Zee.

Looking Towards the Future

I don't have much room to tell you all of the things that God has put on my heart. All the things that God is leading us towards. And I have already used this space saying that...So I will tell you as much as I can, in the little space I have left.

As many of you are going to begin to return, I want to remind you first, that starting **October 1st our Sunday morning worship time with be:**

Sunday School - 9:30am

Worship - 11am

Now, I do not want to minimize the blessings that God has bestowed on us here at the Alliance Church of Quartzsite. Throughout my years here, blessings have been poured like a waterfall on this ministry. We have seen many people come to Christ, we have impacted this town for least three generations. And we continue to be the most active ministry to locals. But all of it is because of the grace and blessing of God.

One of those things he has given to us is our building. Since the early 1980s, this church has used the opportunities that God has given us to expand. From meeting in homes, to renovating one of those homes into the first church building, to the building that we now call home. God has blessed us.

And we do not want to squander that blessing. We do not want to have

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commission, for what little bit of glory he can get out of it, is a merchant, and he ought to be cast out of the temple.”

I go along with this. If you are serving the Lord, and yet slyly—perhaps scarcely known to you—you are hoping to get just a little five percent commission, then look out! it will chill the power of God in your spirit. You must determine that you will never take any glory, but see that God gets it all.



contempt for it by not taking care of what God has given us and we want to continue expanding as God allows. This year we want to be a grateful, humble, and useful people. And we want to use what God has given us to it's fullest potential.

That is why I am asking you to join with us this year as we look toward the future, by remembering all that God has done for us. I ask that you join with us to update what God has given us. This way we can continue to be good stewards of his blessings, reaching out to everyone we can. Thank you for your partnership, as we work together for God's kingdom.

In Christ's Grip, Jeremiah

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