

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Visiting the Addis Ketema CarePoint?

We are considering traveling to Ethiopia in the Summer of 2024 to visit the Addis Ketema CarePoint. If you may be interested, contact Emily Dirks at emilydirks@gmail.com. We'd like to get a general idea of who is possibly interested.

Middle School and High School Christmas Party

On Friday, December 8, we'll be having our Annual Youth Group Christmas Party at 7:00 PM! Contact melinda@newdaycov.org for more info.

Alpha Location Change For Monday

This Monday is our final Alpha gathering of this season, and we'll be meeting at the NewDay Office instead of Taco JED. Thank you to all those who have been a part of Alpha!

NEWDAY WEEKLY EMAIL

If you would like to receive NewDay's Weekly Email, with information about upcoming community opportunities, write your name and email here, rip it off, and leave this at the Offering Table in the back.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP GATHERING

Trust the LORD and do good;
Enjoy the LORD,
Commit your way to the LORD!
Be still before the LORD,
and wait for him.
Adapted from Psalm 37

NEWDAY COVENANT CHURCH

Giving Thanks

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He
is good; for His steadfast love
endures forever!
1 Chronicles 16:34 (ESV)



November 26, 2023
Pastor Kari Jacott
When It's Hard To Be Still

SCRIPTURE READING

Select Verses from Acts 12

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. 2 He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. 3 When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. 4 After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

8 Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. 9 Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. 10 They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

11 Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

12 When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. 13 Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed,

15 "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

16 But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. 17 Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

18 In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. 19 After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

21 On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. 22 They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." 23 Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

24 But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.

25 When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, taking with them John, also called Mark.

NOTES

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

As you reflect on some of the hardest times in your life, what was happening? What did you do?

In those hardest times, were you able to pray? And, what were your prayers like?

While Peter and James were both imprisoned, the church rallied to prayer- it was unceasing prayer. They were praying earnestly for their brothers. They were active in prayer, and still before God. Have you ever prayed like this before?

This story also brings me back to questions and wonders about healing, and to wrestle with/understand the why- why did James die, and not experience the miraculous escape? Why Peter?

This story reminds us that God delivers in several ways- by the fire, through the fire, or from the fire.

And, He invites us to pray, ask and intercede for each other, with trust in Him. These are areas that stretch us.

Reflect on times you've experienced one of these forms of help from God- By, Through or From.

How was your faith challenged? How did your trust in God grow?

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