

December 12, 2021 Declare the Gospel



Deaf Ministry, Est 1992

Deaf Bible Class, Est 6 Oct 2002

Sundays 830AM, Revels 205

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Deaf Church, Est 27 Apr 2014

Sundays 930AM, Revels 205

Pastor: Paul Chappell



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SIGNS**

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Sundays 5PM Pastor Chappell

Wednesdays 7PM Deaf Devotion Online

## Vitals Signs Deaf Class 12.12.21 830am

So, You Want to Be Like Christ?

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Last week 1. Intimacy: Deepening our Lives

Intimacy = know deeply, close relationship/friend.

2. Simplicity: Uncluttering Our Mind

Poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

One ship drives east and another drives west

With the selfsame winds that blow.

"Tis the set of the sails

And not the gales

Which tells us the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,

As we voyage along through life:

"Tis the set of a soul

That decides its goal,

And not the calm or the strife.

We all face obstacles to developing a deeper spiritual life . . .

Some thrive, some don't survive.

Developing these disciplines into enduring habits won't be easy or natural.

Don't make excuses . . . don't quit . . . give enough time.

Christ-likeness is a journey, not a destination.

There is joy in the journey.

The disciplines have given you the ability to choose your destination: intimacy with God that results in Christ-likeness.

A. Sources of mind clutter

A1. Most of us today say yes to often.

A2. Most of us do not plan time for rest.

A3. Most of us rarely experience the joy of success.

Stop and be thankful, celebrate, praise the Lord!

A4. Most people living in wealthy countries owe more than they can repay.

→ deeper debt/credit → slavery (Proverbs 22.7)

Waiting may allow God to provide in a miraculous way.

A5. Most of us fool ourselves into thinking that with more technology, we have simplified our lives.

Technology has allowed us to do more quickly . . .

B. Simplify simplify

Love and obey Christ . . . or some other bait?

C. Clutter is the enemy of simplicity

G. Simplicity helps intimacy.

Simplicity [removing things from our life]

→ more time

→ more time for intimacy with God

→ better relationship with God

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Overcoming Doubt (Joseph)

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

<sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

On this wise = this way

Espoused to Joseph = married but not yet physical

Before they came together = before they had sex

Found with child = pregnant

Of the Holy Ghost = because the Holy Ghost

Being a just man = doing right

Make her a public example = shame her in public

Was minded to = was planning to

Put her away privily = divorce her privately

Introduction

Overcoming doubts and the unknown.

Life is full of the unexpected and the unexplained.

?you do what?

?you respond how?

Christmas is all about the person, doctrine, the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Joseph had patience to listen.

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<sup>19</sup>Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

<sup>20</sup>But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream,

2. Joseph trusted enough to follow.

"Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:"

3. Joseph was humble enough to marvel.

Conclusion

?you wait and seek the Lord when surprise or confusion?

?you listen, trust, and obey?

?you amaze at God's goodness, power, work in your life?

?you not yet saved?