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March 14 2021

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Not From Here

Jesus stood before Pilate with the destiny of us all at stake. When he was questioned by that unprincipled regional agent for the Roman emperor, the Lord said, "My kingdom is not of this world... My kingdom is not of this realm... You would have no authority over Me at all, if it had not been given to you from above..." (Jn. 18:36; 19:11; NASB).

As his disciple, what would you have thought? What if you'd been expecting the Messiah to take a stand against the stubbornness and insensitivity of authorities like Pilate? What if you'd been praying for relief from the imperial domination exercised by Tiberius, thinking that's what everyone needed more than anything? What if you'd known that three or four years down the road that very power would be assumed by a mad man like Caligula?

Even more, what if it were clear that, though he gave this answer, he had the power to respond in a much different way? After all, throughout his ministry he demonstrated the courage to confront injustice. Also, only a few days earlier he called a dead man out of his tomb. And, just hours before this conversation he put a man's severed ear back, emphasizing that twelve legions of angels would at once be put at his disposal upon his appeal.

So what's going on here? The possible answers are limited. One is that Jesus doesn't care enough about his own fate or ours to seize the moment and correct the civil inequities in the system. The other is that Jesus sees that our real need is deeper, the evil in our lives and the death in our future, and that he knows such a need requires a remedy no kingdom of this world can provide.

It's the latter. Jesus' answer indicates that he means to give us a more valuable and permanent triumph than one over any system a fellow like Pilate might ever represent. Clean hearts, upright lives, whole relationships, and living hope—that's the interest of a kingdom that's not from here.

--Bill McFarland

Birthdays

13 Anthony Kraus
16 Gene Kenyon
18 Erica Dutton
Kevin Westerman
20 Johnna Duncan
21 Barry Hannah
22 Jackie Buck
Brent Cox
25 McKenna Jobs
Fred Winters



YFC Family Bible Study

See Mike or Gena Ussery for details regarding the Sunday, March 14th activity.

THIS WEEK ...

- ◆ **Prayer time Sunday**, March 14th at 5:00 pm.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Class** will meet on March 18th at 10:30 am. Ruth Lund & Julie Alexander will be teaching Chapter 4 of the book, "From Bethlehem To Golgotha," by Hillard Story.
- ◆ **Quilters** will meet at 9 am; **Card Makers** will meet at 9:30.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Please join us **Wednesday at 6:30 pm** in person or via **livestream (YouTube)** for **Bill's 7th lesson** in his series "Letters from the Lord".

SPRING BREAK!



Daylight Savings Time Starts this Sunday, March 14th

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday night before you go to bed.

Feeding the Homeless and Underprivileged SUNDAY, MARCH 21

We need food as listed on the signup sheets and also servers! **SIGNUP SHEETS** are on the Information Desk.

Youth Group

Sunday, March 14th, @ 5:00 pm
at the church building

March Anniversaries



14 Bobby & Linda Steinsouer - 41 years
16 Tim & Marty Stockstill - 42 years
19 Greg & Lee Ann Donoho - 45 years
30 Daniel & Terri Wilson - 35 years

HAPPY HOLLOW WORK DAYS

April 10th, April 24th, and May 15th

(They could use all the help they can get!)



We have been so blessed by all the cards we received for our 67th anniversary and also the cards, prayers and phone calls when I had surgery.

Thank you so much,
Bob & Betty Stockstill



Please keep **Linda Barnett** in your prayers as she continues to deal with COVID. ~ **Makesha Davis** will be having surgery on March 16th. ~ **Lanae Gillespie's** surgery went well and she should be home now. ~ **Don Tracy** went to his doctor this week and was referred to a Cardiologist. ~ **John Mahon** has started therapy and needs prayers as he continues to recover. ~ Ruth Lund's brother, **John Alspaugh**, has Parkinson's and is not doing well. ~ **Truman and Helen Coltrane** continue to need our prayers. ~ **Marlene Matthew** is having serious stomach problems. ~ Carol McCann's brother, **Henry**, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. ~ **Ruth Raines** is doing a little better everyday. ~ **Kathy Stephens** a friend of Lucile High's daughter, is continuing to have some difficult health issues. ~ **Shirlane Horton** has a lot of pain but is continuing to improve. ~ The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, had her "last radiation treatment" this week. ~ **Nancy Snider** is still having some health concerns. ~ Sue Aherin's sister-in-law, **Linda**, is doing somewhat better. ~

Additional prayers for health concerns:

Alice Daniels, Kenneth Funk (Beverly McCormick's brother), David High (Lucile High's son), Van & Barbara Barnes, Julie Alexander, Ron Bower, Betty Grabber, Izumi Loomis' mother, Sandra Pingnot, Bob & Leona Snider, Beverly Hammond (Coyeatte Ewing's mom), Ann Freeze (Jo Baggett's mom), Dennis & Carolyn Smith, Ruth Lindsey (Jon Davis' grandmother), Wendy Williams (Kerry Cole's cousin), Dorothy (David Grimm's mother),

Shut-Ins

Pat Blackburn
Ron Bower
Mary Bratcher
Don Essex
Clarence & Ola Jean
Feeney
Wanda Frost
Doris Iorg
Jim & Ruth Reaves
Doris Tobler
Dennis & Carolyn
Smith

Nursing Homes

Ann Freeze
Wayne Harmon
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingnot
Nancy Snider