

Pastor Note:

Back in the raising kids chapter of our lives, now and then I'd take them to the Don Pedro Market and they could pick out some candy. It was amazing how differently they went about their candy-choosing business. One usually had her mind made before we even got there, but just in case there was something new she'd scan the racks. One looked over the candy stock and made a quick decision. One didn't care all that much about candy and usually got the same thing. And then there was the one who couldn't make up her mind, she'd get stuck in the valley of indecision every time. So much for a quick happy trip to the store.

I don't know where you are on the knowing what you want spectrum but when it comes to wanting, the most important thing to ask yourself is, "What does God want?"

- Regarding God Himself, He wants you to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" Mark 12:30 (ESV). "You shall have no other gods before me" Exodus 20:3 (ESV).
- Regarding yourself, your soul, God wants you to be saved, "This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time" 1 Timothy 2:3-6 (NLT2).
- Regarding Jesus Christ, God wants you to believe in Him and follow Him as your Savior and Lord, "To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen" Jude 1:25 (ESV). "God did not send his Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world, including you, might be saved through him" John 3:17 (ESV, italics mine).
- Regarding other people, your neighbor, God wants you to, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22:39 (ESV).

- Regarding how you live your life, God wants you, "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" 1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV). "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" 2 Peter 3:18 (ESV).
- Regarding our possessions and money, God wants you to "not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV). "Do good, be rich in good works, be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for yourself as a good foundation for the future, so that you may take hold of that which is truly life" 1 Timothy 6:18-19.

There are, of course, many more clear statements as to what God wants us to believe and do, all of them are found in His book, His written revelation, the Bible.

You and I might not be standing in the candy aisle of life every day, but we do find ourselves having to make choices, and we all have criteria that influence and determine the choices we end up making. Jesus is hands down our best example of how to make consistently, good, godly, righteous, loving, and God-glorifying decisions. In the most stressful and heavy moment of His life He gives us the following insight and prayer, "Father, ..., I want your will to be done, not mine" Luke 22:42 (NLT2). This of course was the daily and moment practice of His life, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work" John 4:34 (ESV).

If you and I are going to live a God-approved, God-centered, and eternally significant life, we will have to learn to always ask for and then embrace what God wants.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



PRAYER REQUEST

NAMB - Missionaries Joseph & Kristen Gibbons (Church Planter in Las Vega, NV), The King Family (Rimm's mother passed), Richard Mayes (Mabel Passed), Bill, Shirley & Family And VBS 2024

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and Rachel Aratin - (209)206-5236

Prayer Request e-mail to: Judy Mahar ldpbcprayer@gmail.com

Our sincere condolences to Rimma & Veronica King for the passing of Ludmila their beloved mother and grandmother. And our precious sister Mabel Mayes who kept the faith, finished her earthly course this week and got her first face-to-face glimpse of the Lord Jesus and the streets of gold. Please uphold Richard Mayes in your prayers. we say farewell to Mabel.

Ministry Opportunity

Our children's department is seeking help for our Wednesday night class to assist the teacher. No teaching or prep is required - just show up to help as needed.

For more information, contact Susie Frei

(phone: 209-247-9234) or skfrei@gmail.com).

Where are you uniquely wired to serve??

- Multimedia
 - Music
- Prayer Team
- Facility & Grounds
 - Youth
 - Kitchen
 - Food
 - Missions

Let us know. There's a place for you

Sermon Notes:

January Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Women's Morning Bible Study—Wed. @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM 11:00 A.M.
- January 28th Communion Sunday

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided By - "Merle's Class)

Thank you

Next week Han's class is up!!

Happy New Year

A Bit of Humor Corner



a full sun day!"

Giving

January 21, 2024

Offering: \$2,793.00

Food Basket:

\$10.00

Facilities: \$.00

Missions: \$53.61

Attendance: 93

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday Food Ministry:

9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM Grief Share - On Hiatus

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.



January 29th - February 4th

DAY 1 - Gen. 41-42	DAY 4 - Gen. 47-48
(Prov. 29)	(Ps. 1
DAY 2 - Gen. 43-44	DAY 5 - Gen. 49-50
(Prov. 30)	(Ps. 2)
DAY 3 - Gen. 45-46	DAY 6 - (Ps. 3)
(Prov. 31)	DAY 7 - (Ps.4)