

Prayer?

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Strength Renewed: The Centrality of Scripture

Text: Isaiah 40:31; Psalm 1:1-4

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40:31

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away." Psalm 1:1-4

1. The pursuit of the sustaining knowledge of the Lord, is a j_____, a _____, i_____, e_____ effort; which requires refusal and embrace. (Psalm 1:1-2)
2. We work toward a posture and an attitude of d_____ as we embrace the word of God.
(delight = to treasure as precious).
3. Meditation (murmuring, pondering, singing) versus mere mental assent

"Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!"
Psalm 31:19

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life."
Proverbs 9:10-11

"The habits we adopt form our desires, which drive our beliefs. When those habits form desires for immediacy, superficiality, continual engagement, and instant gratification, we should expect our beliefs to reflect these desires. The Content of our beliefs will be formed by our habits, but so will the nature of our beliefs. Specifically, a distracted age presents beliefs as fragile, fragmented, internal, changing, individual preferences. This conception of belief is supported by the effects of our secular age, and together these trends create a barrier to belief in the transcendent, exclusive gospel of Jesus Christ."
Alan Noble, *Disruptive Witness*, p. 30

Two of the daily habits from *The Common Rule* by Justin Whitmel Earley.

- One hour with the phone off
- Scripture before phone
- 4. Fruit-bearing: the promise (v.3-4)
- Planted by streams of water.

"On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet

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the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." John 7:37-39

- Yields fruit in season.
- Strong and vital, i.e. "its leaf does not wither."
"The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him."
Psalm 92:12-15

- Prospering.

"Jesus said, 'Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel.'
Mark 10:29

"But godliness with contentment is great gain... They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life."
1 Timothy 6:6, 18-19

The comparison and contrast between a tree firmly planted and chaff which is easily blown away. (v.3-4).

ANSWER KEY: joyful, arduous, intentional, enthusiastic, delight

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the refusal and embrace paradigm in receiving Scripture from Psalm 1:1-2?
2. How do you differentiate from meditation and knowledge-gathering?
3. Why does the ploy of "Noise! Noise! Noise!" (Screwtape Letters, CS Lewis) and the never-ending stream of information disrupt the "planted by streams of water" experience?
"Humans are tremendously gifted at hypocrisy and inconsistency, but a ubiquitous, powerful stream of information and interaction driven by technology enable these gifts to flourish." Disruptive Witness, p. 26
4. What are the promises of Mark 10:29 and 1 Timothy 6:19?
5. Compare and contrast someone who is "planted" and someone who is like the "chaff that is driven by the wind."

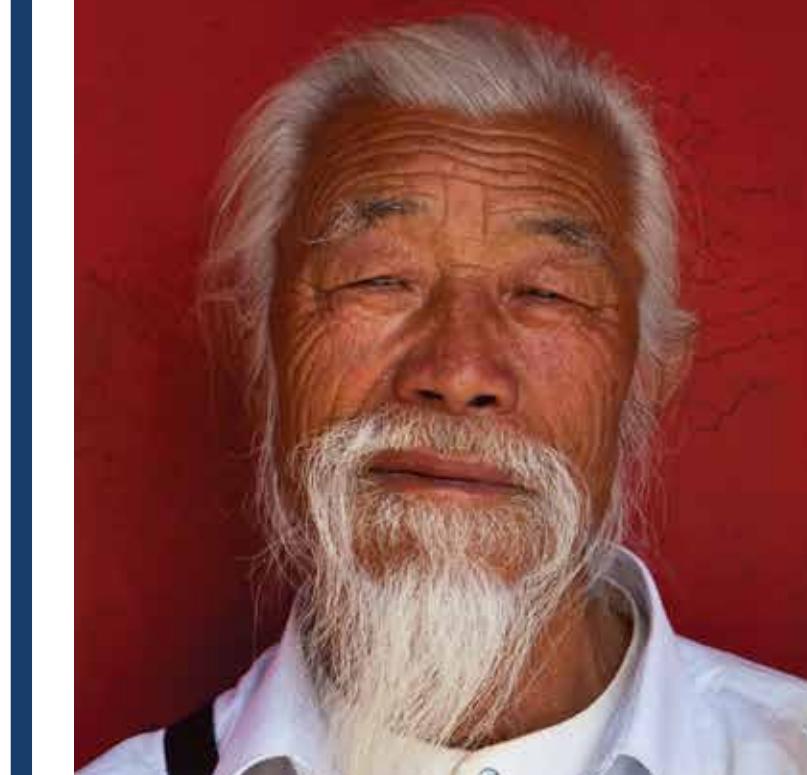
"What we suffer from today is humility in the wrong place. Modesty has moved from the organ of ambition and settled upon the organ of conviction, where it was never meant to be. A man was meant to be doubtful about himself, but undoubting about the truth; this has been exactly reversed. We are on the road to producing a race of men too mentally modest to believe in the multiplication table." Orthodoxy, G.K. Chesterton



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Hello.

If you're here for the first time, please come by our Welcome Center and say hello. We'd love to answer any questions and say thanks for being our special guest today.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00a 10:45a

I am a first time guest

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Interested in the following:

- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other

Welcome.



We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop by the Welcome Center following the worship services to say hello and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday equip•u Classes

Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a

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Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a



Next Steps.

Attend a Guest Luncheon

Get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our pastor and some of our staff and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our free luncheon is March 8 at 12:15p in the gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

Find an equip•u Class

Our equip•u classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up an equip•u guide, or go online to choose from a variety of classes. Register for track classes at eastcooperbaptist.com/classes.

Join a Community Group

An authentic biblical community provides a place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. We have a variety of over 30 open groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group near you. eastcooperbaptist.com/groups

Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, January 25. This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is a requirement for joining the church. We designed this class to clearly explain what we believe at East Cooper Baptist.

Serve in equip•them

Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have nearly 600 opportunities to serve. Some needs require 15 minutes before the service; others may require the whole equipping hour. eastcooperbaptist.com/serve

Childcare.



We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Please take advantage of our nursery for children up to age three during the worship services. Our ushers are ready to assist you.

This Week.

For detailed information, please go online.

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| SUN | JAN 19 | J-term equip•u classes 9:00a & 10:45a GriefShare 10:45a-12:15p B227 |
| TUE | JAN 21 | Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30a Worship Center Worship Band Rehearsal 7:00-8:30p Worship Center |
| WED | JAN 22 | Children's Choir (WAM) 6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal 6:30-8:00p D203 Choir Room MSM T4:12 6:30-8:00p Gym |
| THU | JAN 23 | Woman2Woman 6:30-7:30a Welcome Center Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:30a Worship Center EC Sports 6:00-10:00p Gym Families Count 6:00-9:00p Annex Re engage Marriage Program 6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room |
| FRI | JAN 24 | Man2Man 6:20-7:30a Gym FAM & Friends Fun Night 5:30-8:30p Gym |
| SAT | JAN 25 | ReStart LinkedIn Workshop 8:30a-3:30p Annex New Members Class 8:00a-1:00p D-Wing Choir Room Prime Time Luncheon & Program 12:00-2:00p Welcome Center |

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Upcoming.

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JAN 25 Maximize your job search efforts using the most powerful tool out there today, LinkedIn. Come and learn how to freshen up your approach to the job search to get better returns on your time and energy. **REGISTER ONLINE**.

JAN 25 In this class, you will learn more about what we believe as a church, ways that you can be more involved, and how you can become a member. This is a great way to get to know other people at ECBC. Childcare is available. **REGISTER ONLINE**.

JAN 26 We are collecting winter clothing for the homeless through our Hot Dog Ministry. They need mostly menswear. Please start saving any new or gently used jeans, sweaters, coats, and blankets. Bring them to the ECBC trailer on January 26.

FEB 2 The 66 books in the Bible include many different literary genres. Understanding their literary features will greatly enhance your ability to study the Bible on your own, as a family, and as you teach others. Classes are available at 9:00 & 10:45a.

FEB 2 Understanding the breadth of the Biblical narrative, from Genesis to Revelation, helps us understand the grandeur of God's sovereignty and the tremendous scope of His redemptive plan. Classes are available at 9:00 & 10:45a. **SEE YOU THERE**.

FEB 12 All men are invited to our Wild Game Banquet. There will be prizes, music, and lots of barbecue. This year's speaker is Michael Franzese, former "Prince of the Mafia." Tickets are on sale now. **SEE YOU THERE**.

APR 10-21 This trip will be centered around serving partners in Bangalore who have a Child Care Center and will include running/volunteering through their VBS week. Application deadline is February 3. **APPLY ONLINE**.

JUNE 26 - JULY 4 Join our partner, Joy, in ministering to immigrants from around the world. You will work alongside Joy to provide citizenship classes, teach English, tutor, and lead Bible clubs. Application deadline is April 8. **APPLY ONLINE**.

NEW TO ECBC?

After the service, stop by the Welcome Center.

Please complete the perforated section and place in the offering plate or bring by the Welcome Center.