



Galatians 5:25

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. NIV

Isaiah 53 is one of my favorite (and I believe) and one of the most powerful passages of scripture. It illustrates Christ in the most humble form possible. Accused, oppressed, innocent, and yet, silent.

This passage also illustrates something else – that gentleness is strength. Often, God’s qualities quarrel with the world’s qualities. Paul says the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength. Here again, we see a topsy-turvy truth – the gentleness of God is stronger than our pride, our bravado, our machismo. Because in his gentleness, Christ went to the cross, allowing himself to be crucified. And in so doing, he provided for us the tools with which we could defeat sin. God’s gentleness imbued us with strength, strength to say “no” to sin, strength to defeat it, strength to be saved. But in order to accept this strength, we must first humble ourselves before him, just as he humbled himself on our behalf. Jesus says to keep your life is to lose it, but to give up your life for his sake is really to find it. That’s what he found in giving his up. He found that by giving his life, you and I might have life, and that our relationship with him could continue and flourish. What Jesus’ crucifixion tells us is that he considered life without us not a life worth living. After all, we were created in the first place to do life with him. And our sin put a stop to that. We’ll discuss it a little more in depth this weekend at New Heights. Hope to see you there!

Zach - Your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

Sermon Cheat Sheet

Sermon in a Sentence

“Our world may be _____, but our God is _____.”

Today’s Scriptures

1 Kings 19:11-13 1 Samuel 17:34-37

Ephesians 4:1-4 1 Peter 3:15-16

Matthew 5:44-48 2 Timothy 2:24-25

Revelation 1:12-16

Matthew 11:28-30

Three Weekly Challenges

1. _____ Gently
2. _____ Gently
3. _____ Gently



Weekly Prayer Requests

Donna Parrett
 Diane Burks & Family
 Sam Clark
 Mike Suttles & Family

Marcia Clark
 Steve Lynch (Bea Burgdoerfer's brother)
 Ron Scott

Names will be left on the prayer list for three weeks, then moved to the long-term list.
 Please notify the office if you would like a name to remain on this weekly list longer.

**A long-term prayer list with updates can be found in the foyer.



Vitals for August 10

Weekly Need: \$3,200
 Actual Given: \$1320
 Sunday School - 22
 Morning Service - 82

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Register Here

Dive In
 &
 Be Refreshed

Ladies' Retreat
 Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp

Cathy Wheeler - Speaker

Tamela Carver/Kelley Marshall - Worship Team

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF POOL PARTY
 TONIGHT! 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 SEE ADAM MARTIN OR CAROL CLARK FOR DETAILS



JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD
 & FELLOWSHIP!

3RD -12TH
 GRADES

SUNDAY
 EVENINGS
 6 - 8 PM

3 easy ways to give:

- 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
- newheightsconnersville.com/giving
- Mail to the church office

New Heights

MENTorship

Step into the journey to becoming
 the man God has called you to be.

Join us on Saturday, September 6th @ 8:00 am

5th
 Sunday
Breakfast

Join us on
 August 31st
 9:15 - 10:15 am

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Jesus Girls
 NEW HEIGHTS LADIES' MINISTRY

Transformed

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."
 Romans 12:2

Fall Kick Off Luncheon
 Sunday, August 24th
 @ 12:00 pm



**BUILDING LIFE-CHANGING
 RELATIONSHIPS
 ONE AT A TIME**



Walking together in
 one-on-one mentoring
 relationships.

**WANT TO GET
 INVOLVED?
 We need Mentors &
 Prayer Partners**