

## ***A TIME FOR REFLECTION***

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Know anyone who talks too much? No matter how much we love them or how long we've been friends, sometimes we wish they could find their off switch. Don't look around – someone might be looking at you. Of course, there are other friends or family members who don't say anything at all. We love them, too. Totally non-judgmental. Great listeners. But sometimes we don't know if they've heard a thing we've said. Isn't human communication a wonderful gift?

No matter what you've heard or what you've come to think, **God isn't like that.** He doesn't dominate conversations. He doesn't ramble on interminably. And He doesn't zone out or go to sleep while you're talking. He may be invisible, but He isn't mute. And He's one of those linguistically gifted persons to whom language – all languages – come naturally. (Or maybe it's supernaturally) What's cool about that is that you don't have to figure out what language He speaks in order to talk to Him. **He speaks yours.**

Do you have a friend or family member who finishes your sentences for you? Almost as if they're in your head. Not the ones who think they know what you're going to say and are often wrong – those people drive us crazy. But the other ones, the ones who are just about always right. They don't drive us crazy. They scare us. They scare us, but we often find ourselves nodding because not only do they read our thoughts, they understand us. In a way that's beyond language. They know more than the meanings of the words we speak. They know our hearts. They read our hopes and dreams and fears. They feel our shame, our disappointments, our fractured self-image – all our mistakes and lost opportunities. The dreams unreachd.

Put all that together. The ability to talk, knowing when to stop. The ability to listen, really listen. The ability to read our minds, our hearts, all the way down to our souls. All those abilities and one more: the ability to share our hopes and dreams. **That's God.**

Sometimes He shows up in a friend's conversation, sometimes in a family embrace. Always, always, always, just a breath away, a thought, a feeling, a spiritual moment. Go ahead. Open your internal cell phone and start talking. **He's on your network.**

# ***Welcome!***

## ***October 28, 2018***



*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### **SERVICES**

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity In Prayer: 6:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Kid's Club & Youth

Prayer ½ hour before services

## SERMON NOTES

### COWARD OR CONQUEROR

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sunday Evening Prayer** – our hour of prayer at 6:00 PM. Join us as we ask God for direction and revival.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – Romans and Kid's Club. Come and learn about the Word

of God!

**Promoting Our Church** – please take a flyer on the table in the foyer and use it to promote our church. God bless our efforts!

**10th Annual Rebuilding the City Benefit** – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8:15 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 63 Mountain View Ave, Albany. The cost is \$30 per person. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the table in the foyer. Come and support this great Ministry while enjoying great music and fellowship.

**Upcoming Elections** – a very useful website is <https://www.myfaithvotes.org/>. Please take advantage of the resources as you plan your vote. We will be joining a live stream National Simulcast Event on Sunday evening, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM here at the church. There is a flyer posted on the entrance door with more information.

**New Church Wi-Fi** – we have a new guest Wi-Fi network for our church. The name is NewLife and the password is: NewLife292.

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**TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 16:13; Judges 6 & 7

1. Satan cannot \_\_\_\_\_ us at \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Satan also cannot read a Christian's \_\_\_\_\_.

But Satan doesn't need to read our minds – because he can read our \_\_\_\_\_! 1 John 2:14

#### I. GET \_\_\_\_\_

We have to become \_\_\_\_\_ with being held down by the \_\_\_\_\_ – living low, depressed, joyless, empty, harassed!

#### II. DEAL WITH \_\_\_\_\_

God says we can \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and righteousness without fear – all the days of our life!

#### III. DOWN WITH \_\_\_\_\_ – Judges 6:25-27; Hebrews 12:1

We are to pull down all \_\_\_\_\_ of fear and sin! 2 Corinthians 10:4-6

There is only \_\_\_\_\_ way to bring down our sin. Jude 20-25

All victory comes by \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 6:18

#### IV. LEARN TO \_\_\_\_\_

We can't depend on someone else for our \_\_\_\_\_! Judges 6:16, 28-30; Matthew 28:18-20

Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ on His \_\_\_\_\_ and fight! Judges 7:16-21

- a. He \_\_\_\_\_ defeat.
- b. He \_\_\_\_\_ every fear.
- c. He \_\_\_\_\_ his sin through prayer.
- d. And, finally, he \_\_\_\_\_ on God's Word – preparing his heart before the Lord to receive victory! Judges 6:14, 16

We receive strength \_\_\_\_\_ that this Word is true – and \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word.