

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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**Ever wonder what our economy would look like if God was in charge?** “Jesus, could you straighten out the mess that is plaguing America? And if you get America working correctly, see if you can get the rest of the world in line, too.” After a little bit of looking around and a few pointed questions. here come the results. “What do you mean your team found 8 million dollars being spent on transgender mice? Did I understand you correctly that another \$12 million was spent creating a pickleball complex in Las Vegas? Who authorized that stuff? Are you serious – your team has found \$105 billion misspent in just two months? You think it might be over \$2 trillion by the end of 2026?”

Let's pause long enough to clarify some things.

1. Donald Trump is **NOT** God. (Much better than the disaster of the last 4 years!)
2. Elon Musk is **NOT** Jesus Christ.
3. This is **NOT** about forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven.

But the numbers are real, and they are just the beginning. Someone suggested sending 20% of the savings back to American taxpayers (\$5,000 per household), the rest against the \$36 trillion national debt. As encouraging as that sounds, it would not eliminate the national debt, but it would ease almost everyone's personal debt. And make everyone happy.

There's a lot more to do, and, apparently, we have a team doing it. **Can we rest easy?** Assassination threats against Elon Musk have risen significantly, and we already know the president is not safe. This is just a small part of what is happening. Worldwide, countries are talking about tariffs, trade deals, ending the war in Ukraine and what it all will cost. Greenland is in play. The Panama Canal is already a done deal. Canada and the US are making most of us laugh. In other words, **the United States has made the world pay attention and get serious about what they are doing.**

Whether God has heard some of our prayers or we're just on a much-needed restructuring push, we'll have to wait and see. But breathing space has happened because someone is doing something for the good of just about everyone. **We will keep praying.** Proverbs 29:2 (Amplified Bible):

**When the [uncompromisingly] righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh.**

# Welcome!

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025



*"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 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Prayer** – every Sunday evening, from 6 – 7 here in the sanctuary. This is informal, come as you are for the time you are able. James 5:16 (ESV):

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – we continue our study of the Book of Ephesians.

**Capital Section Spring Event – Ladies** – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 2 PM. Location: Capital Church, 1222 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Niskayuna, NY. Cost is \$25 per person and must be in by April 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information see Caroline Zeyak.

**Iron Sharpens Iron** – Saturday, June 7 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m., doors open at 7:30 a.m. @ Calvary Assembly of God, 960 Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill, NY 12043. The cost is of \$39 per man if we have 5 or more, payable by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students are \$25 each. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer so we can plan. This is a life changing event for our men, let us all plan to go.

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## DELIGHT IN SHARING

**TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 2; 2 Corinthians 5

An \_\_\_\_\_ is one who does evangelism, or one who \_\_\_\_\_ God's loving story with others.

### ACTION #1: USE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

1. No longer see things from a \_\_\_\_\_ viewpoint.
2. Now we have Christ \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Get a \_\_\_\_\_ picture of who Christ is.
4. "What's \_\_\_\_\_ with my eyes?"

### ACTION #2: USE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

1. We have \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "Sometimes we \_\_\_\_\_ the things we do, the way we think, the way we act on false \_\_\_\_\_."
3. You are a \_\_\_\_\_ creature.
4. God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ the old, He uses it as \_\_\_\_\_ for the new
5. You can either \_\_\_\_\_ the opinion of an eternal all-knowing God, or you can believe the collective wisdom of finite, biased, \_\_\_\_\_ beings whose entire lives when compared to eternity lasts a nanosecond.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 1:11-14 and \_\_\_\_\_ God and be \_\_\_\_\_.

### ACTION #3: USE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

1. Your story is really \_\_\_\_\_-story. 2 Corinthians 6:1
2. You carry a \_\_\_\_\_ stick.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ telling is costly, messy work.
4. Tell your story with \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Tell your story with \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Corinthians 6:2