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Ron Writes

# Contrast

In John 18, while Jesus is being interrogated by the High Priest, there is the courtyard trial of Peter. The tensions are running high in both places. There are many contrasts. Jesus is questioned by the highest religious authority, while Peter is questioned by lowly servants. Jesus stands up to His questioners, while Peter cowers and denies everything. Peter who had boldly claimed his willingness to die for Jesus. Peter who courageously pulled his sword. In the hour of trial, Peter's failure is contrasted with Jesus' faithfulness.

Was Peter a coward? Was he too self-confident? Was he too fearful? Was he too weak? Maybe – However, Jesus never gave up on Peter. He never turned His back on him. Jesus' strength and courage is in contrast to Peter.

The contrast between Jesus' strength and our weakness is experienced daily. This is so much like life. We are weak, but He is strong. He is faithful. He is quick to forgive. Like Peter, we want to be bold and courageous. But also like Peter, we find it easy to deny Him by our lifestyles and the things we say and do.

There's a little detail in the trial of Peter that only Luke mentions (Lk. 22:61). After Peter's denials, Jesus turns and looks at him. That look reminded Peter of Jesus' prediction. That look. Some see it as a look of anger or disappointment or even condemnation. Peter had done a horrible thing. Perhaps Peter saw sadness in Jesus' look, but I think it was a look of compassion, care and sympathy. It would break your heart and did Peter's.

The detail of Jesus' look is not overlooked by the hymn writer, James Montgomery, who encourages us to make this our prayer:

"In the hour of trial, Jesus plead for me.

Lest by base denial, I depart from Thee.

When Thou see'st me waver, with a look recall,

Nor for fear or favor suffer me to fall"

### Sunday's Sermon Reference: John 18:28-40,

Jesus before Pilate

### PRESENT WORSHIP OPTIONS

10:30 am - In-building Worship

10:30 am - Live-Streaming

UPDATE: Sunday Bible Classes will begin September 19th at 9:30 AM There will be a class in the auditorium for the adults, classes will be held downstairs for the children and teenagers.

Our Worship and Live Streaming will begin at the regular time of 10:30 AM

- David Warrilow was admitted to the hospital last Tuesday to treat Pneumonia and COVID. As of Wed, he was expected to go home soon.
- •After being exposed to COVID 19, On Thursday, Linda Hochhalter was moved to ICU and put on a ventilator, Deon Waldo, remails stable but will be in the hospital for several weeks. Nancy, and Grandma Fay, are both doing better and making improvement.
- •The grandson of Shirley Swalwell, **Cary Swalwell**, severely injured his neck in a softball accident and had to have surgery. The surgery went well and Cary is healing well.
- •Ron's brother, **Rick Murphy**, has decided to go on hospice, but is still receiving cancer treatment at this time.
- Please pray for Lynn Murphy's brother, **Tre Perry**. He had a heart attack Wed. morning. He ended up with 2 stents in his heart. He spent the night at the hospital and was expected to go home on Thursday.
- Our ELDERLY, please pray for good general health.
- Our STUDENTS, as they begin to prepare to go back to school.
- Our TEACHERS, as that begin to prepare to go back to school.
- ON GOING PRAYERS: Tom and Barbara Broadbent, Eric Zittle (Kristin Ruddiman's dad).

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To *Travis and Laura Smith* on the birth of their daughter, **Savannah Rae.** She was 9 pounds 1 oz. 21"long. Everyone is doing great!

Please sign up for the meal train for the Smiths. How the meal train works.

Follow this link

### https://mealtrain.com/07z0e9

You will need to create an account if you haven't already done so in the past. After that it is pretty self-explanatory.

If you have any questions or problems, contact Lorraine Reynolds or Lynn Haney.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You do NOT need to cook a gourmet meal; simple food is best. In fact, you don't have to cook at all, pick up something from the grocery deli, or grab a couple meals from your favorite restaurant and deliver them. It's all appreciated so much!

### FROM EDUARDO

- Prayers for Frumencio Chavez Irma's father who is in poor health and with depression, he is 93 years old, his wife died a few weeks ago and he no longer wants to eat or take his medicines.
- Benito Ibarra continues in treatment and rehabilitation.
- Rosa Chapina with stage four cancer.
- Rocio Rodriguez looking for work.

If you have a prayer request or other concern, please contact Kalene by email—occhurch@gmail.com or by phone at 503.317.1410

### **Around Our Area**

**OUTDOOR School at Camp Yamhill** is in need of volunteers. We still need volunteers for all three weeks for teaching and assisting, and a First Aid Provider for October 4 - 8. We've got 218 kids counting on us to assist them in having a wonderful week at camp learning more about God and His creation.

Contact **Carol Davis** at 360-887-8265 or at thurderbird.ods@gmail.com for more information about volunteer positions. The dates are—September 20 - 24 September 27 - October 1 October 4 - 8



Our neighbors, **OBRIA** are hosting a luncheon in our building for the ministers in our area.

This will be on Tuesday, September 14th from 11-3PM.

Please don't plan to use the building during this time.



From New York to Tennessee and elsewhere, flooding is devastating many areas. Plus, hurricanes and tornadoes and wild fires have caused a lot of damage as well. **Church of Christ Disaster Relief** is responding as soon as these things happen. If you would like to donate their Web site is,

http://www.churchesofchristdrt.org/

**COVID UPDATE** 

The elders are asking everyone to wear masks when inside the church building, to follow the new Oregon state mask requirements for ages 5 years and up.

#### NEW SCHEDULE Beginning Sunday, Sep. 19 Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m.



Since most of the children of our Spanish speakers either are bilingual or are learning English, there was a desire for them to continue to be part of our regular Bible classes when they began again. Since the Spanish speakers were worshipping at noon, there was a problem of the hour and a half delay between classes and their worship. Many solutions were discussed. The Spanish speakers have decided to begin their worship downstairs at 10:30 a.m.

### Are you in grade 7-12 and interested in being in the Teen Group?

You are welcome to come join us every Wednesday evening at the building to study the Bible and fellowship together.

See Steve Haney for more information.



## **NEW Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning**

After evaluating our current HVAC situation, it has been decided to upgrade our aging furnaces to high efficiency units and to replace the air conditioners. This work, under the supervision of our deacon **Allen Berreth**, will begin soon.

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To view the weekly bible classes and weekly sermons, look us up on .

Type in, "Oregon City Church of Christ", in the search bar.



Christian Accountability Support Team

### Meets Monday's at 7 PM.

### Meetings are open to anyone who needs Christian support.

**CAST** is a confidential Bible based 12-step group designed to help Christians identify, admit, and recover from debilitating problems caused by sin. Through a Biblical focus this group will show to those struggling, God's unwavering compassion, forgiveness and loyalty.

**CAST** is for those under bondage of any addiction a person has become powerless to control.

### Anyone can come to any meeting

Please let Steve Partlow know in advance you will be attending.