



Encouraging Reflections on David and Christ by Kim Jarrell

I was reflecting on Brandyn's message last week, and he made a point that "what we abide in, abides in us." He highlighted that in 1 John 3:24, when we keep God's word (and we know his word is truth) we abide in him. And we know this by the Spirit whom he has given us.

His message resonated with me causing a chain reaction of thoughts. It reminded me of Jesus' prayer in the upper room with his disciples - just prior to his death and fulfillment of his purpose as God incarnate, the Word with us (John 17). He prayed for an abiding oneness. He asked that he and his believers will be one, just as God the Father is in Christ, and Christ in the Father. It is encouraging to me in knowing that God has already paved the way for this oneness. He has given his Spirit and he searches our hearts. He knows us and has always known us. It is when WE seek the LORD and meditate upon him in relationship, in abiding in him, that helps to make oneness more complete and fulfilled. This led me to recall how David so beautifully and insightfully wrote in Psalm 139:

¹ O **Lord**, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? **and** ¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

These words encourage me to want to be like David. Like him, imperfect, but a man after God's own heart. One who serves others, guided by God's Spirit. Jesus' prayer encourages me to take steps to seek him, and to abide in him as he abides in us.

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ David and Dorothy Johnson—Earlier this week, their son, Davey Johnson, passed away unexpectedly. Please pray for this sweet family as they mourn their loss.
- ◆ Cecil Dowell—(Sid's father) Was taken to the hospital on Sunday with a possible stroke. Thankfully, he did not have a stroke! They think it was dehydration. The Dowell's are thankful for your prayers.
- ◆ Sid Dowell—Knee surgery was postponed due to the weather and is scheduled for Monday, the 22nd. Please pray for a quick recovery. He will be somewhat confined to home over the next six weeks.
- ◆ John Long—Continue to pray for John as he is working hard to gain his strength back and he also needs to gain some weigh back.
- ◆ Ray Bruce—We will be receiving a treatment plan after Thursday when the tumor board will meet. The doctor and Ray would prefer radiation but surgery is still on the table. The doctors told him that his lungs were strong enough for surgery if that's what he decides. Pray for those decisions that are to be made.
- ◆ Andrew Pope—(Friend of the Teague's) Andrew had a good week last week and it gave great promise of healing, an answer to prayer. He is moving both of his legs (which is a miracle all by itself), his appetite is better, and his spirits are a little better. They are asking specifically for prayers for healing of his kidneys, relief of pain, and full recovery. On their behalf, thank you for your prayers. God is hearing and healing!
- ◆ Noey Cheatham—Andy (Noey's brother) is in ICU with stage 3 bladder cancer. It has metastasized to the pancreas. They are trying to get him transferred to MD Anderson Hospital. Prayers and love are needed for Andy, the Cheatham family, and the doctor's working with him. Our sweet sister Noey is in need of emotional support and lots of love right now. Please uplift both of them in your prayers.

In Loving Memory

Memorial service for

Davey Johnson

Saturday, February 27th

NorthWest Church of Christ

11:00 am

Burial at Ft. Sam Houston, family only



NOTICE! THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED

AREA-WIDE YOUTH PRAISE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28th
6:30-8:00PM

@ Northwest Church
of Christ Parking Lot

Don't Forget Your Lawn Chair



NEW ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

We are starting a zoom Bible Class this week at **10:30 on Sunday mornings**. Anyone who would like to attend, please contact the church office and give us your email address so that we can send you the link to join.

WINGS and Church Email

We are aware that some of our members are not receiving the church wide email and the WINGS email. We apologize for any inconveniences that this may have caused. This is a problem with F1go and is outside of our control. We are working diligently with them to get the problem rectified and hopefully will have a solution soon. Thank you for your understanding.



All are invited to a Come-and-Go
50th Anniversary Gala for
Quince and Gayla Fryar
on Saturday, March 6th
12 noon to 6:00 p.m.

It will be at our home at 7746 Falcon Oak Dr.
San Antonio 78249 hosted by our kids. Your
presence will serve as a present.

Please RSVP to Cathy Spain 210-618-3872

New Podcast Available

NorthWest has a new podcast available! It is called *Soda and Stories* where we interview a different person from our church family each episode and hear about that person's experiences, tragedies, triumphs, and faith formation. Episodes currently feature Brenda Key, Doug Daye, and Sid Dowell!!!



To access this podcast, simply go to the podcast icon on your iPhone, click on the search option in the bottom left corner, type in *Soda and Stories*, and the podcast should appear! From there, simply click on the image and click to subscribe or choose your episode. We plan to add more as time goes along and to add this podcast to more platforms such as Spotify in the future. Hope you enjoy the podcast!

Ladies Bible Class Starting Soon

Plans are being made now to start
Ladies Bible Class **March 2nd**.
Brenda Key has graciously offered to
teach this class. She is a fun and
passionate teacher. Class will meet in the
FH (socially distanced) and it will be from
10:30am—11:30am every Tuesday.

All ladies are welcome!



Spring Break Mission Trip

Join us as we Rise Up together for a short mission trip to Pharr TX for all ages. Family friendly trip with kid friendly projects throughout the trip.

Cost: \$30 per person

March
6th-10th,
2021

REGISTER AT NWCHURCH.US
BEFORE FEBRUARY 14TH