



AN "AT HOME WORSHIP EXPERIENCE"
of First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas
Sunday, April 5, 2020

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So, how did it go this with your "At Home Worship Experience" last Sunday? I hope that you and your loved ones were truly blessed using this special tool in your home. I have heard from several that this was very helpful and stirring for their family. It may feel a little awkward if you have never done anything like this before, but I believe that God can use this in a tremendous way in homes and in our personal lives. Perhaps God is going to use this time to bring true revival to our homes and families, to our personal lives and communities, to our churches, our nation and even the whole world. Let's pray to that end. Following is week 2 of our "At Home Worship Experience." Hope it blesses you and your family. -Bro. Buddy

*This "At Home Worship Experience" is provided by First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas to be used in the home during this unprecedented time of home confinement due to the threat imposed by the Coronavirus. During this time when we are unable to meet together we can still do church in our homes and worship our God who is still on the throne, and is worthy of all worship, honour, and praise. This worship experience tool can be used any time you want, but we are encouraging you to go through the worship experience on **Sunday morning, April 5 at 10:45 a.m.** (our regular worship time). This way we can all be worshipping together, at the same time. Although we aren't worshipping in one place, we are worshipping together all over the Buda and Kyle area, and our hearts can be united in our worship. Follow the provided order of service as closely as possible, but please feel free to adapt the service to what best fits your family and guests that may be worshipping with you. Again, some suggestions would be to assign different parts of the service to each family member. Please don't forget to include any children or young people who may be in your home. Children and young people can pray, read Scripture and sing, and may offer much insight in the discussion portion of the guide.*

At Home Worship Experience Outline

Opening Prayer – Have someone lead in an opening prayer!

Call to Worship – Scripture Reading: Psalm 34

As a call to worship have someone read Psalm 34. As they read make note of the number of times the word "fear" is used.

Discuss:

- (1) How many times did the writer use the word "fear"? What are the different ways the word "fear" is used in the Psalm? What is the difference between these uses? What do you think... is one a healthy kind of fear and one an unhealthy kind of fear? Explain and discuss.
- (2) What promises do you find in this Psalm regarding fear... even our fears?
- (3) What does this Psalm reveal to us about God, especially in times of fear?
- (4) What does this Psalm teach about the important of prayer in times of fear?
- (5) What encouragement and hope do you find for today from this Psalm?

Sing this Hymn - "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Sing this Hymn - "Learning to Lean" *go right into this simple chorus

Learning to lean, learning to lean, I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

Finding more power than I'd ever dreamed, I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

Discuss: We all know that the phrase "lean on" means to rest for support on something. We've all done it physically, mentally and probably even emotionally without realizing it... that is "lean on" something or someone. And maybe you have even been frustrated, disappointed, or even shattered by something or someone you "leaned on" letting you down. Sometimes those things we lean on the most get stripped away from us. We are living in a time right now in which the very fabric of things we thought we could depend on and "lean on" is being or has been stripped away.

- (1) Can you name some things that maybe you or others often lean on that are being stripped away during these times we are in right now? (ex. the stock market)
- (2) What happens when those things we lean on get stripped away or crumble beneath us?
- (3) Given all of this, and in light of the hymn and song we just sang, what might be a spiritual truth or lesson we should be learning in times like this? State the obvious and then go deeper...

Scripture Reading – Matthew 11:28-30

This is a familiar passage of Scripture that we have heard quoted and read quite often. It's a favourite for many people. Take a few moments and discuss what Jesus is saying to us in these verses.

- (1) Why do you think Jesus couches the invitation to "come" specifically to the "weak and heaven laden"? What might He be telling us and what might this mean for us?
- (2) Along with the invitation to "come" is the command to "take". What does Jesus tell us to "take" and when might this mean regarding responsibility in the invitation He extends to us? What might this mean for us?
- (3) What does the "taking" involve? What does this mean?
- (4) What is the promise that is contained in this passage and how does that make you feel personally? How might this help us during this time?
- (5) What do you think Jesus is telling us when He says "my yoke is easy and my burden is light"?

Devotional Reading and Discussion -

The great Bible teacher/theologian, J.I. Packer said this in regard to the Christian life, "The weaker we feel, the harder we lean. And the harder we lean, the stronger we grow spiritually, even while our bodies waste away." What does he mean by that statement?

3 Ways We Should Be Learning By Leaning

When we are weak, we are to lean upon God and the harder we lean, paradoxically, the stronger we grow.

1. **Taking His Yoke** – Most of us are not old enough to have been around when oxen were yoked together to pull the plows of the farmer's field but we kind of know what a yoke is. A yoke spreads out the weight between two or more animals and allows them to carry more of the

load than they could ever do alone. This may be why Jesus said "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt 11:29-30). Who has broader shoulders than God? Jesus commands us to take His yoke and learn from Him. He says His "yoke is easy" and His "burden is light." Why? Because Jesus, as God Himself, sees nothing as too heavy for Him so that's why we need to take our burdens from off of our own backs and place the weight of the world we carry onto Jesus' yoke. Only in this way will we ever "find rest for [our] souls."

2. **Leaning on Him** - There are so many times that we may feel that we cannot go on... especially in these very trying time we find ourselves in right now. And sometimes we may even plead with God and cry out to and to Him for help, and to take these burdens from us. We need to trust God to do what His Word proclaims. This means that I must "Trust in the LORD with all [my] heart, and do not lean on [my] own understanding" (Read: Proverbs 3:5-6). If I do what Solomon wrote and lean on my own understanding, then I don't really have anything that can hold me up, therefore I am headed for a fall. I found out the hard way that "Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe" (Proverbs 28:26). Not leaning on our own understanding means we must sometimes walk by faith (no really understanding everything, or having all the answers in uncertain times) but we know that this is where true wisdom is because are told in the Bible "For we live by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).
3. **He Will Carry the Faint Hearted** - God told Israel when they had wandered in the wilderness and was afraid to cross over into the Promised Land "Do not be in dread (fear) or afraid of them. The Lord your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place"(Deuteronomy 1:29-31). Are there times when you feel like collapsing under the weight and craziness of our times? Remember that if God carried disobedient Israel through the howling wilderness He can surely carry you! Moses knew that it was impossible to go on without God saying "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here" (Exodus 33:15).

Conclusion

Like the old hymn says, learn to lean upon the everlasting arms, take His yoke for He will give you rest, when you feel like you can't go on any longer, He will carry you. Learn to lean on Him.

Closing Prayer & Song - "Family of God"

"I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, for I'm part of the family, the family of God."



SPECIAL NOTE: This "At Home Worship Experience" is just for week two (4/5/20). As we continue to be unable to meet we will provide further "At Home Worship Experience" material for you and your family to use at home to worship together. These will be available on our website www.firstbaptistbuda.com Locate the green house "At Home Worship Experience" icon on the front page of our website and simply click there. You may download and print the material for the appropriate date or use it directly from the site. For more information or if you have questions contact our church office.