

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
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Sunday Morning 05-19-2019

Yea, Though I Walk Through the Valley: Facing Change with Hope and  
Courage

Life is full of changes, but we can go through them with Jesus.

PART THREE: Jesus Knows the Way through the Wilderness

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Learning to be Witnesses: Embracing Your Fears with Faith

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Summer Series beginning on June 2nd

Learning to be Witnesses: Embracing Your Fears with Faith

Why do you get out of bed each day? What's your purpose? Why do you think God put you in this place and time? The Holy Spirit will motivate you with an intense love when you're one of Jesus's witnesses.

Jesus guarantees and confirms all of God's pledges.

When we are Jesus' disciples, then changes to the way we live will come as we cooperate with his Holy Spirit.

The cross clearly and constantly confirms Jesus's love for us.

An idol is any person, place, or thing, other than Jesus, that gives your life meaning or makes you feel valuable.

An idol is any person, place, or thing that you are not willing to give up.

An idol can also be any person, place, or thing that distracts you from focusing on the Holy Spirit.

Can idols be a problem to committed Christians?

1 John 5:21 NLT

<font color="#999999">21</font></small> Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/1jn.5.21.nlt>

Joshua 1:1-9 NLT

<font color="#999999">1</font></small> After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, <font color="#999999">2</font></small>

"Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. <font color="#999999">3</font></small> I promise

you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— <font color="#999999">4</font></small> from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' <font color="#999999">5</font></small> No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. <font color="#999999">6</font></small> "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. <font color="#999999">7</font></small> Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. <font color="#999999">8</font></small> Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. <font color="#999999">9</font></small> This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

<https://bible.com/bible/116/jos.1.1-9.nlt>

Changes in our circumstances are inevitable but the transformation of our character is not.

Transformation of our character requires our decision to cooperate.

Romans 12:1-2 NLT

<font color="#999999">1</font></small> And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <font color="#999999">2</font></small> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/rom.12.1-2.nlt>

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NET

<font color="#999999">14</font></small> For the love of Christ controls us, since we have concluded this, that Christ died for all; therefore all have died. <font color="#999999">15</font></small> And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised.

<https://bible.com/bible/107/2co.5.14-15.net>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Holy Spirit, break my heart with the things that break Jesus' heart.

Let's start here and now.

Holy Spirit, break my heart with the things that break Jesus' heart.

Holy Spirit, open my eyes. Remove whatever blinds me to the truth about who Jesus is and how I respond to him. Dismantle every lie I've believed. Build your truth into my mind until every thought obeys Jesus.

Holy Spirit, fill me with so much love for Jesus that it shapes everything I think, say, and do. Make his love the first and last word in my life.

Holy Spirit, break my heart with the things that break Jesus' heart.