

Bay City Wesleyan Church
November 11, 2018

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Sunday Morning 11-11-2018

Jesus promised, "You will bear fruit, lots of fruit, lasting fruit." John 15:5

Let's pray at 1:55 PM daily to see Jesus producing fruit in and through us.

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Claiming the promise in 2018

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The Promise:

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

John 15:9-17 NLT

<small>9</small> "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. <small>10</small> When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. <small>11</small> I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! <small>12</small> This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. <small>13</small> There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. <small>14</small> You are my friends if you do what I command. <small>15</small> I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. <small>16</small> You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. <small>17</small> This is my command: Love each other.
<https://bible.com/bible/116/jhn.15.9-17.nlt>

NEW TEACHING SERIES IN NOVEMBER:

FIRST

What's first in your life? Whatever holds first place in your life matters deeply because the person or thing that's first for you will determine your destiny.

Philippians 2:5-18 NET

<small>5</small> You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, <small>6</small> who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

7</small> but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. 8</small> He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross! 9</small> As a result God exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10</small> so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow - in heaven and on earth and under the earth - 11</small> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. 12</small> So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, continue working out your salvation with awe and reverence, 13</small> for the one bringing forth in you both the desire and the effort - for the sake of his good pleasure - is God. 14</small> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15</small> so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God without blemish though you live in a crooked and perverse society, in which you shine as lights in the world 16</small> by holding on to the word of life so that on the day of Christ I will have a reason to boast that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain. 17</small> But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice together with all of you. 18</small> And in the same way you also should be glad and rejoice together with me.

<https://bible.com/bible/107/php.2.5-18.net>

Proverbs 16:18 NLT

18</small> Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/pro.16.18.nlt>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Descending to serve then ascending to be with Jesus is greater than attempting to ascend on my own only to descend with a thud.

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OUR PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, help me to descend and serve people in love. Set me free from the drive to ascend in my own strength.