

Bay City Wesleyan Church
July 8, 2018

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Sunday Morning 07-08-2018

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)

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Psalms 19:1-14 NET

<small>1</small> The heavens declare the glory of God; the sky displays his handiwork. <small>2</small> Day after day it speaks out; night after night it reveals his greatness. <small>3</small> There is no actual speech or word, nor is its voice literally heard. <small>4</small> Yet its voice echoes throughout the earth; its words carry to the distant horizon. In the sky he has pitched a tent for the sun. <small>5</small> Like a bridegroom it emerges from its chamber; like a strong man it enjoys running its course. <small>6</small> It emerges from the distant horizon, and goes from one end of the sky to the other; nothing can escape its heat. <small>7</small> The law of the Lord is perfect and preserves one's life. The rules set down by the Lord are reliable and impart wisdom to the inexperienced. <small>8</small> The Lord's precepts are fair and make one joyful. The Lord's commands are pure and give insight for life. <small>9</small> The commands to fear the Lord are right and endure forever. The judgments given by the Lord are trustworthy and absolutely just. <small>10</small> They are of greater value than gold, than even a great amount of pure gold; they bring greater delight than honey, than even the sweetest honey from a honeycomb. <small>11</small> Yes, your servant finds moral guidance there; those who obey them receive a rich reward. <small>12</small> Who can know all his errors? Please do not punish me for sins I am unaware of. <small><font

color="#999999">13</small> Moreover, keep me from committing
flagrant sins; do not allow such sins to control me. Then I will be
blameless, and innocent of blatant rebellion. <small><font
color="#999999">14</small> May my words and my thoughts be
acceptable in your sight, O Lord , my sheltering rock and my redeemer.
<https://bible.com/bible/107/psa.19.1-14.net>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Transformation beats information and inspiration combined.

Information without transformation makes us better-educated sinners.
Inspiration without transformation makes us more excited sinners.
Transformation takes us beyond mere knowledge and emotion into a whole
new way of life.

Reading the Bible for Transformation
(arrange for about 30 minutes)

Silence: Turn off the devices and find a quiet place.

Prepare: Open your Bible and a notebook. Ask the Spirit to speak to you.

Read: Carefully read and reread your chosen passage. Pay attention to
words or phrases that stand out to you.

Reflect: Think about the meaning of the words or phrases you noted in
your reading. How does the Spirit want to change your thinking or acting?

Yield: Pray, "Your will be done in me as it is in heaven." Pray until
you know you mean it.

Practice: Do what the Spirit asked you to do. Change your thinking and
your actions.

BONUS APPLICATION QUESTION: "Other than the Holy Spirit, who will help
you make the changes?"