

Thoughts from Pastor – A Sermon Companion

It is my anniversary week. Just thought I'd take a moment to tell everyone in the church that for 21 years I have been blessed to be husband to one of the most amazing women to walk this earth. That really isn't an exaggeration, although it might be a touch hyperbolic.

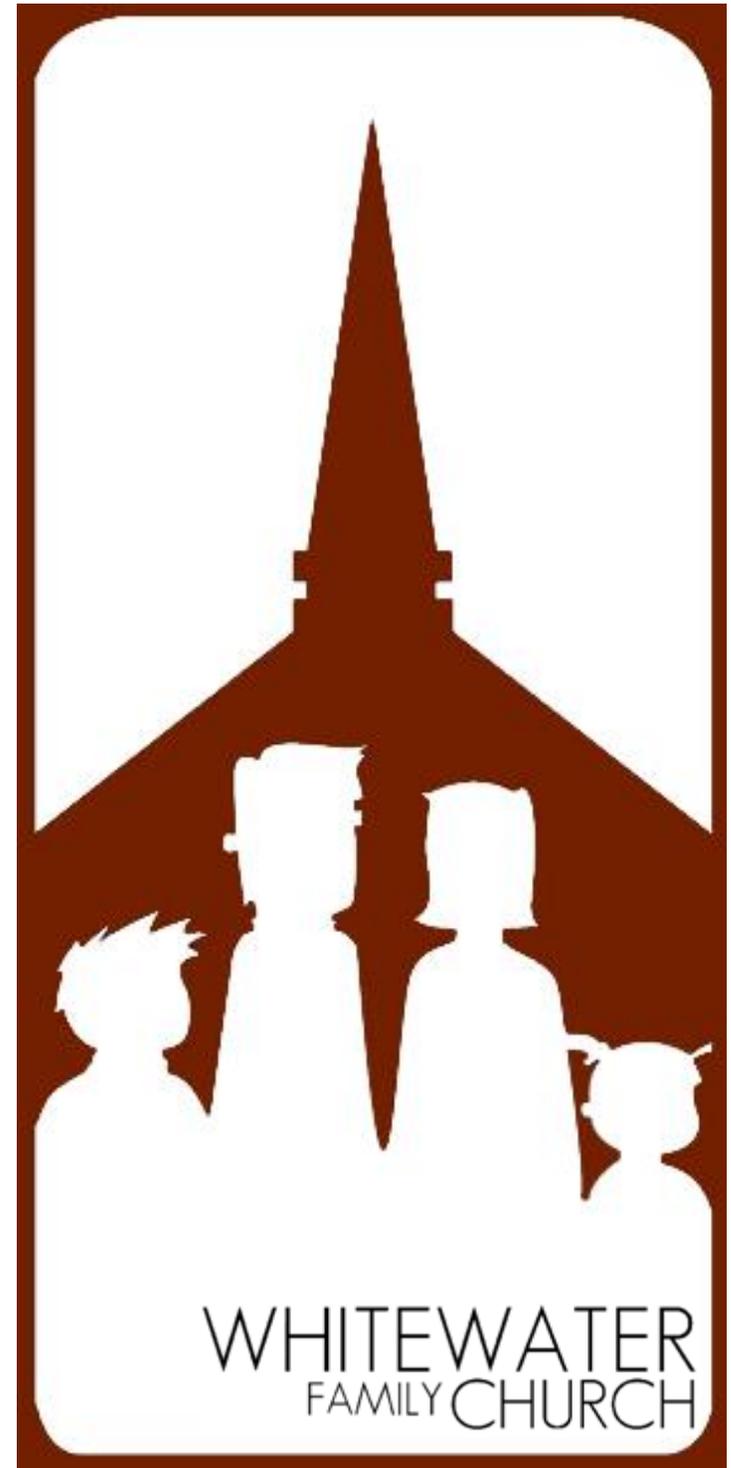
I remember very clearly the struggle of our lives when we were first married. Poor, uneducated, living in a shady apartment complex, and with a baby on the way. I remember those days like they were yesterday.

They were some of the most terrifying times of my life. Now, I'm a man who doesn't scare easy. When something difficult comes and I tend to shrug it off. (That may be part of the procrastinator in me too though ...) Anyway, it takes a lot to get me worrying.

But that wasn't always the case. Especially those first few years. I was absolutely terrified to be a husband and father. So I did what any typical man does with things like that. I pretended they weren't there. (That's really bad by the way)

Lucky for me I had a few close friends around who weren't going to let me be paralyzed by fear. They taught me the strength of God. Worked me into the husband and father my family needed, and forged me into a minister of the Gospel. Everyone needs people like that in their lives. If you don't have them I suggest you find them.

They're out there. God always has them out there. All you need to do is go find them, oh and then let them work you over into someone more Christ-like... no biggie.



When you need more than You

Mark 2:1-12

I. Here's a little background on what is happening here.

- Jesus has now started his full ministry. Disciples, Sermons, and Miracles.
- Capernaum was his new hometown, and he actually goes home quite a bit.
- This was likely his house.
- The Centurion who had his servant healed also lived here.

II. They showed determination.

- There is always something or someone between you and God.
- Very often Jesus demonstrates to us that only those who get past the obstacles are rewarded.

III. Jesus rewarded their faith. Not just the paralytics.

- Often we can't overcome our obstacles alone. It is at those times we need a close friends who won't give up either.

NOTES



At Whitewater Family Church we strive to pursue God with honesty and excellence by building stronger families, engaging in mentor based discipleship, and encouraging personal calling and ministry

Things we do Every Week

Sunday School 9:30am

Youth Group - 6:30 Wednesdays

Business Meeting / Flannel Sunday / Pot luck

March 13th we will be having our annual meeting. These have been great times of celebrating what God has done for us. This year will be no different! There have been great things. And as has become custom ... wear your flannels!

Women's Conference - See Crystal

April 21st - 23rd Rockford First Assembly Cost is \$75 to \$95 and cheaper rates may be available if we get enough ladies to go. More details to come.

Spaghetti Dinner-Wednesday Feb. 24th

It's that time again, the last Wednesday of the month. Let's get ready to serve our community. Invite your friends, neighbors, and people at the grocery store. Everyone is welcome to come. It's from 5pm until 6:30pm, if you are going to help set-up be here around 4pm.

Home-Groups

Wednesday 6:30pm

Home-Groups are designed to grow your faith, connect to your church family, and share the love of Christ with your community.

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