Grandparents, Take Care of Your Grandchildren

by Phil Jen Kin, Elder

Many of us are grandparents. This message is for us, but it has value for all of our church members. Our greatest accomplishment in life is coming to the Lord with faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. We, also, want our children, and their families to know eternal salvation.

Some of our adult children may not be attending church, and consequently, some of our grandchildren may not know the Lord. I realized, as a Christian grandfather, I needed to get to work. Recently, I walked my 11 and 9 year old grandchildren through the sinners prayer, and they both accepted Christ into their lives. My thoughts immediately went to the Bible story of the Sower and the Seeds, Matthew 13:1-23, and how these children need to be discipled.

I decided to take advantage of our social media tools, my laptop and Google Meet because my two grandchildren do not live locally. To date, I have had two sessions of Bible study with them. I ask them to read a chosen lesson from their children's Bible, and then we dissect it, and finally see how it applies to our lives, and what we have learned from God's Word. I intend to do this several times a month lasting 20-30 minutes in length.

I suspect my son and his wife are listening in on our lessons. My prayer is that they will return to attending church on a regular basis. The pandemic caused them to stop attending and their church moved

away, but they have other churches close by.

Jesus commanded us through the Great Commission, Matthew 28:16-20, to share the Gospel to all nations. He continually opens doors for us to get this done. Let us make every effort to be sure our future generations will be with us throughout eternity.







Sunday School kids enjoying Wes' lightning fast artwork last Sunday $$(\mbox{Pc: Terri})$$



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Order of Service

April 21st, 2024

| Call To Worship | | Elder Victor |
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| Worship in Music | | Congregation |
| Worship in Testimony | | Brother Wes |
| Worship in Word | Saving Faith | Pastor Ted |
| Worship in Response | | Congregation |
| Benediction | | Pastor Phil |

Ways to connect:

- **4/27–Women's Ministry Spring Luncheon** (\$10, Sat, 11:30-1, Fellowship Hall): All women high school age and above are welcome to enjoy lunch together and listen to Christine Sun's special sharing. Sign-up today.
- 4/28-Baptism (Sun, 11:30am): Join us to celebrate Jacob's profession of faith.
- 5/5—Orlando 5 STM: to help support them, write a check to Journey EC and in the memo write "Orlando 5". For info, email roger@journeyec.org.
- 5/19-Parent Orientation (Sun, 12pm): update on Youth Ministry and retreat.
- **Prayer ministry:** if you have a public or private (church leaders only) prayer request, send it to **prayer@journeyec.org** so that we may pray for you.

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Notes-Saving Faith

Pastor Ted Kau • James 2:14-26

1. Dead Faith, 2:14-17, "Can that [kind] of faith save him?"

2. Demonic Faith, 2:18-20, "Even the demons believe—and shudder!"

3. Saving Faith, 2:21-26, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"

Abraham–Jewish, godly, male, friend of God

Rahab–Gentile, prostitute, female, enemy of God

For reflection, discussion, and prayer:

- How can we stay clear of Pharisaical displays of our works? On the flip side, how can we stay motivated to allow our faith to bear increasing good works?
- How do the teachings that works without faith are dead (cf. Isa. 64:6), and faith without works is dead (cf. Jas. 2:17) relate to one another?
- How would you explain that James and Paul' teachings do not contradict each other?
- How we treat people we don't get along with, look down at, or are in conflict with reveals our faith. What's the biblical vs. worldly way? *Cf.* Mt. 5:44, 18:15-17; Pr. 18:17; 20:19.
- Thank the Lord for His salvation and that He continually changes us by his Spirit into Christ's character.