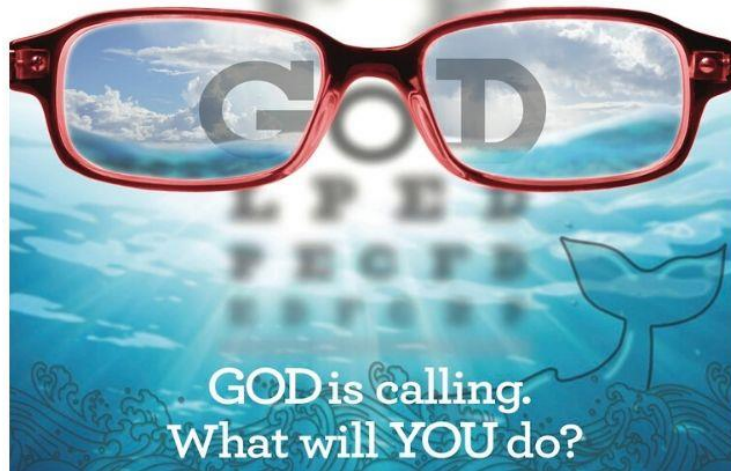


SERMON SERIES

SEEING 2020



Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do *your* work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.

Colossians 1:9-12

“Rock Bottom”

January 12, 2020

When you are _____ at God, you cannot see clearly.
God is not mad at you! God _____ you! John 3:16-17

We don't see the world as it is.

We see the world as we are.

When someone says, “_____ me,” don't _____ them.
Jesus said, “I am the way, the _____ and the life.” John 14:6-7
It is hard to miss the will of God.

“Hell is not an ‘oops!’ or a slip. One does not miss heaven by a hair, but by constant effort to avoid and escape God.” - Dallas Willard

God desires that _____ should perish. 2 Peter 3:9

How to Discern Truth from Falsehood (Light from Darkness)

The voices of darkness lead to self-_____.

When you hear, “You are worthless, useless, a nobody,” NOT GOD!

God says, “You are _____ made.” Psalm 139:14

God says, “You are my _____.” 1 John 4:1, 7-11

“God is not a mumbling trickster.” – Dallas Willard

Look for _____ and _____.

“The transparent life is a life in which heart, mind, and gut are united in choosing the light.” – Henri Nouwen

You are only as sick as your secrets. - AA

Engage the historic family of _____ including people from long ago and far away: Saint Francis, Saint Benedict, Mother Teresa, John Wesley, Dallas Willard, Eugene Peterson, Richard Foster.

Jonah as an Example Jonah 1:17-2:1

It takes Jonah _____ underwater in a fish before he is ready to pray.

God is faithful. When we call, God _____. Jonah 2:2

God's voice does not _____. Jonah 2:3-9

When God speaks, things _____! Jonah 2:10

God's voice is _____. Jonah 3:1-2

God's voice carries a _____ beyond my own thought or other thoughts that may come to mind.

Action Step: Go to a _____ to pray knowing others have prayed there.