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*The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.*

*June 7, 2020*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

### "I CAN'T LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS!"

Acts 3:6=Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

The story is told about this father and his son were walking on the beach, and the boy happened to notice all the starfish lying there. There were hundreds and thousands of them that had been washed up onshore. They were dying not being in the water. So they began throwing them back into the water. Soon the boy realized that there were just too many. The boy then said, "daddy there are so many starfish up on the beach. It doesn't matter that we are throwing back a few here and a few there. It doesn't matter, because there's too many of them, what difference does it make?" His father reached down and picked up one starfish and threw him back into the ocean and His father said "I just made a difference in the life of that one starfish."

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Here in our text this morning, we see Peter and John making a positive difference in the life of this one man.

Let us look at verses 1-3 so that we can unpack **point number one**.

**1: PRAYER (Asking, Communicating, Meditating).** They went to the Temple to pray, not to play, but to pray. Prayer is an awesome privilege. Prayer is our approach to God, and when we come to God, we come boldly, believing that God has already worked it out. Prayer reflects our dependence on God. God wants to grant our request, but He wants us to ask Him for the things we stand in need of this morning. We must understand this morning -- God may decide to withhold His answer for a while in order to (1) deepen our insight into what we really need. (2) broaden our appreciation for His answers, or (3) allow us to mature so we can use his gifts more wisely. **I CAN'T LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS!!!**

Grab, Drop & Go Message – "Grab a Sermon, Drop Offering and Go Home" - Coronavirus Pandemic 2019-2020

Let us glean from verses 4-7 and we will discover **point number two**.

**2. PARTNERSHIP (Agreement, contract, relationship).** Unwise partnership can have disastrous consequences. We court disaster when we enter into partnership with unbelievers, because our foundations are different. While one serves the Lord, the other does not recognize God's authority. **My sweet members of Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church**, it is vital for us to understand this morning. There are important basic guidelines for partnerships. Before entering into partnerships ask (1) Have I prayed? (2) What are my motives? (3) Is it only a quick fix to my problems? When you partner with someone, you all are working toward the same goals.

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As I close from the text Let's look at verses 7-9 and we will uncover **point number three**.

**3: PRAISE (Excitement, Celebration, Joy).** True worship includes praising God for what He had done in the past, present and future. God wants us to praise Him! Serious reflection and immediate confession of sin is essential, but this should be balanced by celebrating or praising who God is and what God had done in your life. Praising God is a way of giving. Praising God is not to be self centered. Enter into praising that honors God and allows Him to fill you with His joy.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020**



**-TODAY –9:00 a.m. – HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION.** Pastor White's message will be shown live on FaceBook.. Enjoy other messages and services at church website: [johnschapelamec.org](http://johnschapelamec.org)

**EARLIER TIME FOR WORSHIP – 9:00 A.M. WHEN TEMPERATURES ARE LOWER!**

--We will continue our current worship system until the AME Church issues guidance, which the Pastor will pass along to us. In the meantime, please continue to pray, and heed all public directives regarding the **Coronavirus Pandemic. STAY SAFE – STAY HOME** as much as possible Stay abreast of the latest directives. [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov> [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

--Pastor White thanks everyone for your participation in our **Pentecost Sunday Celebration** on last Sunday. Sermon title: **CATCH ON FIRE!**

--Pastor White presents: **"SERMON DASH"**. You may receive a hard copy or a CD/DVD of sermons via text, phone call, e-mail or word of mouth, etc., and we will get the sermon to you.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE – Check e-mails and text messages for more info.**

**--MONDAY – FRIDAY. Summer Feeding program. Carry-out Meals for Children ages 1-18 here at JC 11:00 a.m.** For more info, please see Pastor White.

**--EACH WEDNESDAY – JC Bible Study via conference call - 7:00 p.m. Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936**

**--EACH SUNDAY – Worship service at 9:00 a.m.. Church School Lesson Summary 10:15-10:45 via conference call. Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936. Grab & Go – 10:45-11:45; Drive Up Worship in Cars – 12 Noon**

**--JC MEMBERS ARE OBEYING THE LAW AND RESPONDING TO THE CENSUS.** -- Pastor White is asking Class Leaders to please check on all class members to see how they are doing and also inquire if they have completed the Census. If not, please emphasize the importance, and let them know help is available.

**Volunteers:** LauReen McDaniel 334-470-1816; Franklin Simmons 334-494-2377; & Marge Simmons 334-477-1962.

**26 Households reporting! OUTSTANDING!** If you haven't completed the census, please do so today and let **Sister Marge know**. Check out the website at [www.census2020.gov](http://www.census2020.gov) and encourage others to respond. .

**PRAYER LIST Week of May 31-June 6, 2020**

-- Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland)

--Sister Eleanor Bailey

-- Jennifer Bigham – Doing well at home

-- Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street, Charles Town, WV 25414-

--Sister Geraldine Booth

--Sister Brenda Crawford

--Sister Debra Fay Brown – Bereavement

--Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones

--Sister Annie Pearl Frazier

--Sister Ruby Grayer

--Sister Dorothy Holmes

--Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden

--Sister Constance Jones & Family



--Sister Mable Mays

--Sister Ann McGaughey

--**Dr. Russell Nichols—Driving & Back at work**

--Sister Minnie Powell, Mother of Sis. White

--Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie White, Sr. — Parents of Pastor White

--Sister Johnnie Sanders

--Brother Larry Wilson—Husband of Sis. Shun Wilson

--Sister Eloise Williams

--**The United States of America & the World**

**\*New entries in bold print**

**Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in members.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

June 10 Lyndell "Man-Man" Kimbrough

June 13 Justin Sanders

June 13 LauReen McDaniel



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

June 10, 1986 Mr. Larry & Mrs. Shun Wilson

**CONGRATS TO OUR 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: KALEEA TAYLOR  
AND TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS ON YOUR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS!**

**Our Prayers are with you as you adjust to a changing world.**

**In all thy ways, continue to acknowledge God!**

