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*The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.*

*July 19, 2020*

## **"HOW TO GET OUT OF SPIRITUAL QUICKSAND!"**

Psalm 68:1-5 Let God arise, Let his enemies be scattered. Let them also that hate him flee before him.

**My Christian brothers and sisters**, as we walk with God it is imperative for all of us to understand this morning, sometimes the solutions we seek from God are quite unexpected. He may tell us to do something that doesn't make sense or that contradicts our natural reactions or responses. This past week while I was on vacation, with a messed up ankle (lol) I had enough time to sit down and rest for a little while (lol) and while I was resting, I read this particular article that talked about quicksand. This is what I learned. The article made it crystal clear that quicksand is sand and water. The problem is that the water loosens up the sand so that the sand is not compact and there is nothing to stand on. Compacted sand is a surface that can support a person and give them something to move on. Once you mix that same sand with water, all of a sudden there's no traction left. The problem is, when a person gets stuck in quicksand, the harder they try to get out, the deeper and faster they go under. The harder they try, the worse things get because the nature of quicksand is to pull them down the more they try and move. Now the person who gets stuck in quicksand who knows how to handle it doesn't fight to stay up. **My Christian brothers and sisters**, what they do is slowly paddle underneath, moving an inch here and an inch there until hopefully they can get to dry land. The nature of some problems is that the harder you try to get out of it, the deeper you're going to wind up in it.

Here in our text this morning David is giving us a three-step plan that is designed to get us out of spiritual quicksand!

Let's look closely at verse number one and pull out **point number one**.

**1: PRAYER: (Asking, Communicating, Meditation).** Prayer is speaking with God. Prayer is an opportunity to bring our will into line with God's plan. Prayer is an opportunity to demonstrate our trust in God. Prayer reflects our dependence on God. Prayer is an awesome privilege! **HOW TO GET OUT OF SPIRITUAL QUICKSAND**

Let us glean from verses two and three, so we can unpack **point number two**.

**2: PATIENCE: (Calmness, Endurance, Long Suffering).** Patience is developed through waiting. Although God promises to reward our good deeds, we sometimes feel our "PAYOFF" is too far away. **My Christian brothers and sisters**, be patient because God will step in right on time. **HOW TO GET OUT OF SPIRITUAL QUICKSAND.**

As I close from the text this morning, Let's look at verses four and five, so we can discover point number three.

**3: PRAISE: (Adoration, Appreciation, Worship).** Praise is giving thanks to God for who He is. Praise is saying thank you for each aspect of his divine nature. Our inward attitude becomes outward expression. When we praise God, we help ourselves by expanding our awareness of who He is.

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I LOVE BEING YOUR PASTOR!  
HOT DOG

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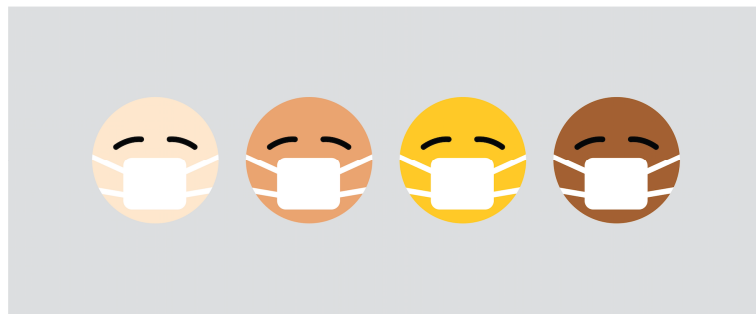
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020**



*Back to School with God*

--Please remember all the children in prayer as decisions are made regarding how they will return to school during the ongoing **Coronavirus Pandemic**, and stay abreast of the latest directives. [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)  
<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov> [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)



**REMEMBER TO WEAR FACE MASKS IN PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES – CHILDREN TOO!**  
**NEW REQUIREMENT BY GOVERNOR IVEY**

--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.

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

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

--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

--Sister Dorothy Holmes, WMS Life Member, sends her heartfelt thanks to everyone who remembered her on her 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday on last Saturday, July 11. She was especially excited about her surprise Drive-Through Birthday Celebration and all the cars that paraded past her home. May God bless all who remembered her in any way with prayers, thoughts, gifts and the parade.

--Sister Holmes also sends her appreciation to all who donated toward this year's Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. She was the top fund raiser with a total of \$1,707.75. Special thanks to everyone for your support. She has been the top Coffee County fund raiser for over a dozen years!

-- The Johns Chapel Family sends condolences to our beloved First Family: Sister White, Pastor White, Brittany, Chynna and Jeremiah, after the passing of Mrs. White's Mother, Mrs. Minnie Powell on last night. Please remember the entire family in prayer.

**PRAYER LIST Week of July 19-25, 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  
--Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones  
--Ms Fay, lives in another state – A believer asked us pray for her sister to have a closer walk with God  
--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  
--Sister Patricia White – Bereavement – Passing of her Mother, Sister Minnie Powell  
--Pastor Willie White, Jr. –Bereavement -Passing of his Mother-in-Law  
--Brittany Bradley, Chynna Clark & Jeremiah Bradley – Bereavement – Passing of Grandmother & Great-Grandmother  
--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**

July 19 Shunia Williams  
July 19 Bobby Moment  
July 20 Brittany Bradley  
July 20 Kizzy Gray

July 21 Reverend Flora Scott  
July 22 Ann Mills  
July 23 Anitra Freeman  
July 23 Kakenda Pyatt

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

July 20, 1985 Mr. Carlos & Mrs. Lynette Robinson



--**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.

The following households have reported that they are ACCOUNTED FOR in the 2020 Census, as required by law and because they are good citizens:

--Pastor and Mrs. White & Family  
--LauReen McDaniel Family  
--Dianne Durdin & Michael Elcock Family  
--Constance Jones  
--Carlos & Lynette Robinson  
--Mack & LaToya Chambers & Family  
--Ricky Britt & Family  
--Bobby & Evadna Moment  
--Marion Griffin

--Geraldine Booth  
--Dr. Russell & Mrs. Helen Nichols  
--Ira "Pat" Brown  
--Johnnie Sanders & Family  
--Vernetta DeRamus  
--Dr. Stafford & Mrs. Bessie Thompson  
--Ann & Nikki Mills Family  
--Richard & Shelia Robinson & Family

--Betty Simmons & Vivian Johnson & Family  
--Ruthie Warren & Joe Warren Jr. Family  
--Franklin & Marge Simmons  
--Sam & Hilda Blake  
--Jimmy & Lois Boykins  
--Gay Nell Miley  
--Shun Wilson  
--Jared & Ebony Simmons  
--Chad & Megan Simmons

**26 Households reporting! OUTSTANDING!** If you have completed the Census and your name is not listed above, or if you have not completed the census, please do so today and let Sister Marge know. Check out the website [www.census2020.gov](http://www.census2020.gov) and encourage others to respond. .

**To get our fair share of funding, we all must stand up and be counted.**



**....whether at your home or in the classroom at the school house**