

ACTS

About That Life

Acts 5:17-42

What Spiritual Warfare Looks Like:

“Many signs and wonders ...”

“More than ever believers were added ... multitudes of men and women”

“The sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits were all healed.”

And then ...

The religious leadership, “filled with jealousy arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.”

But God ...

During the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

Being Faithful to *The Life* in the Face of Persecution:

Settle first the issue of _____.

There may come a time where I am faced with a choice: _____ or _____.

My allegiance will be tested.

The question will be, “Is this really my _____?”

Be _____ for persecution.

It is _____ for the _____. (2 Timothy 3:12)

It is _____ to God’s _____. (Acts 8:1)

It is _____ for the _____. (John 15:1-2)

The ‘Gamaliel Test’

“... *keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them.*”

This is not the first religious “*movement*”. These aren’t the first devoted “disciples”.

Let’s give it _____ and look for _____ that these people are “real”.

Don’t always expect _____, but always commit to _____.

And don’t _____!

“... *they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.*”

3 Big Reasons:

1) Gamaliel’s question has already been answered.

2) Jesus is my _____.

3) This is my _____!

New Grounded in the Faith Class

Grounded in the Faith is a course based on Ken Erisman’s book that will address topics that are foundational to the Christian faith. This field-tested guide to growth in the Christian faith covers important topics such as justification, overcoming temptation, sanctification, evidence for the inspiration of the Bible, the value of prayer, the guidance of God, the Trinity, the uniqueness of Christ, and the attributes of God.

It is designed for believers of all levels of maturity. New Christians will begin building a Biblically-based foundation in theology and in practicing their faith. Those who have followed Christ for many years will sharpen their understanding of key Biblical principles that will aid in evangelism and discipleship.

If this is a training you would be interested in committing to for a season, please email grounded@calvarydothan.com and let us know. We will structure the format and times once we assess the interest.

Mission Trip Opportunity

Portland, Oregon | July 9-16, 2022

The mission team will help with VBS and outreach in church replant. Cost is \$1300. Contact Randy Hunt at randy@calvarydothan.com for more information or to sign up.

Dinner with the Pastor

Tuesday, April 26 | 6:15pm | Parlor

Membership Matters

Wednesday, May 4 | 5:45pm | Parlor

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for Dinner with the Pastor and the Membership Matters class. Contact angie@calvarydothan.com or call the church office to RSVP for the dinner and childcare. Childcare will be provided for 6-week-olds through 5th grade.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 10 | 2-6pm | Parlor

Be the lifeline patients need by giving blood. To make an appointment to donate, visit redcrossblood.org, enter the code 36303 and then choose “Dothan Community-Calvary Baptist Church” for appointment times.

Spaghetti Night Fundraiser for Student Ministry

Thursday, April 28 | \$8/plate | Drive-Thru pickup

Help our students raise money for camp this Summer! Tickets will be on sale starting April 10.

Cake + Dessert Auction | May 22

Join us after worship on May 22 in the ROC for an auction to raise funds for Student camp this summer. If you would like to donate a homemade cake or dessert, please call the church office or email brooke@calvarydothan.com.

Joy Prom

Sunday, May 1 | 5-7pm | Fellowship Center

Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom designed for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Register online at calvarydothan.com.

Parent-Child Commitment Service

Sunday, May 8 | 10am Worship

Email joyce@calvarydothan.com if you would like to be a part of this special commitment time with your child. There is a parent-child commitment meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 6pm in the office building conference room.

Vacation Bible School

K5-5th Grade | June 13-17 | 8:30am-12noon

There are MANY volunteer positions still open. Please consider serving at VBS. For more information or to sign up, visit calvarydothan.com/event/vbs. Volunteer registration will close in May.

Child registration for VBS will open Sunday, April 24.

Persecution has always been part of the Christian experience. In Acts, the early church witnessed the miraculous, enjoyed fellowship like a family, and experienced amazing growth in new believers. But they also faced staggering persecution. The harsh reality of opposition and persecution was not indicative of God’s *absence* in their lives but was – again and again – an amazing *opportunity* for his grace to be given and His glory to show.

And don’t be mistaken – opposition and persecution will be part of our lives, too. In fact, it’s promised:

The Apostle Paul (who was well-acquainted with persecution) wrote,

“... *all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*” (2 Timothy 3:12)

And Peter, who was ultimately martyred for his faithfulness to Jesus, wrote,

“*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you ...*” (1 Peter 4:12).

And Jesus told us,

“*A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.*” (John 15:20)

In 2021 Australian Pastor Stephen McAlpine released a book called *Being the bad Guys: How to Live for Jesus in a World That Says You Shouldn’t*. He writes:

“*Christians feel shock as new laws are passed across the Western world which preference LGBTQI rights over religious freedoms. There is anger over unsuccessful challenges to late-term abortion and euthanasia laws. There is worry that efforts to keep Scripture in schools will fail, or that moves to cut funding for religious charities will succeed. And all this against a backdrop of global persecution against Christians which gets little to no oxygen in the mainstream media.*

The question we may ask is not simple, “How did this happen?” but “How did this happen so quickly?” Wasn’t it only yesterday that Christianity was begrudgingly accepted as a societal good? A bit like taking cod-liver oil in the fifties: not all that palatable, but beneficial. But now? It’s not only unpalatable, it’s positively toxic – and now it’s time to get rid of it.

Christians throughout the West are confused and uncertain. Like William Foster standing on Venice Pier, we’re astonished that the way we see ourselves is no longer how others see us. And it’s all happened in record time.

So how are we to prepare ourselves and how are we to react and respond to what is surely upon us? In today’s message, *About That Life*, we’ll see what motivated the bold faithfulness of the early church and what it will take for us to maintain our allegiance to King Jesus in the turbulent times we live in. And ultimately, we’ll find that no matter the cost, allegiance to Jesus is worth it!

“... *this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*” (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

Pastor Paul Thompson

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

April 24, 2022

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Guest
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

April 24, 2022



I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/podcast or use Calvary's MobileMission app.

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...

April 17

Life Groups: 623
10:00 Worship: 930
Hispanic Church: 106
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given April 17: \$33,455
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$18,817.48
Annie Armstrong: \$49,546

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, April 24:

Ex 18, Lk 21, Jb 36, 2 Cor 6

Monday, April 25:

Ex 19, Lk 22, Jb 37, 2 Cor 7

Tuesday, April 26:

Ex 20, Lk 23, Jb 38, 2 Cor 8

Wednesday, April 27:

Ex 21, Lk 24, Jb 39, 2 Cor 9

Thursday, April 28:

Ex 22, Jn 1, Jb 40, 2 Cor 10

Friday, April 29:

Ex 23, Jn 2, Jb 41, 2 Cor 11

Saturday, April 30:

Ex 24, Jn 3, Jb 42, 2 Cor 12

Midweek Schedule

5:15pm Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building

Children, Grades 1-5, ROC
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

7:00pm Adult Choir

4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline.
- On Sundays, drop in the offering plate or in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Patrick Lima.....Worship
Tommy Perry.....Community

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, April 24:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, April 30:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, May 1:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 27 | 6pm

Genesis: The Protection of Israel

Genesis 46:29-47:12

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 1 | 10:00am

Acts: Servants of the Gospel

Acts 6:1-7

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, May 4 | 6pm

Genesis: The Shrewdness of Joseph

Genesis 47:13-26

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 8 | 10:00am

Acts: The Gospel of the Old Testament

Acts 6:8-8:3

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30am Life Group

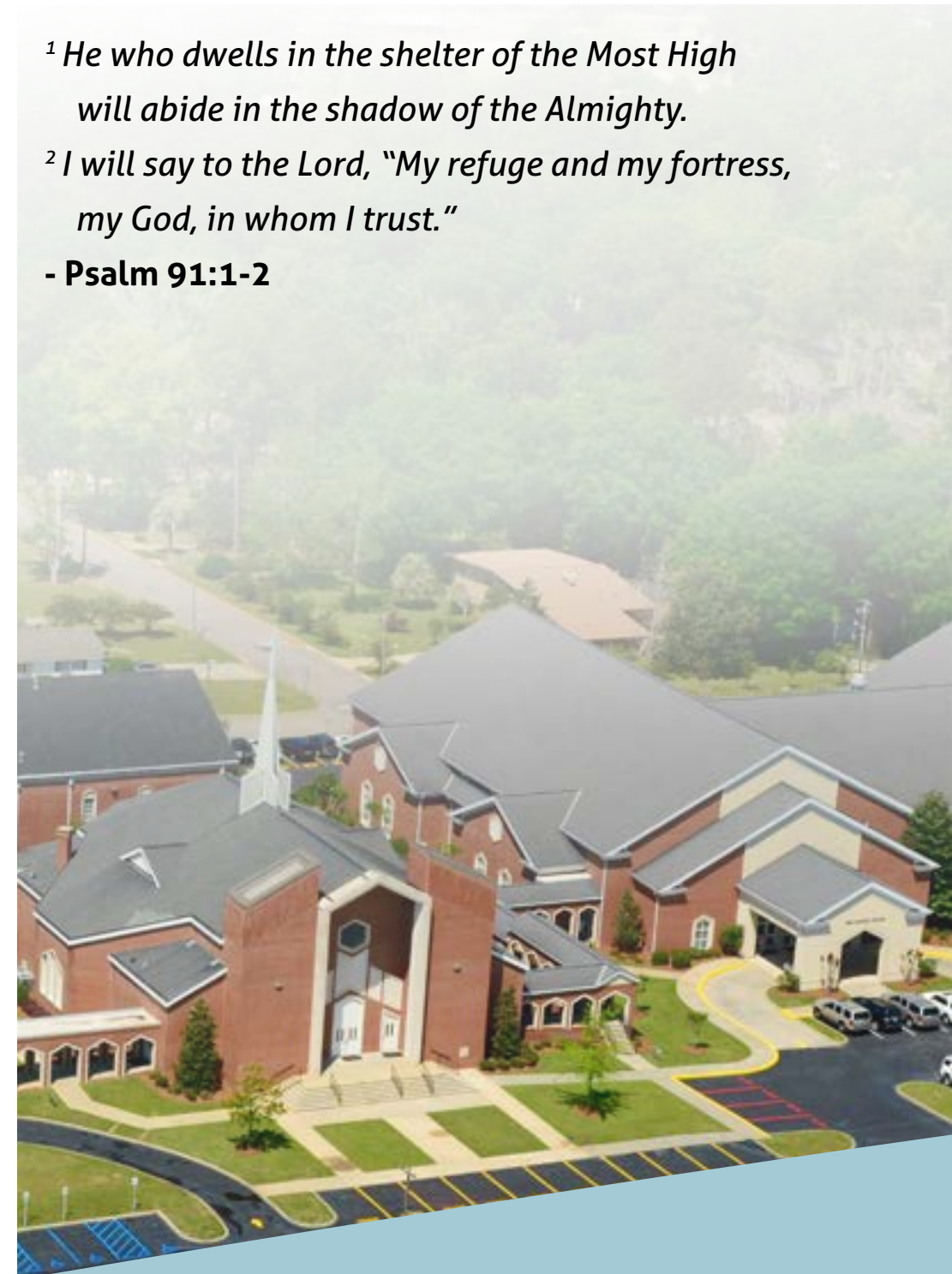
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM
94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

- Psalm 91:1-2



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH