

SUNDAY MESSAGE | AUGUST 9TH 2020

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Greetings in Christ Jesus!

One of the side-effects of sheltering in place, quarantine, safer at home, locked down, locked in, isolated as most of us have been one way or the other since the middle of March is that we lose track of time. We may not remember what day of the week it is. We may not know the date. We may not know what time it is.

This week, I was late for a ZOOM meeting because I didn't realize that it was 3 PM. We had a late lunch that day, so my "body clock" was off.

The next day, I tried to prepare for a ZOOM meeting that won't be until next week. But I was ready and watching the time!

We have doctor's appointments the next two Tuesdays, one week in Sarasota and the next in Arcadia. No, wait! That's wrong! Next week in Arcadia is on Thursday. Now, it isn't next week, it is week after!

Unless Faraja caught it and edited it out, I mixed up some dates in the Midweek Bible Study this week, which for two weeks in a row has been late coming out not because we didn't know what day it is, but because of technical difficulties. Batteries that didn't charge, slow downloads or uploads, computers crashing.

I'm reminded of a lesson learned from a Billy Graham Evangelistic Association event several years ago. We had several key members of our team afflicted days before the event was to happen. One's leukemia came out of remission. Another had a stroke. Yet another was in a serious automobile accident.

The representative from the BGEA came into our meeting, where we were sitting stunned, with a smile on his face and a bounce in his step, and told us, “The closer you get to doing the Lord’s work, the more the Devil gets in the way.” We folks from Westminster and Palma Sola churches must be very close to doing the Lord’s work.

Your Transitional Pastor,

Ted Land

Today’s Sunday Sermon

This Sunday, we were only able to post the sermon on YouTube. I will update you on this in the mid-week message.

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

MATTHEW 14: 22-33

SERMON:

To Walk On Water