



# Spirit of Faith

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...to inspire and challenge believers to seek deeper ways of serving Our Lord, to motivate all people to follow Jesus Christ, and to nurture one another.

## The importance of time away...

*The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.*

Mark 4: 30-32 NRSV

Summer is a time when many people take vacations. In fact, statisticians say that this year more people are taking vacations than ever before, partly because of pent up demand from the pandemic.

The need to refreshment and renewal through a time away was recognized by Jesus. He said to his exhausted disciples, "Come away to a deserted place, all by yourselves, and rest for a while."

There are three components to his plea.

**First, he wants them to experience a change of location.** He desires to have them go to a different place, apart from where they have been living and laboring, in order to experience a sense of renewal.

**Second, he wants them to have some time by themselves.** While it is impossible for us to know exactly what it would have been like to be one of the twelve disciples, it seems like the crowds were constantly around. The disciples needed some space relationally, and Jesus recognized this truth. Having time alone is essential for all of us, in the same way that human relationships are also essential. Life is a matter of balance, and having a time away, by ourselves, helps restore the balance.

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**Third, Jesus suggested that they have a time away in “a deserted place.”** One of Jesus’ favorite places to retreat with his disciples was Ceasarea Philippi, which is an area of Israel unlike any other. While most of the country is hot and dry, Ceasarea Philippi is lush, and green, with a flowing spring. How refreshing that would be!

Many people desire to vacation in the midst of God’s creation. National and state parks, wilderness areas, and even private campgrounds are popular choices. I myself recently returned from vacation in Idaho. Jeana and I enjoyed the beauty of the Idaho mountains, at an elevation of 4,000 feet.

I should point out that while Jesus and his disciples went away for a while, they were soon back to ministry. That is the purpose of a time away: to have new and different experiences, so that we might return refreshed, renewed, and energized for the tasks of life and ministry.

May all of you have a blessed August!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

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## Tall Timber

Please keep Tall Timber in your prayers.

They have had a challenging summer, marked by significant electrical problems (no power to the A-frame, and several cabins). In addition, a stomach flu bug raged through Mini-camp, sickening enough campers that a decision was made to end camp a day early, refunding registration fees to campers. As you might imagine, this has challenged interim directors Velda Millard, and Sprouse. To find out more information about the camp, or to make a donation, please visit [talltimber.org](http://talltimber.org). Thank you!



## Gift Received!

We are excited to announce that Canyon Hills Community Church has recently sent a check to us totalling \$1,751. Before the youth from the church left our facility in late June, the Children's Ministry Pastor, Alex Croutworst, said that the youth wanted to give some of their collected funds towards our patio project at the church. We thank them for their generosity!

## Patio Project August Update

Our proposed project to install a Patio for outdoor worship and fellowship continues to make progress. Here are a few of the most important updates.

### Contractor Bids:

We are continuing to accept contractor bids for the work of installing the patio. The Property Ministry will be meeting soon to assess the bids, looking at options for both pavers and poured concrete.

### Feedback:

We have received a great deal of positive feedback on this proposal, and would welcome your input. Already, it has been voiced that we ought to have more than one permanent picnic table on the patio.

### Giving:

We are now accepting designated gifts for this project. As we receive gifts and pledges towards this project, it will happen! If you have not given to this project, please consider a gift. If you have already given, thank you for your gift!

### More information:

Please contact Mr. Scott Kruse, elder and chair of the Property Ministry Team, or Ron Lodge, a member of the Property Ministry Team.

Celebrate AUGUST Birthdays



Happy Birthday

David Abbott	8/5
Shellie James	8/8
Lynne Barnhart	8/25
Robert Mitchell	8/25
Scott Kruse	8/26
Jeanne Lodge	8/28

August Anniversaries



Ron and Jeanne Lodge	Aug 6
Bob and Barb Arlt	Aug 7
Kevin and Sue Kane	Aug 16
Jim and Sue Anez	Aug 19



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	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	4 10:30 Office is open	5 10:30 Office is open	6
7 10am Worship with Communion	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed	10 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	11 10:30 Office is open	12 10:30 Office is open	13
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