

Sunday – July 8, 2018

Pastor David Higa
Ministering Through Affliction
2 Corinthians 4:1-18

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,... [2 Corinthians 4:17]

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” This is a principle that most of us have tried to put into practice. Life oftentimes gets tough. And when it does we can either toughen up or give up.

One of the great football legends, Vince Lombardi, a Christian man, once said, “the real glory is being knocked to your knees and then coming back.” Anyone who has played the sport knows exactly what he means. The principle, however, not only pertains to football. In this life you will get knocked to your knees. The question is, will you get up?

“We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you.” [2 Cor 4:8-12]

When we read of the hardships that Paul endured for the cause of Christ you have to wonder how he kept going. Paul was stoned at Lystra and left for dead [ref. Acts 14]. The disciples even thought he was dead but as they gathered around him he rose up and went back into the city, to the very place where they stoned him [ref. Acts 14:19-20]. Talk about getting knocked to your knees and coming back!

What was it that got Paul to rise up and return? It was solely the Lord. God is *the source* of comebacks. “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.” [2 Cor 4:7] The treasure, the power, is the Holy Spirit.

If you’re down and out this morning; if you’ve been knocked to your knees you have come to the right place. In this place you can meet Jesus and ask Him to pick you up. He will.

Ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins; and to rule and reign in your life. He will. He will pick you up and strengthen you and move you through the challenges in this life. Because the real glory is not in an easy life; it is in a challenging one that Jesus picks you up and moves you through.

Weekly Ministries:

Sun Morning Services – at Rosemont ES w/ Spanish translation.
7:30 am
9:30 am with Children’s ministry.
11:30 am with Children’s ministry & Teens ministry [6th-9th grades].

Sun Evening Service – HT Office. *Proverbs*.
6:30 pm with Children’s ministry.

Mon Evening Men’s Fellowship – at HT Church Office.
6:30 pm Bible Study in Exodus.

Tue Evening Ladies Fellowship – at HT Church Office.
7:00 pm Bible study discussing Sun sermons in 2 Corinthians.

Wed Afternoon Elderly Ministry – at Hollywood Royale.
3:30 pm See Carl for details.

Wed Evening Service – at Rosemont ES with Children’s ministry.
7:30 pm Old Testament Bible Study – *1 Chronicles*.

Sat Afternoon Elderly Ministry – at City View Villas.
2:00 pm See Carl for details.

Worship Services:

Sundays at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Rosemont Avenue Elementary School
421 N. Rosemont Ave., Los Angeles, 90026

Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

Church Office - The Hidden Treasure Bookshop
1822 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, 90026

Announcements

In the Beginning – A VBS Creation Extravaganza!

- **Saturday Jul 21 – Morning Echo Park Outreach**
Children’s music, skits, face-painting, balloon animals, and more at the Echo Park Lake children’s area. See Mike for details.
- **Saturday Jul 28 – In the Beginning Outreach**
Will be hosted at our HT Church Office. This is an outreach to children in our Echo Park neighborhood. We need help w/ design, setup, working booths, preparing Creation activities, etc. See Sal for details.
- **Saturday Aug 4 – Creation Institute Field Trip**
All in our fellowship are invited on a trip to The Creation Institute in San Diego. Under 18 yrs must come w/ a parent or legal guardian. See David & Mildred for details.

Kid’s Creation Club at our Wed Evening Services!

Summer fun science activities and Bible teaching to understand God’s amazing Creation Plan. See Marcy for details.



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Daily Bible Reading 07/09 – 07/15: Psalm 120 – Proverbs 9.
Reading plan at Info Table.

Spanish Translation is available during our services using small remote earpiece units. Please come to the Information Table.

Prayer Requests: We are available for prayer right after the service or you can fill out a **PrayerCard** and drop it in the offering box.

As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during service.