

The HeartBeat OF MOUNTAINSIDE

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members



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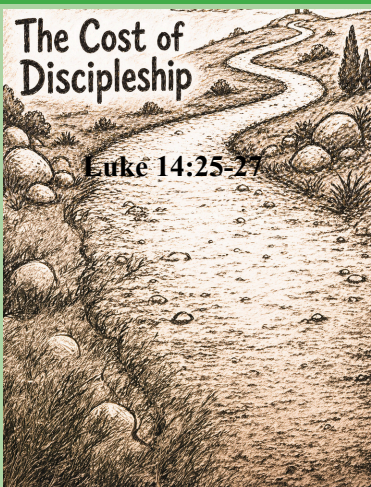
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THIS SUNDAY AT

The Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14:25-27



By Whose Authority?

Try to get onto any military base in the United States and you will get questioned as to your business, that is unless you have a military identification card. The guards at the gate are given a great deal of authority to allow cars to enter, to pull to the side and receive a pass, or to be turned away all together. Responsibility to ensure the safety and security of the base lies at the highest echelon of command on the installation, but the authority is filtered down through the levels of command to those standing guard at the gate.



The guards that occupy the east and west gates of our community are no different. They have been given the authority to allow entrance or turn away cars. In both of these examples, authority is used to protect individuals from evil in our midst.

When Jesus cast a demon out of man who could not speak and was blind (Matt 12:22) His authority was questioned by the religious elite – the Pharisees. They accused Jesus of casting out demons in the name of Satan, from which He (Jesus) received the power and authority. We can almost laugh at the blindness created by their hatred for Jesus. He had already cleansed a man of leprosy, a disease considered to be caused by egregious sin against God. To be cleansed, divine intervention had to occur, and then the circumstances of the cleansing had to be investigated by the High Priest, according to the Levitical law. If the High Priest questioned Jesus and the disciples about the cleansing (and we must assume there was an investigation), it would have been determined the only logical answer was to acknowledge Jesus' divinity. But as we know, instead of adoration there was only accusation by the religious leaders.

So here we have Jesus casting out a demon under very specific circumstances (mute/blind person) – an act only the divine could perform. Instead of praising Jesus and acknowledging Him and His authority over all of creation, they accused Him of deriving His power from Satan himself. We can shake our heads, but their denial of this miracle and the power of Jesus AND the Holy Spirit was an egregious sin in and of itself.

Do we have the authority to do things in this world? Authority can be passed down as in my original example of the guards on a military base. But has authority given to Jesus been passed down to us?

Jesus told His disciples just before His ascension into heaven “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, to and make disciples of all nations...” (Matt 28:18,19). Jesus gave His disciples the authority to spread the Good News and do many things, and it is the same authority given to us today.

We need to acknowledge not only the power we have to move mountains, but most importantly the Person from which we derive this power!

HOSPITALITY 2026 JULY-AUG-SEPT

07/05 Bill & Jo Hoak, Scott & Merry Voskuil

07/12 Marilyn Sturges, JD & LouAnn Walker, Jennifer Ellis

07/19 Donna & Bobby Mahle, BJ Conner, Arlene McAlister

07/26 Judy Sloan, Linda Wagnon, Dorothy Bodine, Peggy Dvorek

08/02 Marilyn Sturges, Donna Mahle, Jennifer Ellis, Kevin Hoak

08/09 Mike & Liz Clarno, Arlene McAlister, Robin Williams

08/16 Donna & Bobby Mahle, Judy Sloan, Linda Wagnon

08/23 JD & LouAnn Walker, BJ Conner, Donna Mahle

08/30 Kevin Hoak, Scott & Merry Voskuil, Dorothy Bodine

09/06 Bill & Jo Hoak, Linda Wagnon, Robin Williams

09/13 Judy Sloan, Kevin Hoak, Jennifer Ellis, Arlene McAlister

09/20 Marilyn Sturges, Mike & Liz Clarno, Peggy Dvorek

09/27 Bill & Jo Hoak, JD & LouAnn Walker

If you cannot serve on a date, please find a substitute or contact
Donna Mahle: 512-304-0992 – donnamahle@att.net

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE



Upper Room Date Change

Join us **Thursday, June 11 at 5 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for food, fellowship and songs! Call the office at (501) 922-2626 to let us know if you are bringing a dish (salad, side dish or dessert).

We Need Your Help!

We are looking for people who have a big smile and open arms to join our hospitality team! Hospitality teams serve about every 45 weeks. Duties are fun- hand out bulletins, make and set up coffee, set out snacks, put out attendance books, collect offerings, clean up after Sunday service, etc. And most important of all, welcome members and new visitors with a smile! Call Donna Mahle for more information or to join donnamahle@att.net 521-304-0992.

Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for June

Each month, our Mountainside men's group organizes a meal for the kids at Cedar Mountainside Boys & Girls Club. All Mountainside are invited to participate in this ministry, so each month we ask for volunteer bakers and servers. The June meal is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17.

This month we will need five volunteers to bake either cookies or brownies (2 dozen each), and three volunteers servers. Goodies should be delivered to the church kitchen by Tuesday, June 16. Servers need to be at the club by 3:00pm on. Serving starts around 3:30pm and is usually completed by 4:30pm. The food will be prepared by own Terry Crumpler, and will be delivered to the club prior to our arrival.

To sign up June please contact Stacy in the church office at 501-922-2626, and she will add your name to the list.



Hospitality Team

This Sunday's Hospitality Team is Mariyn Sturges, Peggy Dvorak, Jennifer Ellis and Linda Wagon.



Seeking Your Photos

Have photos from a recent church event, Bible study or activity? We want to add it to the Mountainside website gallery. Send your photos (limit 5 per email) to Ken Guzel at auroablue.kgg@gmail.com.

PRAYERS



Prayers Needed

Jesus said “WHEN you pray...” not “IF you pray” (Matt. 6:5). Please add these people to your prayers this week.

- Mary Justina Ackley
- Matthew Baker
- Brenda Blaylock
- Jeff Boor
- Joey Dean
- Jeff Fox
- Debbie & Perry Garcia
- Don Heitz
- Brian Karriger
- Harper Cooper
- Brian Little
- Renee McKinley
- Jeff & Melissa Owen
- Elaine Pool
- John Randolph
- Mallory Seibert
- LouAnn Walker
- Marcia Wanner
- Carol Willson
- Richard Wood

Other Prayers

- The people of Ukraine
- The entire Middle East
- Our state & national leadership
- Mountainside Church & leadership
- Active Military and Family Members

If you would like to make additions/corrections/deletions to the prayer list, please call the church office at (501) 922- 2626 or email Stacy at mountainsidechurch@gmail.com.

