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Luke 4:23–24 calls us to examine our hearts. Are we willing to hear God’s Word even when it comes through familiar voices? Are we humbling enough to recognize God’s hand in ordinary places and ordinary people? May we not reject what God is doing simply because it comes from someone we think we already know. Instead, let us receive His truth with faith, reverence, and obedience.

Lift Up in Prayer

Leaders of the World as they navigate complex challenges; Archie’s recovery from his surgery; Yu Bedwell’s uncle as he undergoes cancer treatment; Isra’s friend Rosales facing significant medical challenges and a possible two-organ transplant; Scott Roeske, recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer—strength, healing, and comfort for him and his loved ones; David’s four children—salvation, faith, and obedience; Alondra and her pregnancy—health and success throughout this journey; Jacinth’s recovery from her previous operation; Jonathan’s wife—God’s healing as she undergoes chemotherapy; David’s wife—future assignment as an assistant principal. Please join us in praying for Caleb and Carissa Pierce as they enter a new season as long-term caregivers for a sweet baby boy they’re calling Beau. Jim as he departs the Army for the civilian sector. God, guide Isaiah Whalen as he seeks a ministry role and begins his graduate studies. Grant him clarity, strength, and favor in every step he takes. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

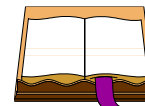
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Study 10:00

Sunday Worship 11:00

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Bible Study 18:30

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel

Rooms: 143 (Adults)

164 (Children)

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“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31)

When Familiarity Hinders Faith

By Francis Schaeffer

In Luke 4:23–24, Jesus spoke to the people of Nazareth after reading from the prophet Isaiah and declaring that the Scripture was fulfilled in their hearing. Though they marveled at His gracious words, they quickly stumbled over what they thought they already knew about Him. Jesus answered, “Physician, heal thyself,” and then said, “No prophet is accepted in his own country.”

The people wanted Jesus to prove Himself by doing in Nazareth what they had heard He had done in Capernaum. Their problem was not a lack of evidence, but a lack of faith. They saw Him as Joseph’s son, a familiar hometown figure, instead of receiving Him as the Christ. **(Continue page 2)**

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Their nearness to Him became a stumbling block rather than a blessing.

This pattern is seen throughout Scripture. Joseph was rejected by his own brothers before God used him to preserve many lives in Egypt. Moses was questioned by the people he was sent to deliver. David was overlooked by his own family before being anointed king. Jeremiah was resisted by the people of Judah because his message was hard to hear. Even Jesus, the promised Messiah, was rejected by those who had watched Him grow up.

These examples remind us that God often works through people others underestimate.

Familiarity can make us careless, critical, or closed-minded. We may fail to receive truth because the messenger is someone we have known for years, someone from a humble background, or someone who does not fit our expectations. **(Continue page 4)**



We will start wearing our congregational T-Shirts on the first Sunday worship service, fellowship luncheons, and congregational events.

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