

Grace Pointers,

It's possible that some of us have lost our hunger...our focus...our first love that we found in Christ. During today's *The Reminder*, it was an opportunity to do just that: to go back and remember. The Lord's Supper isn't a time be sympathetic—to feel bad about what happened to Christ. The Lord's Supper isn't a time be therapeutic—like we are getting a dose of holiness to feel good about ourselves. The Lord's Supper is designed to remember—a mnemonic really, to reflect on Christ's sacrifice on the cross. He alone is unblemished Lamb whose blood is the covering for our sins, and as a result we are changed! Therefore we will fix our eyes on Jesus—the author and perfecter of our faith. The Lord's Supper is a time for action—to reorient ourselves with Christ. I hope that you were able to experience that this morning.

As we run with endurance the race that is set before us, we experience His transforming work in our lives. Next Sunday we are going to celebrate some of those transformation stories that are happening in our community. Reflect this week on how He has transformed you and come Sunday ready to celebrate and praise Him for who He is and what He has done.

One Life, One Lifetime,
Pastor Jeff

Musing

As I sit here I'm wrestling with my thoughts and emotions. Scripture says that when we take the Lord's Supper we proclaim His death until He comes...there is this sense of proclaiming but also being ready for He is coming. I'm wrestling because my neighbor, friend and longtime Grace Point servant Donna Wildey ended her long battle with cancer this morning at 1:28am. Donna was a Servant of Servants and she was tireless. She loved Jesus and loved others and was gracious and generous. She was ready both emotionally and spiritually. She a reminder because she proclaimed Him until He came for her.



Attention!

- Missed today's sermon?
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Letters to a Warrior Poet

Warrior Poet*,

We often lose sight of the original vision for our lives and busy ourselves with lesser things. A distraction is looking away to other matters and taking our eyes off the focus of our lives. We entertain ourselves to relax, we amuse ourselves to feel satisfied and as we strive for more and more comfort we are susceptible to distraction. The imperative to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus is the only way we can avoid these traps and distractions. What has your 'eye'?

**"Warrior Poet" references the heart of David who wrote the majority of Psalms. He had the heart of an artist and yet was a warrior and king. These devotionals are written to encourage those who have hearts passionate for God to press on in the journey.



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Our purpose is to lead
unsaved people to a
relationship of full devotion
to Jesus Christ.

Take It Home

Sermon Application

Ordained: The Reminder

Senior Pastor Jeff Harris

I. Got to go back!

Exodus 12:5-14, 17, 24

II. Got to be vigilant!

*Luke 22:7-20; 1 Corinthians 11:26-29;
Romans 3:23-26, 5:8-9; Hebrews 9:11-
15, 20-22; Hebrews 10:4-10, 19-25;
Hebrews 12:1-3*

Discussion

- How did you understand the Lord's Supper growing up? Did today shed new light on how you understand and experience this ordinance?
- Are you feeling adrift, beaten, distracted, like you've lost your way? Share why/how. Get ready, be prepared and never forget that if we live IN Christ we are part of a different life with purpose, calling and victory.
- What are ways God has saved you personally? Share examples of your own deliverance by Jesus. That is a part of remembering the life we are called into.
- What has your focus been this month, week, today? How have you kept your eyes fixed on Jesus? What distracts you? Share ideas for living out *Hebrews 12:1-3*.
- Jesus invites us to use simple things to remind us about our life in Him. What are ways you can "do this in remembrance of Me" in your daily life?

Family Activity

The Reminder

This week tell your children that they are going to sign a new punishment agreement. If "Jane" does something wrong that violates the rules of the home, then "Johnny" will take the punishment. For example if Jane talks back to her parents then John will get the punishment of having to clean the kitchen or whatever is appropriate in your household. As this plays out your children will begin to feel that this is unfair. Discuss with them that although they have done many things wrong, they deserve all the punishment for their wrong choices and decisions, but Jesus took the punishment of all of us.

Use the following verse and questions to discuss the great sacrifice and love that Jesus showed for us when he took our place on the cross.

Read *Romans 6:23*.

- What does this verse say the punishment for sin is?

Read *1 Peter 2:24*.

- Who has taken our punishment according to this verse?
- Did Jesus deserve our punishment?
- Why did He take our punishment?