

“Are You Rich?”

Hosea 12:7-14

Sermon Notes

- God want us to be rich IN HIM!
- For to me, to live is Christ & to die is gain.
- Doing bad yet thinking himself sinless!
- Carnal hearts ... feel justified.
- DO NOT! CEASE!
- So long as you are contented.
- But the Lord weighs the heart.
- No thing is to ever come between me & God.
- Do you hear Him this morning?

Next Sunday: Kiss The Calves!” Hos.13:1-3



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Our mission is to point people toward
living an abundant life in Christ.



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Thoughts from Josh

If you read the Newsletter this month, you probably noticed rumblings of church building questions with the building owners informing the church leadership that the building will most likely go on the market at the beginning of 2025. Right now, there are more questions than answers, and those questions can be nerve-racking. Are we losing the building? Are we buying the building? Are we moving? Do we have a place to go? Can we afford it? Our minds are good at sending us down worst-case scenarios far too soon, ha! But I have some good news. The pastors and elders aren't worried. That's a job for the deacons. Just kidding!

All joking aside, we might be looking at an exciting opportunity shortly. I wholeheartedly believe that God has been working through ALC and preparing us in the last few years for things to come. With that, God is never caught off guard and has a plan for ALC in our community. When we know that God has it entirely in His hands, we need not worry and are commanded not to fear. But to do that, we need to step forward together in faith, leaning on Him entirely in lives of Holy Worship.

The biggest thing to do before we start throwing too much weight at market values and budget, or some other more appropriate real estate terms, is to go before the Lord together. We need to give Him the situation in which we find ourselves and to open our hands to the Lord who knows and saves with thanksgiving and praise. What we're going to do, and what I want to encourage all of you to take seriously, is prayer. Not just in your own time but together.

Next week, we will have a prayer building at ALC to pray over our building now and for what's next. The pastors and elders ask you to come (you don't even have to pray out loud). But we are coming up on a big season. God brought us through a lot and will take us through more. The seats in the church might seem like sitting in the bleachers, but I promise you, in Christ, you are just as much on the field of play as the worship team or the pastor. We need the Lord and one another - Let's pray together, here where the Lord has us, and be ready for anything.

When you and your friends survive a bear attack and celebrate with ice cream



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Senior Lunch

Mark your calendar for Senior Lunch this Wednesday, **April 17th at 12:30 p.m.** All seniors are encouraged to attend this time of good food and Christian fellowship.

Seder Dinner

This year's Seder Dinner is scheduled for April 23rd. The dinner will be hosted by individual families in their homes this year instead of at the church. If you are interested in participating or hosting a Seder dinner, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table by the front door.

Morning Church Set-Up

If you are willing to help set up the church on Sunday morning before service, please add your name on the sign-up sheet on the table by the front door. Our Deaconesses greatly appreciate your help!

Invite a Friend!

Thank you for continuing to extend an invitation to friends to visit our church. We are blessed for the opportunity to meet new people and have a chance to welcome them to our church. Let them know about our on-line access to Sunday services as well. We need to SHARE the love of God!