

Sunday, June 2, 2024 A.D.

Dear Friends and Saints in Christ,

***“Corporate worship is a tool of God’s grace, designed to remind us of our purpose, and realign our hearts and minds with the glory of God.”***

This musing was on my heart as I reflect on what my purpose is in this life. As Christians, we have been redeemed from the penalty of sin and have positionally been made righteous by the blood of Christ, yet we understand that there is still a battle raging. This battle is for the allegiance of our souls: our mind, our will, and our emotions.

Because of the sinful inclinations still resident in my heart, I, even as a Christian, continually drift from my true purpose. We all want to live for our small, self-centered purposes of convenience and personal happiness. We need to be continually reminded of the higher purpose of God in redeeming us as guilty rebel sinners through the shed blood of Christ. We need to be reminded of the grace we’ve been given that teaches us to say “no” to ungodliness that “just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” (Rom.6:4b).

It is because of our continual need for this reminder of God’s grace and His purpose for us that I believe weekly corporate worship is a tool of God so that we may never forget. **Understanding our true purpose is central to the outflow of life action to the glory of God.**

I personally just finished my fourth online class with Berean Bible Institute this past month. I’ve greatly enjoyed it and am looking forward to finishing a fifth class this fall to complete the Certificate of Biblical Worldview. Pray for me as I am also graduating from our *Enlisted for His Glory Academy* (our family homeschool) and am now endeavoring to launch into manhood. I’m trusting the Lord for open doors and further steps to go into ministry. Pray for my future wife and that the Lord would bring us together in His time.

This past month, we were able to minister to the saints at Grace Bible Church of Bowler, Wisconsin in tandem with going to Northern Grace Youth Camp (NGYC) for the Spring Youth Retreat. We’re grateful to the saints of Grace Bible Church in Oshkosh for hosting the “Fight for Your Family!” Wisconsin Grace Family Conference. Messages from the event can be viewed at our website (**GraceFamilyMinistries.org**) or on our facebook page. If you would like to see a similar event take place at your church, just contact us and we’ll help coordinate it. Later this past month, we were able to do ministry at the church where one of my BBI professors, Pastor Andy Kern, grew up, Grace Community Church in Bedford, Indiana. It was great to see Pastor Kern and his family unexpectedly show up at the church that Sunday in route south for vacation.

My family has an exciting month ahead of us, not the least because we have three birthdays. Praise the Lord, I will be turning 18 on June 8<sup>th</sup>. My sister Bethany will be having her golden birthday, 13 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and will be my parents’ fourth teenager. And lastly, Grace will turn 11 on the 21<sup>st</sup>. This month is also exciting because we will be traveling to Altoona Bible Church in Pennsylvania on the weekend of June 7-9. Other adventures include the annual Berean Bible Fellowship Conference at Community Bible Church in Tipp City, Ohio, beginning on Father’s Day, where my family and I will be heavily engaged in the ministry. At month’s end, we’ll be serving at churches in Linton, Indiana and Beloit, Wisconsin before my brothers and I land at NGYC for the lion’s share of the summer.

I thank you all so much for your prayers and financial contributions. Pray for us as we continue to move forward in encouraging and equipping the saints for advancing the cause of Christ to the ends of the earth beginning right at home. Hallelujah!

Moving Forward in God’s Purposes,

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