

# Briefings

Pilot Knob Lutheran Church

## The Unknown

How intimidating it must have been for Joshua to wake up the morning he was to lead Israel into new territory, a land with fortified cities, with an experienced and superior army and 'giants in the land.' It would have been far more comfortable and safer to remain where they were even though it was a desert. Most of us do not like change, at least change that is uncomfortable and challenging.

As Joshua was faced with an unknown challenge and difficulties, so we too enter each new day with unknown challenges and difficulties. What do we do? How can we prepare? Deuteronomy 7:17-19 You



may say to yourselves, "These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?" But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt. You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the Lord your God brought you out.

The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear. Dt. 4:10

Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to

me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." God told Joshua and all Israel to remember His past actions and faithfulness.

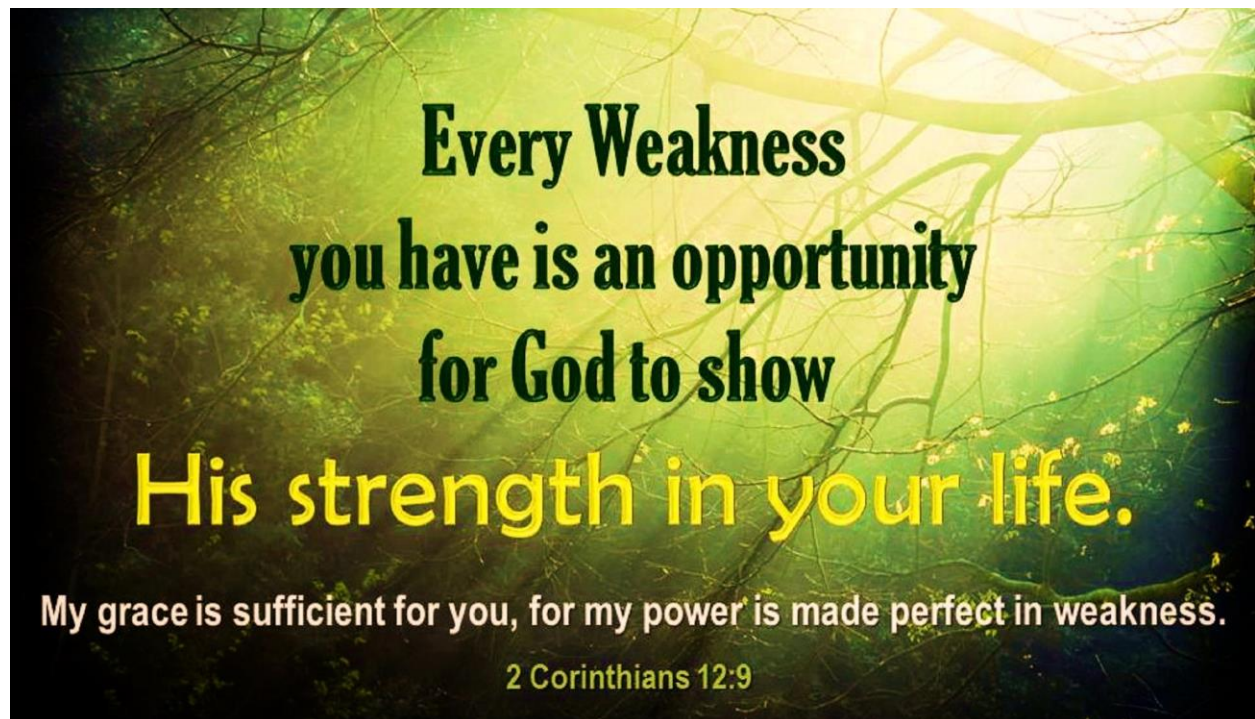
God is not asking us to live in the past and ignore the present or future. He is telling us to remember how God acted in the past by delivering His people from impossible situations, such as the Exodus, crossing the Red Sea, miracles in the desert, and the list goes on.

I think if we pause now and again and reflect on God's faithfulness to us, we would be surprised and encouraged. You may come away saying (thinking) God really is faithful, He truly is in control and can be trusted as we wade into uncharted waters. Know that God is already there waiting for us to talk to Him each day and walk in His direction keeping our focus on Him alone. Psalm 91:3, 5, 9-12 Surely, he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence., You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day. . . If you say, "The Lord is my refuge, "and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his

angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Do not take your eyes off Jesus and begin focusing on the storm in your life. This will incite fear and distrust in God, and you will sink, as did Peter when he walked on the water. We must keep the light before us as we face the darkness.

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# JUNE SERMONS & SCRIPTURES

**JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**The Holy Trinity**

*Morning Worship & Holy Communion*

**SERMON: River Stones**

**OT Lesson: Joshua 4:1-24**

**Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20**

**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

*Morning Worship*

**SERMON: Divine Warfare**

**OT Lesson: Joshua 5:13-6:5**

**Epistle Lesson: Romans 4:13-25**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:9-13**

**JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

*Morning Worship*

**SERMON: Around & Around We Go**

**OT Lesson: Joshua 6:6-25**

**Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:6-15**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:35-10:8**

**JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Morning Worship*

**SERMON: ?**

**OT Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

**Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:12-23**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33**

# JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
Reader: Cathy Mohlis Sound: Dave/Don Greeters: Joe and Cathy				B-Day Billy Lawrence B-Day Bina Smith		
2:00 PM Griefshare	B-Day Makenna Reese	B-Day Kesley Roedel	14 Flag Day			
11	12	13		15	16	17
Reader: Sue Reese Sound: Rachel/Greg Greeters: Don and Bobbi		<b>Council</b> 5:45 PM Deacon's MTG 6:30 PM Council				
18 2:00 PM Griefshare	B-Day Jesse Stensrud	B-Day Steve Abele	21	22	B-Day Greg Flugum	24
Reader: Jack Smith Sound: Donna/Devon Greeters: Randy and Deb		Women's Bible Study				
B-Day Dorothy Bang B-Day Jim Dontje	19	20				
25	26	27	28	29	30	B-Day Bob Nath
Reader: Sherry Flugum Sound: Dave/Steve Greeters: Greg and Sherry		B-Day Bobbi Elbert				
<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>						
CUSTODIANS: STEVE AND JAN ABELE COMMUNION ASST: STEVE ABELE USHERS: STEVE ABELE AND RANDY HANNA						