

Greater *things*

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Jesus said to his followers:

"... if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father."

(John 14:12)

Follow Your Heart?

from Jeff Marner, Minister of Discipling

Perhaps the most pervasive idea about occupation today is that one should simply follow his passion and he will be able to transform the drive summoned by passion into a marketable product that will attract enough customers to achieve, at the very least, a sustainable living. Mike Rowe has spent much of his most recent time trying to debunk that and encouraging people to become passionate about the job you have or even about a job that most people would not want to do.

While I think Mike makes a compelling argument, there are certainly those people who have followed their passions to great success. The prophet Jeremiah says the heart is not always spot on. "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve." Jeremiah 17:9-10 NIV

These words stand as a stark contrast to much of what our culture says. We are encouraged in many ways to simply trust what our heart tell us.

That our hearts are somehow the perfect arbiters of truth and won't lead us astray. Jeremiah would want us to treat the emotions and appeals of our hearts with a skeptical eye. Culture seeks to have us controlled by the emotions of our heart. We see it in entertainment and music. What matters is how an action will make you feel in the instant and is certainly not weighed against the truth of scripture.

The Bible shows elsewhere that our hearts can surely be tamed and trained. Along with the transformation of the rest of our self our hearts can be reformed and made good even through the instruction of scripture.

Compassion or love may spring forth from the heart that is renewed by Christ. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, our hearts can be softened and enabled to see past selfish desires and embrace compassion for those we might normally tread over in our strides toward fulfilling our own desires.

Lord, open us to the direction of your spirit. Let us not be misled by the deception of a corrupt heart but instead open to the life giving direction of your holy word.

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Lent 2019

Make sure to join us for worship starting on March 10th for this season of Lent, as well as a submersion into our theme message this year.

Here are the Titles & Dates:

March 10 - Lent 1

God's Hand Delivers Us

March 17 - Lent 2

God Gathers Us Together
In Safe Shelter

March 24 - Lent 3

God Pours Out Life-Giving Drink

March 31 - Lent 4

God Reaches Out With Open Arms

April 7 - Lent 5

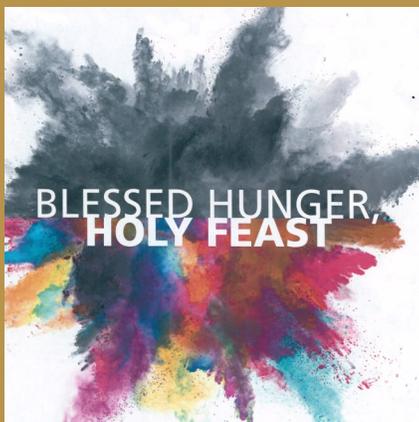
God Makes A Way Through
Mighty Waters

April 14 - Lent 6 - Palm Sunday

God's Steadfast Love
Endures Forever

April 21 - Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen, Indeed!



First Fruit Giving *Giving God Our Best*

Stewardship Attendance

1/27/19	\$2,756	100
2/3/19	\$3,588	138
2/10/19	\$1,625	95
2/17/19	\$1,715	101

AMC Personal Profile: Henry Herschberger

What was your job?

Until age 65, I was a farmer. I was the one of the first men to work for Walter Schrock's Cabinet Factory. I took over my Uncle Joe's place on the Nursing Home Board from 1970 to 2017. I was also the president of MDS for a number of years and made friends all over the world.



What is your favorite verse? John 3:16.

Are there times in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time?

At age 14, my Amish minister, who had a voice that could rattle the rafters, painted a mental picture: Jesus coming down in a cloud and he laid out Christ going back and I wanted to be one of those who followed him back. Also, every time I look at the cross in the front of AMC sanctuary, it speaks to me. Back in the 70s, we were flying my plane back from AL; bad weather was coming in and the dark clouds surrounded us. All of a sudden the clouds parted and there the cross on the ground in Southern IL was spotlighted and I knew it was going to be okay. Again, when our house blew up and a guardian angel was with Mary. Still today at age 94, when the Holy Spirit speaks to me and says well done, I hear the song, *I Can Only Imagine*.

What is your happiest memory? Marrying Mary 74 years ago.

What are your hobbies? We've traveled to Russia, South America, Europe, and several others. Starting in 1994, we put 160,000 miles on our motor coach traveling to all four corners of the US.

What is your greatest achievement?

Building the Assisted Living addition of the Arthur Home. It took roughly 5 years to do the best we could do for the community from the very start of imagining to putting it all together.

What is your favorite meal?

Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, Strawberry Pie, Twice-Baked Potatoes, Mississippi Catfish, Lemonade, and a piece of Watermelon.

If you could host a dinner party, who would you invite?

Henry King, President Trump, & Glen Rhodes

What are your best pieces of advice?

On Life: Stay Positive & Don't Give Up. There will be brighter days ahead. Keep Praying.

On Marriage: Marriage is not a perfect thing. There are two personalities. You'll have different ideas. You dedicate yourself to each other, your time & your love. You gotta give and take, but never give up.

On Family: Especially now that I'm a senior citizen, I'm extra thankful for how often our family chip in & care for us. We are thankful to have kids and grandkids who love the Lord.

Anything else? I'm not a perfect man, I've made mistakes. I'm a sinner saved by grace.