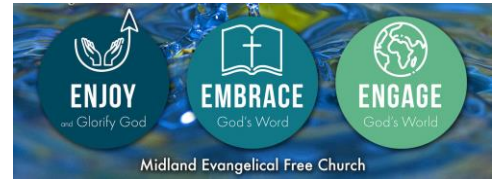




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Date: 4-18-2021

Scripture: Psalm 63

Vision

- We aspire to be a Gospel-centered family where everyone we encounter moves closer to Jesus every day.

Mission

- We **enjoy** and glorify God, embrace His Word, and engage the world. Led by the Spirit, everyone welcomes, plugs in, and reaches out.

Psalm 63 (ESV)

A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDAH.

¹O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

³Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

⁴So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

⁹But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.



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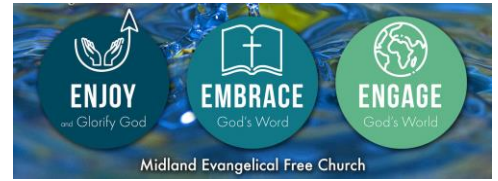


Enjoy God

- 1.) Please name two occasions David had to flee to the wilderness (1 Samuel 21-24, 2 Samuel 15).ⁱ Can anyone in your group describe to the others what was going on at that time and why?
- 2.) What is the climate and topography like in the land of Israel?
- 3.) How does that inform our understanding of the meaning of Psalm 63 – i.e. How does living in that land physically compare to our spiritual experience?
- 4.) What are some other Bible stories that involve water?ⁱⁱ
- 5.) What do they add to the water metaphor in Psalm 63? (See <https://bibleproject.com/learn/water-of-life/>)
- 6.) Verse five says – “⁵My soul will be satisfied.” What satisfies David?
- 7.) Where does satisfaction come from? HOW? How can David be satisfied while living in the desert?
- 8.) What do you think it means to “Enjoy God”?
- 9.) Is it possible for David to “Enjoy God” when fleeing for his life?
- 10.) How does this inform our understanding of “Enjoying God”?
- 11.) How does enjoying God differ from enjoyment as we think of it?



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Enjoy God (Cont.)

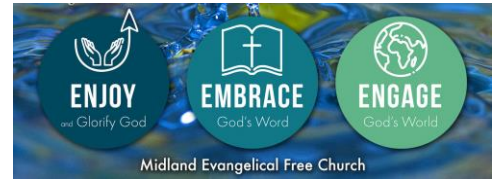
- 12.) How does enjoying God relate to glorifying God?
- 13.) Can you glorify God without enjoying him – why or why not?
- 14.) What does it look like for us today to Enjoy God (regardless of circumstance)?

"Enjoy God"

- *The Westminster Larger Catechism:*
 - "What is the chief and highest end of man?"
 - *Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.*" (Rom. 11:36, Cor. 10:31, Ps. 73:24–28, John 17:21–23)



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ⁱ Here's my own chicken scratch summary of

Life of David - Summary

2 Samuel 5 -

- David anointed

2 Samuel 6 -

- David brings the Ark of the Covenant to the new capital (Jerusalem)

2 Samuel 7 -

- God makes an eternal "Covenant" with David

2 Samuel 8 -

- Victories (Moabites, Syrians, Zobahites, Philistines, Ammonites, Edomites)

2 Samuel 9 -

- Peace, Prosperity, Justice for all (House of Saul)

2 Samuel 10 -

- David avenges the insult of the Ammonites & Syrians

2 Samuel 11 -

- David sins (Bathsheba)

2 Samuel 12 -

- The prophet Nathan rebukes David
 - 2 Samuel 12:9 (ESV) Why **have you despised the word of the Lord**, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.¹⁰ Now therefore **the sword shall never depart from your house**, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹⁴ Nevertheless, **because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord**, the child who is born to you shall die."

2 Samuel 13 -

- Amnon rapes Tamar (Absalom's full sister)
- **2 Years...** Absalom avenges his sister and murders Amnon at a feast
 - 2 Samuel 13:39 (NLT) And King David, now reconciled to Amnon's death, longed to be reunited with his son Absalom.
 - 2 Samuel 13:39 (ESV) And the spirit of the king longed to go out to Absalom, because he was comforted about Amnon, since he was dead.

2 Samuel 14 -

- Absalom goes into exile
- David allows him to come back but won't speak to him
- "David lost Absalom as a friend because he failed to reach out to him in forgiveness." Tom Constable, [Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible](#) (Galaxie Software, 2003), 2 Sa 15:13.
- 2 Samuel 14:21–24 (ESV) Then the king said to Joab, "Behold now, I grant this; go, bring back the young man Absalom." ²² And Joab fell on his face to the ground and paid homage and blessed the king. And **Joab** said, "*Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord the king, in that the king has granted the request of his servant.*" ²³ So Joab arose and went to Geshur and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. ²⁴ And **the king** said, "*Let him dwell apart in his own house; he is not to come into my presence.*" So Absalom lived apart in his own house and did not come into the king's presence.



2 Samuel 15 -

- **4 years**...Absalom plots against his father (v.7)
- Absalom proclaims himself king in Hebron
- David flees (2 Samuel 15-16)

2 Samuel 18

- David fights back (20,000 N. die; *forest & sword*)
- Absalom gets hung up and run through
- David mourns

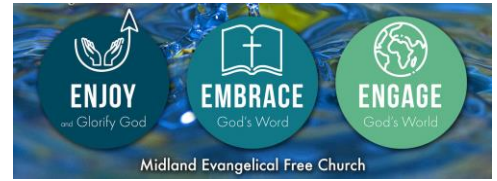
ii (there are more...but here's a few)

Numbers 20:1–13 (ESV)

20 And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there.

² Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. ³ And the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD! ⁴ Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? ⁵ And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." ⁶ Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, ⁷ and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸ "Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle." ⁹ And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

¹⁰ Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" ¹¹ And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. ¹² And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them." ¹³ These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the LORD, and through them he showed himself holy.



Psalm 42:2 (ESV)

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

John 7:37–39 (ESV)

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink." ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' " ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Revelation 22:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

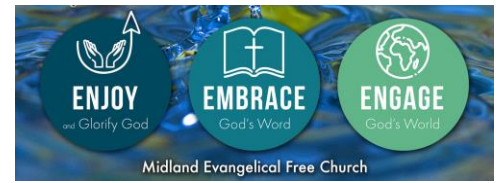
Matthew 5:6 (ESV)

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

John 4:1–14 (ESV)

⁴ Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you



greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Revelation 22:1–7 (ESV)

The River of Life

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Jesus Is Coming

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."