

# **BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH**

SUNDAY ONLINE SERVICE

July 26, 2020

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Message from 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4

**DEALING WITH HARD THINGS SOFTLY**

**Welcome!**

*We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service, and we sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.*

**Order of Service**

*(hymns attached)*

**Welcome**

*Hymn #2, "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

Opening Prayer

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 146*

*Hymn #3, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

Announcements

**Message**

*Hymn #685, "Footsteps of Jesus"*

**Closing Prayer**

## **Hymn #2: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

*Ignaz Franz*

Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;  
All on earth Thy scepter claim;  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain;  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit:  
Three we name Thee  
While in essence only one;  
Undivided God we claim Thee,  
And adoring, bend the knee  
While we sing our praise to Thee.

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## Scripture Reading: Psalm 146, NKJV

**146** Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> While I live I will praise the LORD;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,

*Nor* in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

<sup>4</sup> His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;

In that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help,

Whose hope *is* in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup> Who made heaven and earth,

The sea, and all that *is* in them;

Who keeps truth forever,

<sup>7</sup> Who executes justice for the oppressed,

Who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD opens *the eyes of* the blind;

The LORD raises those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers;

He relieves the fatherless and widow;

But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD shall reign forever—

Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

## **Hymn #3: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

*Reginald Heber*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! tho' the darkness hide Thee,  
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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## Hymn #685: Footsteps of Jesus

Mary B.C. Slade

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling,  
“Come, follow Me!”  
And we see where Thy footprints falling,  
Lead us to Thee.

### **Chorus**

*Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;  
We will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go.*

Tho' they lead o'er the cold, dark mountains,  
Seeking His sheep,  
Or along by the Siloam's\* fountains  
Helping the weak.

### **Chorus**

If they lead thro' the temple holy,  
Preaching the Word,  
Or in homes of the poor and lowly,  
Serving the Lord.

### **Chorus**

Then at last, when o high He sees us,  
Our journey done,  
We will rest where the steps of Jesus  
End at His throne.

### **Chorus**

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*\*"Siloam's fountain" is in reference to John 9:1-11, where Jesus, proclaiming Himself the light of the world, instructed a blind man to bathe in the pool of Siloam - a well-known "healing pool" located in ancient Jerusalem. The blind man returned from the pool, testifying Jesus' healing of his blindness.*

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This morning's message is part of our ongoing study of the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians; and is taken from 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4

## DEALING WITH HARD THINGS SOFTLY

In his letter to them, Paul thought back on how he had to deal with a difficult matter of discipline in the Corinthian church. His example shows us that, when dealing with hard matters in God's family, we must soften our approach with the love of Jesus. We do this with one another when we ...

1. **KEEP OPEN TO GOD (1:23a; Psalm 139:23-24).**
2. **AVOID UNNECESSARY PAIN (1:23b; 1 Thessalonians 5:14).**
3. **RESPECT INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY (1:24; Romans 14:4).**
4. **PRESERVE MUTUAL CARE (2:1-2; 2 Corinthians 7:5-7).**
5. **WORK TOWARD SHARED JOY (2:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20).**
6. **EXPERIENCE GENUINE EMPATHY (2:4a; Isaiah 53:4-5).**
7. **MAKE SINCERE LOVE KNOWN (2:4b; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8).**



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