

Sermon Summary for 13th May, 2018

"THE GOD OF COMFORT"

Isaiah 66: 12 - 14 and 2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 5

(Mr. Theo Aryee)

In life, difficult situations do arise. They include loss of jobs, businesses and dear ones. Others are ill-health, broken heart and emotional turmoil. Thankfully, the Bible assures the Christian of God's comfort, the superior, God-kind of comfort. The biblical Paul experienced his version of difficult situations, and a look at his life gives us insights into some of what the Bible says about God's comfort.

Paul founded the church in Corinth. As it should be, he was committed to the faithful teaching of God's Word for the spiritual growth of God's people. He experienced a pain that only shepherds know – the pain of the straying sheep. In that Corinthian church were factions, incest, chaotic communion services, confusions about spiritual gifts. Even preaching, the primary means of equipping God's people was no longer a priority. These gave him 'great distress and anguish of heart, and with many tears, ...' (Corinth: 2 Cor 2:4) To top it all up, false teachers penetrated Corinth, teaching a false gospel. They were leading people astray. To help their cause, they attacked Paul's leadership, questioning his apostleship. From Paul's response to the church in 2 Cor 1: 3 -5, we learn a few lessons, about The Comfort of God.

Lesson 1: In times of affliction, focus on God and what he has done through Jesus Christ.

- All the promises of God are fulfilled through Jesus Christ our Lord. If you want to know the full measure of God's comfort for you, you require a firm and unshakable knowledge of God and what he accomplished through Jesus Christ.

Lesson 2: Our God is the God of all Comfort.

- True comfort comes from none but God; apart from God, there is no true comfort.

- Comfort is not necessarily ease, luxury and affluence. It is about strength, courage and boldness.

- Look to God, not man, for comfort. God's comfort may not be taking away a problem, but rather giving us the strength and the grace to go through it for His glory.

- At times, all the comfort you may have is the assurance that God will remain faithful to the end.

Lesson 3: God comforts us in all our troubles.

- There is no affliction or trouble that is beyond the reach of the Comfort of our God.

- His grace is sufficient for all, not some, but all our troubles.

Lesson 4: The purpose of God's comfort to us is so that we can comfort others

- That is one of the reasons we should pay attention to fellowship. Come to church, join and participate in an Area Fellowship and stay connected.

- The church is made up of givers and receivers of comfort.

- Other times, God may speak to you directly either from His Word and, as you spend time in his presence in worship and prayer.

Lesson 5: When we suffer for Christ, we receive the comfort of Christ

- When we go through afflictions let it be for the sake of Christ and not for sin.

- When we go through afflictions because of our sin, what we need is repentance.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE SUNDAY

Members who have questions concerning the Book of Judges or any other Sermon topic are encouraged to send them via e-mail to the Church Office (licadmin@licfamily.org.gh) latest by **TODAY Sunday, 20th May**. This is in preparation towards our Interactive Service on Sunday, 10th June, 2018.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Thank the Lord for being a prayer answering God; for all the prayers He has graciously answered and especially for giving us a successful AGM (Psalm 118:21; 1 John 5:14-15)

✠ Pray for the leadership of LIC, especially for the pastors and the newly constituted Council of Elders. Ask for grace and wisdom for them to lead LIC according to God's will and plan, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (Mark 11:24; 1 Timothy 2:1-2)

✠ Pray for the complete liberation of all those in one form of bondage or the other; that the prison doors will break open for them to walk in the liberty with which Christ has set them free (Acts 12:1-7; Luke 4:18; Galatians 5:1)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

20 May: Ms. Akosua Addae Agyeman
20 May: Ms. Abena Ameyaa Effah
20 May: Mr. Kevin Kwesi Offei
20 May: Ms. Asibi Ofori
21 May: Prof. Emmanuel Doku
21 May: Mr. Moses Resario
21 May: Ms. Lynn Beatrix Tamakloe
23 May: Mrs. Adjoa Amuenyiwa Adika
23 May: Master Kevin Eyrman Dzorbo
24 May: Dr. Esther Acolatse
24 May: Miss Ama Mansa Adomako
24 May: Ms. Nana Ekua Awotwi
24 May: Mrs. Erica Dadzie
24 May: Mrs. Victoria Dodoo
24 May: Nana Aba Ocran
24 May: Mr. Kwabena Ofori-Anyinam
24 May: Mr. Emmanuel A. Richard (Jnr)
25 May: Mr. Nii Addotey
25 May: Ms. Sefakor Amabel Agbanu
25 May: Ms. Worlanyo Dzifa Ahlijah
25 May: Ms. Vivian Adobea Ata
25 May: Miss Naa Lamle Lamptey
25 May: Mr. Marcel Okorie
25 May: Mrs. Adetutu Sanuade
25 May: Mrs. Joselyn Tackie
26 May: Mr. Lakyiere Bakaara
26 May: Ms. Eunice Stella Nyarko

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

24 May: Mr. and Mrs. Adabie
25 May: Joseph and Ruth Adigbo
25 May: Israel and Salomey Kpekpena
26 May: Josiah and Clarice Taylor

WELCOME



TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, 20TH MAY, 2018



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Through Christ-like Discipleship

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LIC: SAVED TO SERVE!

The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to God's House this Sunday morning: Akwaaba!

YEAR'S THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS - A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

**SUNDAY, 20TH MAY, 2018 — SERVICE STARTS @ 9: 15AM
(COMMUNION SERVICE)**

Officiant: Mr. Romeo Bugyei
 Sermon Topic: **"Blind Bartimaeus: Believing is Seeing"**
 Preacher: **Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah**
 Lectors: Ms. Stella Nyarko and Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae
 Notices: Mr. Nuku Kumaga



Scripture Passages: **Numbers 14: 20 - 24 and Mark 10: 46 - 52**

Opening Hymn: "Sing praise to God"
 Pre-Communion Song: "Love divine oh how amazing"
 Closing Hymn: "Fight the good fight with all thy might"

REFLECTION: Caleb's reality

Caleb lived to see God's promise because he believed in God. He lived with the majority but stood for the minority view. He saw what the majority saw but believed the unbelievable; the "absurd"; God's view. Yet those who held on to the world view never lived to see the true reality. It remained "absurd" to them. The reality the crowd sees today will be a mirage to you if you put your little faith in the great God.

—JNA (May - 2018)

**STUDENTS' SERVICE @ 6:30AM
SUNDAY, 20TH MAY, 2018**

Topic: "Be Humble; Welcome Others" Preacher: Dr. Frederick L. Phillips
 Scripture Passages: Exodus 18: 1 - 7, 13 - 24; Mark 9: 33 - 41 Time: 6:30am
NEXT SUNDAY, 27TH MAY, 2018 (PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE)

Topic: "Thanksgiving: A Year of Pleasant Places" Preacher: Mr. T. V. O. Lamptey
 Scripture Passages: Psalm 16: 1 - 11 Time: 6:30am

NEXT SUNDAY, 27TH MAY, 2018 @ 9: 15AM

Officiant: Dr. Maureen Iheanacho
 Sermon Topic: **"The King on His Way to Die"**
 Preacher: **Rev. Mrs. Agnes Phillips**
 Lectors: Mr. Arnold Poku-Adu and Mrs. Charity Budu-Laryea
 Scripture Readings: **Zechariah 9: 9 – 11 and Mark 11: 1 - 11**
 Notices: Dr. Esi Ansah



Activity for 20th May, 2018

'MY STORY'

Leaders:
 Nana Agyei Yirenkyi-Boafo; Jeffrey Larbi-Akor;
 Dromo Aryee
 Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' & ASSISTANTS' MEETING — NEXT WEEK!

All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are reminded of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm on **WEDNESDAY**, 30th and **THURSDAY**, 31st May. Please prepare **Lesson 6** (The Book of Judges) **BEFORE** the meeting.

Visitors' Reception for MAY, 2018

Dr. E. Sinayobye; Dr. Mrs. Awo Asiedu; Ms. Cecilia Adjei



BANNS OF MARRIAGE



We publish for the **FIRST TIME**, the banns between **Mr. John Kojo Aggrey** of Christ the King Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA and **Ms. Bernice Owusu-Brown** of LIC. Please inform the Pastors or Presiding Elder if you know of any just and valid reason why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in marriage. Kindly keep them in prayer.

LIC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Applications for the 2018/2019 academic year may be submitted from now till Sunday, 15th July. Applicants should be registered members of LIC with a minimum of 2 years of membership. The Fund supports vocational, technical and tertiary levels up to First Degree ONLY.

SUNDAY, 20TH MAY, 2018

Prof. Esther Sakyi-Dawson (050 256 8615)
 Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244353522)
 Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Reception

Counseling

NEXT SUNDAY, 27TH MAY, 2018

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
 Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
 Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

Dr. (Mrs.) Akosua Fredua-Agyeman	Mrs. Mercy Efua Adabie	Ms. Lynn Beatrix Tamakloe
Mr. Phillip Ashon	Mrs. Adetutu Winifred Sanuade	Mr. Godfred Yeboah Dame
Ms. Amma Korkor Dugan	Mr. Ofoe Agbenyega	Mrs. Sarah Ago
Mr. Isaac Kofi Mensah	Mr. Kwamina Sagu Ekremet	Mr. Clarence Baidoo Ago
Ms. Josephine A. Amartey-Vondee	Mr. Festus Senyo Fiawoyife	Ms. Sherrita Obema Nartey

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12 noon on Wednesday: Mr. Kofi Yeboah - 0244875493 and Mrs. Ruth Opoku - 0509547267. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office.**



MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

YEAR THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS — A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

Coordinator - Ms. Patience Ampomah (026 714 0558)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Wed. 23-May	6:30pm-8:00pm	CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR: "How to be more effective at work and in life" by Mrs. Lydia Dada			
Fri. 1-June	10:00pm-4:00am	Mr. Terry Jumah	All-Night Prayer Meeting	WHO ART THOU O GREAT MOUNTAIN? (Zechariah 4:1-7)	Pastor Selassie Mawuenyega
Wed. 6-June	6:30pm-8:00pm	Mrs. Anastasia Aikins	Prayer & Teaching Service	"The Believer's Mission: The Essence Of The Operational Gifts (The Father)" (1 Cor. 12: 6, 27-31)	Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah
Wed. 13-June	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. David Avor	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. Kofi Asomaning. Music by the LIC Choir.	
Fri. 22-June	6:30pm-8:00pm	LIC NIGHT AT THE MOVIES			

◇ PRAYER MEETINGS:

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 7:30 am - 7:50 am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Monday: In the Vestry @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6.30 - 8.30 pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7:00 - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10 pm - 4:00 am in the Sanctuary.

◇ BIBLE STUDIES: Sunday: 8:00 - 9:00am; Monday: 6:45 - 8:00pm