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#JesusStrong

Caring-Connecting-Communicating

# A SENSE OF URGENCY

### **URGENT SITUATION**

I can remember one terrifying night when I was living back in Indianapolis where my life was in real danger. After a beautiful Spring day, the Midwest weather did what it does best in the "tornado alley" season: took a drastic turn for the worst. A collision of blue skies and enormous thunder clouds could be viewed directly out our living room window. Within a matter of minutes, the mix of weather systems turned the entire skyline green as rain began to pour down and lightning made frequent appearances. The storm continued to surge when the dreaded warnings were issued including tornado sirens and a weatherman saying, "If you can hear this message, seek shelter immediately!" My mom and I ran and hid ourselves in the only safe place we had in our home for such occasions: the bedroom closet. As we lay curled up on the ground with pillows covering our heads, total chaos and destruction began happening all around us. Mom and I were crying out for each other in the pitch-black hoping that neither of were being harmed, and just as quickly as the storm came there was silence. Expecting our home to be laying in ruins, we opened the closet door to discover that it was still intact. Two large trees in our front yard; however, had been uprooted and tossed in two different directions like I would have done to weeds in the garden. We heard the urgent warning and responded appropriately, and thankfully we were OK.

## WE HAVE BEEN WARNED

Matthew 24:42-44 says, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Here Jesus is trying to make sure His disciples are ready for His return and the final judgment. Just as we are going about our lives and planning what we will be doing next week, month, or year there always exists the reality that Jesus can instantly return. If we can live with this frame of mind, then we will begin to live our lives as disciples of Jesus with a sense of urgency. All of us know someone (and more likely multiple people) who have not confessed Jesus as the only way to salvation. Then there are people who we don't know yet who's eternal well-being could be determined in an instant, whether Jesus returns or they take their last breath. Since Jesus gave us this warning, shouldn't our lives reflect an urgency to tell others about Jesus?

### FIRST STEPS

I'm ready to be more urgent in my compassion for those who are not followers of Jesus and I hope that you are as well. But what first steps should we take on this mission of urgency? Let's start today by writing down five names of people that we know aren't following Jesus and begin praying for them daily. Pray also that God will provide opportunities for us to have much needed conversations with them in an effort to expose them to the Truth of God's love and salvation.

Hear/Be the Gospel, Adam

## **CELEBRATIONS:**

⇒ Another great year of camp is in the books! Every year, there's plenty of things to celebrate about the week of camp, and this year isn't any different. 86 campers, 23 adult leaders, 3 baptisms, amazing weather, 2 of our Kenai kids helped teach middle school bible studies, no major emergency situations, over \$5,200 raised for missions, students taking small steps and big leaps for the Lord, the list could go on. I think the biggest things that stand out to me are our students who taught, and the baptisms. Our theme for the week was "The Harvest," where we focused on Jesus' statement in Matthew 9, "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." This theme was super fitting for the things the Lord had planned for this week of camp. We had two of our recent graduates from Kenai help teach middle school bible studies. This is something we normally don't do since we want our campers to enjoy camp and not have to stress about anything. But we asked a couple of our recent graduates to teach, and I was blown away by the amazing job that they did. When keeping the theme of camp in mind, it made sense to have some students teach. And it was wonderful seeing these students be workers of the harvest, and help disciple middle schoolers to seek the Lord. What also stood out to me were the baptisms this year. Praise the Lord that 3 gals (2 from Kenai, 1 from Palmer) gave their lives to the Lord! But what stood out to me even more was who they asked to baptize them. Both Hannah P. and Olivia J. were baptized by people who had never been asked to baptize someone before. On top of that, the gal that baptized Olivia was actually a camper! Not only was it a camper, but the camper that taught middle schoolers for a day. Full circle moment. Seeing Hannah and Olivia commit their lives to the Lord was a joyful moment, and Heaven is rejoicing. But it was also special to see these two ladies who have never baptized someone before, be given that opportunity. All while we've been talking throughout the week about making disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and being workers of the harvest field. The Lord is moving amongst our young people. He is building up new workers that are willing to go into the harvest, and make disciples of all nations. And I'm excited to see how He continues to use our young people for His Kingdom.

## **UPCOMING STUFF:**

⇒ Our Fall Launch is August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM here at the building! Every year over the summer, we take the youth group outside going house to house. But on August 20<sup>th</sup>, we are BACK at the building! Our Fall Launch is a fun night where we celebrate the good things God did over the summer and enjoy being back here at the building. So be sure to bring your 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader to our Fall Launch! They're not going to want to miss this.



# AUGUST

8.12	#JESUSSTRONGWOMEN HIKING
8.16	PROMOTION PARTY @ RIVER CITY CHEER 4PM-5PM
8.20	#JESUSSTRONGYOUTH AND KIDS ARE BACK IN THE BUILDING!
8.24	PROMOTION SUNDAY
8.23	INDUSTRY DAYS 12PM-4PM
8.26	#JESUSSTRONGWOMEN HIKING



# Services

## Sunday

1st Worship Service 9:30am
What Is Available: In person only, Adult Bible
Studies, Nursery, 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s-Kinder,
1st-3rd Grade, 4th-5th Grade.

2nd Worship Service 11:00am Livestream, Nursery & 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, #JesusStrongChurch (Kinder-5th Grade)

## Wednesday

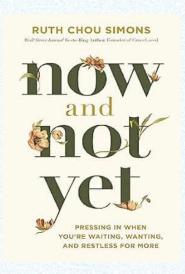
#JesusStrongKids <u>Grades 1st-5th</u> 6:30pm-7:30pm (Dismissed until August 20th)

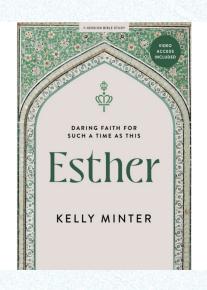
#JesusStrongYouth <u>Grades 6th-12th</u> 6:30pm-8pm (Check schedule for locations)

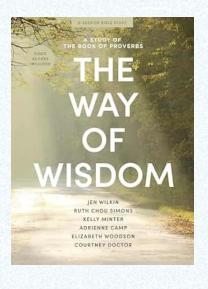
#### Online

Sunday Live and Online Services: 11:00am Thursday Live Mid-Day Prayer: (Noon)















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PRAISING GOD FOR THE GROWTH OF HIS KINGDOM!

ON JULY 11TH 2 YOUTH CAMPERS WERE BAPTIZED!

OLIVIA JAMES &

HANNAH PRUETT



## **WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025**

OCT. 2TH-OCT. 4TH

Thrive—Acts 2:42

Ladies, please come and join us for our annual Women's Retreat!

Full Time + Lodging = \$135 Full Time NO Lodging = \$135 Friday Night Only = \$30

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