**ANAHEIM SERVICES**

**PRE-MESSAGE HIGHLIGHT – NOVEMBER 6**

**WELCOME NEW VISITORS (All welcome them)**

**SENIOR PASTORS JERRY & KIMBERLY ARE ABOUT TO START THEIR FALL ISRAEL TOUR!**

* **LEADING 110 PEOPLE FROM A FEW CHURCHES INCLUDING:**
	+ **THE ROCK**
	+ **AND MEMPHIS TABERNACLE – DAVID DIRMANN’S CHURCH IN TENNESSE (JERRYS BROTHER)**

**TWO REALLY IMPORTANT CLASSES START TODAY… OSL LEVEL ONE AND JESUS’ COMMISSION**

**OSL LEVEL 1 STARTS TODAY**

* **IF YOU DESIRE TO GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND HAVE A SOLID FOUNDATION WITH HIM, OSL IS FOR YOU…**
* **OVER 10,000 PEOPLE GRADUATED**
* **TAUGHT BY ONE OF THE BEST BIBLE TEACHERS WE HAVE HERE… PASTOR CARL MCAULAY**

**JESUS’ COMMISSION DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING STARTS TODAY**

* **IF YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL, DISCIPLE THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU AND OBEY THE GREAT COMMISSION, THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU.**
* **WE’RE GOING TO HELP EQUIP YOU BETTER THAN WE EVER HAVE BEFORE TO REACH THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU**

**THESE CLASSES ARE 4 WEEKS LONG, BUT 5 SUNDAYS… THEY BOTH START TODAY AND 2:30PM AND END ON DECEMBER 4TH… LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY**

**-BUT I BELIEVE, IN LESS THAN A MONTH, YOUR LIFE WILL BE FOREVER CHANGED!**

**\*\*FREE CHILDCARE ALL 5 SUNDAYS**

**FREE LUNCH (TODAY ONLY) FOR THOSE ENROLLED IN THESE CLASSES!**

**REGISTER TODAY AT THE BOOTH WITH THE BALLOONS OR UNDER FALL DISCIPLESHIP ON THE ROCK APP OR WEBSITE,**

**OR YOU CAN JUST SHOW UP TOO…**

**FOR THOSE DOING JESUS’ COMMISSION AS A GROUP STUDY IN A HOME, VERSION 2 IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BOOTH OUTSIDE**

**BIBLE DEC… We say this every week not just as a tradition, but because we believe it’s true.**

Alright, open up to John 1…

While you’re turning there, let me tell you a quick story.

**Today we’re starting a new series called:**

**God’s Provision during Recession**

Did you know that God loves to provide for His people… Especially during hard times because He gets the glory for it.

* It’s an advantage being God’s children

-Have you ever heard someone say the phrase, “well you know, we’re all God’s children…”

-Well that sounds good, but it’s not accurate biblically.

* Did you know according to the bible, we are all God’s creation, but we are not all His children…

**John 1:12-13** “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13**who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

When you’re a part of the family, you get advantages that non-family members don’t get

**STORY:** Kid said to Emma, “STOP IT”…

-Well, why is it that when someone told me they could get me and a few others into a theme park for free, I took my kids?

-Why didn’t I take your kids instead?

-Because as a parent, you feel responsible to take care of the children in your care… to bless them, but also to feed them, to tend to their needs.

**STORY:** 4 year little boy asked me for a chip… I told him to go ask his mommy… I’m not just going to say “oh, are you hungry? **Get in the van…**

I’d go to jail.”

However, my kids eat my food all the time…

Look at Luke 11…

**Luke 11:11-13** “If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?**12**Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13**If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Now this is specifically talking about the Holy Spirit, but the principle applies all around…

This is saying that we as earthly fathers (or parents) have an instinct to take care of our children…

-How much the more does the Lord? Because we’re evil compared to Him.

Our compassion level is so low compared to Him…

Our love is so low compared to Him…

Our selfishness is so much higher compared to Him…

And yet, good parents long for their children to be taken care of…

Well God longs for that even more! And He has the resources to do it better too.

So what’s my point? Well point number one is for you be a part of the family of God.

Life is too messy, too unpredictable and too difficult to rely on yourself… Let Him be a Father to you.

* God didn’t design anyone to do this life without Him.
	+ There’s a God shaped hole in all of our hearts that we can try to fill with other things, but God is the only one who can bring true fulfillment.

Look at 1 Kings 17…

**Lay context:** At this point, there was a great famine coming to the land…

Here’s what God says to Elijah the prophet…

**1 Kings 17:2-7** “Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, **3**“Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **4**And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” **5**So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **6**The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. **7**And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.”

-God literally provided for Elijah through Ravens who scouted food for him…

-Someone may say “that’s not fair…”

Do we have an unfair advantage being children of God? Yes we do…

-However, it’s not truly unfair, because since Jesus died, anyone become a child of God by simply by accepting what He did…

God provided for Elijah in a way that logic couldn’t lead you to… It was a rather obscure way that no one could have predicted…

-Someone “I bet if you go to this brook, the Ravens will operate on the Uber Eats delivery system…”

-No, logic couldn’t figure that out, but God made it happen.

Look at Luke 19…

**Luke 19:37-40** “Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, **38**saying: “ ‘Blessed *is* the King who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” **39**And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” **40**But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

The bible predicted this moment would happen… So Jesus is saying if these people didn’t give praise to Me here, the rocks would!

-Because what God said will happen, will happen.

-The laws of nature will be defied before God’s word falls flat on the ground.

-If God said He’d provide for those who trust in Him, He will! Even if it’s in a crazy way.

**STORY:** Guy accepted Cheeze-itz as a form of payment

**STORY:** We were struggling so bad… Gave a guy $5, someone asked if I wanted the last $8 to put in my gas tank

As I’m bringing this to a close, let me read Psalm 91 to you…

**Psalm 91**

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
**2**I will say of the Lord, “*He is* my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust.”

**3**Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2091&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15399a)]fowler
*And* from the perilous pestilence.
**4**He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take refuge;
His truth *shall be your* shield and [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2091&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15400b)]buckler.
**5**You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
*Nor* of the arrow *that* flies by day,
**6***Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in darkness,
*Nor* of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday.

**7**A thousand may fall at your side,
And ten thousand at your right hand;
*But* it shall not come near you.
**8**Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.

**9**Because you have made the Lord, *who is* my refuge,
*Even* the Most High, your dwelling place,
**10**No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;
**11**For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.
**12**In *their* hands they shall [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2091&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15408c)]bear you up,
Lest you [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2091&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15408d)]dash your foot against a stone.
**13**You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

**14**“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2091&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-15410e)]set him on high, because he has known My name.
**15**He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I *will be* with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.
**16**With long life I will satisfy him,
And show him My salvation.”

**STORY:** Young girl got in a car accident…

She said “I just paid for this car…” It was my dream car (it was an old car)…

She was crying and something like:

**“I worked my tail off to pay for this… No one helped me. No one has ever helped me.”**

My heart broke…

-We got her information and I’ve reached out 3 times now just trying to see how we can help.

-Not even trying to get her to start coming to our church, just trying to see if we can rally around her to show her the love of the Lord. She hasn’t responded.

My heart broke because I don’t know what that feels like to feel truly alone. I was so blessed to grow up in a family where we take care of each other as best as we can and are there for one another.

But even more than that, the Lord has been there for me.

Pastor Carl read this, but look at **Isaiah 49…**

**Isaiah 49:14-15 (NLT)** “Yet Jerusalem says, “The Lord has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us.” **15**“Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child?   Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!”

Some of you may have not grown up in a family that functioned how they ought to, but the Lord wants you to know that:

* + Even if no one else sees you… HE SEES YOU
	+ Even if no one else has been there for you…. HE WANTS TO BE THERE
	+ Even if no one else has taken care of you… HE WANTS TO TAKE CARE OF YOU
	+ Even if no one else loved you… HE LOVES YOU. MORE THAN YOU KNOW.

PRAY

**NEXT WEEK IS PART 2 OF GOD’S PROVISION DURING RECESSION**

**GIVE US ONE YEAR HERE AT THE ROCK AND SEE IF GOD WON’T CHANGE YOUR LIFE!**

1. **VISITORS**
* **WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU AT THE WELCOME CTR.**
1. **TWO KEY CLASSES STARTING TODAY AT 2:30 PM**
* **JESUS’ COMMISSION DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING**
* **LEVEL 1**

**REGISTER TODAY AT THE BOOTH WITH THE BALLOONS OR UNDER FALL DISCIPLESHIP ON THE ROCK APP OR WEBSITE,**

* **OR JUST SHOW UP!**
* **ALL WHO ARE JOINING THE CLASS AND THEIR KIDS ARE INVITED US FOR FREE LUNCH TODAY AT 1:45 PM**
* **CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED**
1. **NEXT WEEK IS PART 2 OF GOD’S PROVISION DURING RECESSION**

NEXT WEEK POTENIAL SCRIPTURES…

Part 2?

**STORY:** We we’re so financially tight… Had an opportunity to give. Chose something that felt stretching the felt like we were supposed to double it. Asked Marlene and she said over double the number I had landed on…

**Obedience prompts provision…**

Let me read first kings again from last week, but in a different light…

**1 Kings 17:2-7** “Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, **3**“Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **4**And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” **5**So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **6**The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. **7**And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.”

-What if Elijah did nothing the Lord said? Would he have been provided for?

**Matthew 6:33**

**Matthew 17:24-27**
“When they had come to [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2017%3A24-27&version=NLT;NKJV#fen-NKJV-23725a)]Capernaum, those who received the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2017%3A24-27&version=NLT;NKJV#fen-NKJV-23725b)]*temple* tax came to Peter and said, “Does your Teacher not pay the *temple* tax?” **25**He said, “Yes.” And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?”

**26**Peter said to Him, “From strangers.” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. **27**Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2017%3A24-27&version=NLT;NKJV#fen-NKJV-23728c)]piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.”

**Jeremiah 17:5-8** Thus says the Lord:

 “Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man
And makes flesh his [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%2017%3A5-8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-19363a)]strength,
Whose heart departs from the Lord.
**6**For he shall be like a shrub in the desert,
And shall not see when good comes,
But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness,
*In* a salt land *which is* not inhabited.

**7**“Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the Lord,
And whose hope is the Lord.
**8**For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

-Many believers live as if God is not a factor in the situation

 -He wants to not only be a factor… He wants to be THE factor!