

Defeating Discouragement

When David was a young boy his tools to defeat the enemy, Goliath, were a slingshot and one smooth stone. However, that stone, and David's strength, were not the reason for David's victory; it was the power of God! We read in Ephesians 6 that, to have victory over our enemy the devil, God has given us tools, as well—our Bibles, prayer and His power.

An often-used and effective tool of the devil is discouragement. Down-spiraling discouragement leads to depression and worse. "A prudent man foreseeth the evil . . ." (Proverbs 22:3).

God wants us to be prepared and to "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10), and when discouragement strikes, or any other tool in Satan's tool belt, "take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:17).

- Ponder God's Promises. He loves you, is always with you and holds your hand (Romans 8:35–37; Hebrews 13:5; Isaiah 41:13).
- Place your Trust in God's power. He is in control. He works all things for good (Proverbs 19:21; Romans 8:28).
- Proclaim His Praise. Praise defeats the enemy (2 Chronicles 20:1–22).

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him" (Psalm 42:11). These words from David in the Bible should inspire us to grab hold of God's power and defeat discouragement.

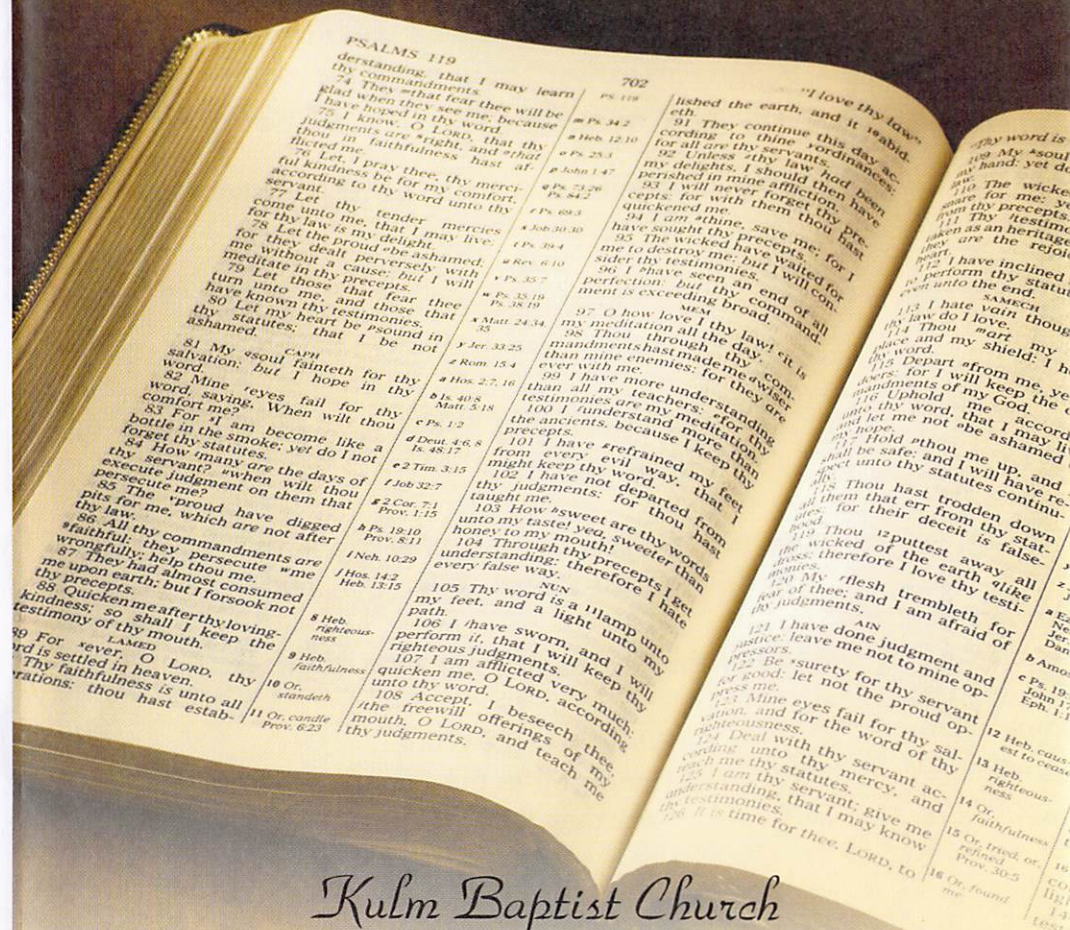
"Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory . . . Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name" (1 Chronicles 29:11, 13).

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Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet

Psalm 119:105



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KULM, ND**

**March 17, 2024
The 5th Sunday in Lent**

Jesus replied, "now the time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels-plentiful harvest of new lives. Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me." John 12:23-26

**Welcome/Announcements & Praise & Prayer Requests
Greet One Another**

**"As We Gather"
#497 "I Will Praise Him"(vs 1,3,4)**

**Scripture Reading - Isaiah 12
****Congregation Be Seated******

**#496 "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"
#76 "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know"**

Prayer of Thanks, and for Tithes and Offerings

**Worship in the Word
"The Innocent for the Guilty"
Matthew 27:15-32**

**#746 "He Keeps Me Singing"(vs 1,3)
Benediction**

Monday, March 18
9:30 am Ministry Board monthly meeting at Kulm Baptist.

Saturday, March 23
2:00 pm World Day of Prayer will be held at the Lutheran Church. An offering will be collected for a Mission Project. All are welcome!

Sunday, March 24
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
10:50 am Facebook Live
11:00 am to 1:00 pm Kulm Fire Department Fundraiser, Knephla Dinner at the Community Center. \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 8 and younger. They would appreciate donations of bars that could be dropped off the day before or Sunday morning. No need to cut them, but label the pans so they can be returned to you.

Friday, March 29
6:30 pm Good Friday service will be at the Lutheran Church.
Easter Sunday, March 31
7:30 -9:00 am Community Breakfast at the Kulm Community Center.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Happy Anniversary March 21 to Lorence & Connie. May the Lord bless you on your special day.

Offering for March 10

Sunday School	11.00
Church	<u>1203.00</u>
Total	\$1214.00

If anyone needs a bulletin sent to them contact Darnella.