

The Good news of My Emanuel

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1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" 3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" (Mark 1:1-3 NIV)

This weeks edition

This weeks edition Timothy Higginbotham takes over the weekly sermon and praise the Lord for the message he blessed Timothy to provide! We hope that this message reaches you and helps to provide with your walk and to keep you strong!

Please remember that you can always read the previous weeks newsletter on our website at <http://www.myemanuel.com/sermonsandmore.html> and we hope that if this is your first time reading that you will take the time and read the previous weeks! The Lord has blessed us to be able to provide this message to any who will hear and we hope that the power of the Lord's words are felt as you read through the message he has commanded we share!

Please remember us in your prayers that My Emanuel and all those involved will continue to be blessed by the Lord and be able to provide for any in need! We were blessed to be able to meet new friends at the Hope House in Cartersville Georgia this week as Project: Stay warm with Jesus and Project: Share the Good Word where in full effect! Please check out more about our first trip into the community and how the Lord blessed us with meeting men who truly glorify God regardless of circumstance!
[Http://www.myemanuel.com/hopehouse.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/hopehouse.html).

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The Good news of My Emanuel is split up into several sections to make what you are looking for easy to find! The sections of our newsletter are:

- Weekly sermon (red)
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This color coded section should allow you to gain quick access to any portion of this newsletter, we know that some days you will have time to read all the way through, other days you will want to jump directly to something in the newsletter.

Get involved!

Please check out our current projects at <http://www.myemanuel.com/ourprojects.html> and if the Lord has put on your heart to donate anything to help our projects (Bibles, jackets, etc.) please visit us at <http://www.myemanuel.com/donations.html>. As we have been since we began we are always looking for any type of donations we can use to provide and do the Lord's work! If you are interested in getting personally involved with ministry in our communities please contact us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com

37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark Chapter 4 verse 37-41)

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Weekly Sermon

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O Ye of Little Faith

This weeks sermon is about faith. Many of us say we have faith. But what is faith?

Faith (noun)-confidence or trust in a person or thing; faith in another's ability. And all of us say we have faith in something at one time or another right? But your lying to yourself. You worry about those bills, about how your going to feed your kids or yourself. About how you will get to work on time, or how you make it to work at all. On how you will make rent payments. On how you will ever get out of your financial situation, your in debt up to your ears. You worry about what that doctor said or what this one said. You worry about your safety in every situation. But our God is more powerful then any of these earthly things. No one can beat our god, stop him, or trick him. He knows that you are worried. But have faith in him in even the worst situations and he will help. Even the disciples had problems with faith, as every man and women will at some time. But Jesus showed them the power of our god and what faith can do.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13-21 NIV

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

16 Jesus replied, "**They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.**"

17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

18 "**Bring them here to me,**" he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Our minds couldn't even fathom making this little bit of food last this much or this long. But Jesus could. He has an unshakeable faith. At one point in Jesus's life he is even known to have walked on water. Let me say that one more time, this man, god in the flesh, had such a strong faith he could even walk on water. Even his disciple Peter walked on water, but fell because he lacked faith.

Jesus Walks on the Water

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "**Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.**"

28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

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29 **“Come,”** he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. **“You of little faith,”** he said, **“why did you doubt?”**

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Honor God with our mouths, minds, ,hearts,bodies, tongue and works, Have faith in every thing of your body and every action. Do righteousness,be righteous!!

Matthew 15:8-10 NIV

8 **“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9 They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’[a]”** 10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. 11 What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

Once again Jesus shows these same disciples that miracles can come from faith!!

Matthew 15:29-38 NIV

29 Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. 30 Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. 31 The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. 32 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, **“I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.”** 33 His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?” 34 **“How many loaves do you have?”** Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.” 35 He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. 36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. 37 They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 38 The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 16:13-17

New International Version (NIV)

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

We must have faith in all things but also have faith that Jesus is the messiah and the son of god!!

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”** 14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 **“But what about you?”** he asked. **“Who do you say I am?”** 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, **“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter,[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades[c] will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be[e] loosed in heaven.”**

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Have faith enough that you deny yourself and pick up your cross daily and follow Jesus!! For what can a man get in exchange for his soul? Plenty on this earth but also an all expenses paid one way trip to hell.

Have faith because God has nothing that is impossible for him.

Things can be done by faith that shouldn't be able too, that should be impossible by human standards. The dead come to life, the broken are healed, people are alive when they shouldn't be.

Matthew 17:18-22 NIV

18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" 20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Life impacting scripture

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39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. (Mark Chapter 4 verse 39 NIV)

When most of us think of God and Jesus Christ it is hard to imagine the creator of all things, the God who created all things with just his voice! God created the heavens, the earth, every living thing in just six days! The God we serve is the God who said “Let there be light” and there was light! It is scary to imagine how powerful God truly is, his power cannot be defeated, challenged, or taken away. He has the power over EVERYTHING. The reason I chose this verse from Mark this week is simple... Jesus Christ brought the power to earth, born of the flesh, he had power granted from the Father over EVERYTHING!

Jesus Christ told the wind to “Be still!” and the wind stopped blowing! How powerful is it to know that the man who had power to make even the wind stop blowing gave his life, willingly, for you and I! Jesus Christ died not because he was overpowered by Satan or because the people of earth had power over him. Never forget: **11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep”** (John Chapter 10 verse 11 NIV) Jesus Christ gave his life not because he **HAD** to, Jesus Christ laid down his life because he **WANTED** to! He laid down his life so that you and I may have a place in his Father's house! Do you know that if Jesus Christ had not died that 99% of humanity would have been damned by the Law of the Jews!

Jesus Christ truly had power over all things and the only reason he allowed himself to be killed and crucified was to fulfill God's prophecy and forever once and for all provide a pure sacrifice so that we may be forgiven! Before you go to bed tonight have you thanked Jesus for laying down his life for yours! For your family? Have you glorified God for sending Jesus Christ to die for you? Have you praised your heavenly father for knowing that sin is great and we are weak that he forever provided a way to him, through his Son Jesus Christ!

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John Chapter 3 verse 16 NIV)

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Testimony

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On Friday November 18th 2011 the Lord provided Timothy and I through My Emanuel to go out into the community and fellowship and minister to those in need! I praise the Lord for allowing us not only to provide for our brothers in Christ but also because he showed me that no matter the fall that the devil cannot conquer the love that his children have for him!

On that day Timothy and I were in Cartersville Georgia with the intention to provide donations of jackets and Bibles the Lord had blessed us to have and we called a homeless shelter in Cartersville named “The Good Neighbor”. We asked them if they where in need of jacket donations and if we could come and minister to their guest, we were told that they had enough donations but directed to a different shelter named appropriately “The Hope House”. The Hope House as it is named is a shelter in Cartersville for men who find themselves without means and provides for them until they can get back on their feet!

So I called “hello” a voice on the other end of the phone said. I thought I had the wrong number! “Hello is this the Hope House?”. “Yes” the voice replied without much enthusiasm, “My name is Daniel Higginbotham with My Emanuel ministries and we were told you guys may be in need of some jacket donations we have”. It is amazing how the voice on the phone light up! “Oh yes we are for sure”. After that we got directions and the Lord had us go out and provide breakfast for the men of this ministry. Let me tell you one thing, the blessings we take for granted, clothes, food, a warm place to sleep, we should all be as thankful as these men! When we pulled up and started pulling jackets out of the trunk I would have thought we were giving away hundred dollar bills! Quickly all the jackets where gone for those in need and we began to eat breakfast and drink coffee the Lord had provided!

After talking for some time we discovered this particular shelter doesn't get a lot of attention that some others in the area do because they don't turn any away! They take in any in need and provide a safe place to recover from whatever the circumstances may be!! Let me say this the Lord provided us a way to get these men some shoes and blankets from the Salvation Army as well as basic essentials, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, razors, etc. and the look in their eyes knowing that the Lord had provided for them was unbelievable! These men are amazing and I am glad to call them brothers in Christ and friends!

The Hope House is in true need this season friends, in need of prayer, donations of any kind (jackets, food, hygiene products, whatever you can provide!) Please contact us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com for more information on how you can help and please say a prayer for them!

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Newly found ministries

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The Hope House mens shelter (Cartersville, Georgia) – This shelter provided by Dr. Moore is an amazing simple concept, provide for those men in need! The Hope House is actually comprised of several different ministries in one and we would be happy to provide more information about this ministry! Please contact us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com for more information on how you can help this ministry out! Also please check out <http://www.myemanuel.com/hopehouse.html> to see about our recent trip to this powerful place!

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Reviews

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Have you read a great Christian book lately? Have you seen a great movie you think encompasses the life of good Christians? Please contact us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com to provide reviews of music, movies, or whatever you think is beneficial for your brothers and sisters in Christ!

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