

OUR TURN IN THE STADIUM

I. [Acts 2:42-47](#)

A. As we turn to our main text, Acts 2:42-47, I want to begin by reading Psalm 16:3-6, a portion of which Mark shared with us in his worship devotional the Sunday before last. In these verses, David expresses gratitude to God for his people and spiritual inheritance. Let's read them from 3 different versions so they soak down deep and ready us for the rest of our message...

1) Psalm 16:3-6 (ESV) says: **3** As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. **4** *The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.* **5** *The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.* **6** *The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

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3) Psalm 16:3-6 (VOICE) is yet another wonderful rendition: **3** *The beauty of faith-filled people encompasses me. They are true, and my heart is thrilled beyond measure.* **4** *All the while the despair of many, who abandoned Your goodness for the empty promises of false gods, increases day by day. I refuse to pour out blood offerings, to utter their names from my lips.* **5** *You, Eternal One, are my sustenance and my life-giving cup. In that cup, You hold my future and my eternal riches.* **6** *My home is surrounded in beauty; You have gifted me with abundance and a rich legacy.*

B. I recently told an elderly gent that we're blessed to have a lot of good churches around the Lake and his was among them. I meant it! I look forward to the Day when we're all worshipping before the Lord together as one. May the Lord hasten that Day!

C. Jared Wilson writes: "The gospel of Jesus doesn't just make strangers into friends. It makes enemies into brothers and sisters. The church is a family created by grace. Just as Jesus called fishermen, tax collectors, and zealots into His flock. And when Christ is our God, everything else falls into proper orbit around Him. He is exalted above our preferences and affinities. And thus our motley band of worshipers makes Jesus look very big."

D. Our main text takes place right after the Holy Spirit fell on the believers in Jerusalem. Counting the disciples, their whole group totaled 120 souls. But when the Holy Spirit fell with a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the manifestations were astounding! The onlookers were convinced it was a church full of drunk people. Then Peter preached and 3,000 people got saved. We pick up from there...

E. Acts 2:42-47 (ESV) is a picture of the early Church: **42** *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread (**Communion-love feasts**) and the prayers.* **43** *And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs*

were being done through the apostles. **44** *And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

F. In his book, *The Church Awakening*, Charles Swindoll comments on our text: “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42) “In this one verse we have the lowest common denominator of a church. This is ground zero. It would help greatly if God’s people reminded themselves of this single verse of scripture every day. When the first body of believers gathered together, they devoted themselves to four essentials. Did you notice them? Hear are the four essentials: teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. This verse is not only descriptive of what the early church did; it is prescriptive of what the church must do.”

G. A few Sundays ago, someone said to me, "I'd like to know the story behind the stories. Like what happened to the people after their encounters with Jesus?" I said, "Me too!" What ever became of the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears or the gal caught in the act of adultery? Or what about Blind Bartimaeus or Zacchaeus? Or Nicodemus? Or the Samaritan woman at the well? Or Mary, Martha, and Lazarus? Perhaps some were members of the original 120 while maybe others were apprehended after Pentecost when the Gospel swept through Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the utter most parts of the earth. One Day we'll know!

H. I've also wondered what it was like in the early church when news spread about Saul becoming a believer named Paul. What was it like when he visited a church gathering where some there had lost a loved one at his hands of terror? I've even wondered if this was the *thorn in his flesh*? And then I think of Philip the evangelist who might've been present when his colleague Stephen was stoned and they laid their garments at Saul's feet. Believers then fled Jerusalem as Paul ravaged the church. Philip took the Gospel to Samaria, led an Ethiopian Eunuch to Christ, and eventually settled down on the Mediterranean coast in Caesarea. Then on Paul's road to trial and imprisonment **Luke writes in Acts 21:8-9 (ESV) "On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied." (Could that have been a bit awkward at first?)**

I. But more than wondering about all that, my greater burden is for us here. Because we're a small church with folks from little towns round about, the odds are people will walk through our doors looking for Jesus but first they're going to encounter us and they may know some of us from back-when. And if they think of us as to how we once were vs how we are now, yikes! And if back-when we mistreated them or snubbed them or belittled them or feuded with them, will they still be able to find Jesus in this place? I wonder this: Has God done enough redemptive work in our own hearts and lives so that we're prepared to welcome former *Sauls* as *Pauls*? Will Jesus' sacrifice trump all else? Will forgiveness be ready for rendering? Will love win that day?

J. And then sometimes I'm asked whether or not those who've died and gone to be with the Lord are aware of what's going on here. I wonder, are our three children in heaven aware of the three of us here? And if so, how much do they see and know? Some stalwart men and women of God believe yes-they-do while others not-so-much. Based on Scripture, I can't give you an absolute definitive answer one way or the other. Never comfortable with too much speculation, I usually just shrug my shoulders.

K. But I do want to review Hebrew 12:1-2. If any passage hints at the possibility of heavenly human awareness of activities here on earth, this is it. Hebrews 12:1-2 in the VOICE version: *1 So since we stand surrounded by all those who have gone before, an enormous cloud of witnesses, let us drop every extra weight, every sin that clings to us and slackens our pace, and let us run with endurance the long race set before us. 2 Now stay focused on Jesus, who designed and perfected our faith. He endured the cross and ignored the shame of that death because He focused on the joy that was set before Him; and now He is seated beside God on the throne, a place of honor.*

L. When I took Shakespeare in college, my professor was a theatre major and he taught us about "*the willful suspension of disbelief*." It's the notion that we can choose to set aside rationality enough to enjoy stories that may betray logic such as magic, or science fiction, or such things as beaming down to an alien planet from the Starship Enterprise. So let me suggest something momentarily similar but oh so carefully, "*the willful suspension of theological likelihood*" so that we can at least imagine those we know who've gone before us sitting in that celestial stadium (The heavenly Horseshoe) watching and rooting for us from above. (I see my folks. I see Rodger and Jack. I see Betty, Debbie, Sylvia, Gail, Caroline, and a whole host of others who've been a part of this Church Family or who were integral in each of our walks with Christ. Who do you see?)

M. Then we must ask, what do they see? What are they hoping to see? Are they really and truly rooting for us? Do we ever do things that make them cringe? What makes them cheer? What brings them to their feet? Do they get to participate in our Lord's intercession for us? Maybe throw in an occasional, *Amen!*

N. Ultimately, we don't know. But I do know that God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ sees. And the Holy Spirit is present to enable us to live out all He's called us to become and all He's called us to do, here and now--for His name, for His honor, and for His glory! So whether the audience includes the *Saints of Old* and all the Angels above, I really don't know. But there is the Audience of One and I want us to be the Church Family that makes His heart glad--in the way we live for Him and in the way we treat all others. Raise your hand if you want the same...

*** Close with Prayer...**

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Bonus Rations for Further Nourishment

Parent Love and Grandparent Love - Tim Challies

<https://www.challies.com/articles/parent-love-and-grandparent-love/>

Five Things to Say to A Depressed Christian - Eliza Huie

<https://elizahuie.com/2021/09/02/five-things-to-say-to-help-a-depressed-christian/>

Crazy Grace - Jared C. Wilson

<https://ftc.co/resource-library/blog-entries/crazy-grace/>

No Purpose for Old Folks - Sue from Manitowoc

<https://susanlfink.blogspot.com/2021/09/no-purpose-for-old-folks.html>

I ‘Just’ Do Ordinary Work - Dan Doriani (The Gospel Coalition)

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/i-do-ordinary-work/>

John 13:34-35 (ESV)

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **35** By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 15:9-17 (ESV)

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples. **9** As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. **11** These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. **12** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. **14** You are My friends if you do what I command you. **15** No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that

whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. **17** These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Romans 12:9-13 (AMP)

9 Love is to be sincere and active [the real thing--without guile and hypocrisy]. Hate what is evil [detest all ungodliness, do not tolerate wickedness]; hold on tightly to what is good. **10** Be devoted to one another with [authentic] brotherly affection [as members of one family], give preference to one another in honor; **11** never lagging behind in diligence; aglow in the Spirit, enthusiastically serving the Lord; **12** constantly rejoicing in hope [because of our confidence in Christ], steadfast and patient in distress, devoted to prayer [continually seeking wisdom, guidance, and strength], **13** contributing to the needs of God's people, pursuing [the practice of] hospitality.

Romans 13:8-10 (ESV)

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. **9** For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **10** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV)

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. **2** And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (AMP)

9 Now concerning brotherly love, you have no need for anyone to write you, for you have been [personally] taught by God to love one another [that is, to have an unselfish concern for others and to do things for their benefit]. **10** For indeed you already do practice it toward all the believers throughout Macedonia [by actively displaying your love and concern for them]. But we urge you, brothers and sisters, that you excel [in this matter] more and more...

1 Peter 4:8-10 (NIV)

8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. **9** Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. **10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Acts 6:8-15 (ESV)

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. **9** Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. **10** But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. **11** Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." **12** And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came

upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, **13** and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, **14** for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” **15** And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Acts 7:1-60 (ESV)

1 And the high priest said, “Are these things so?” **2** And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, **3** and said to him, ‘Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.’ **4** Then he went out from the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living. **5** Yet He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring after him, though he had no child. **6** And God spoke to this effect—that his offspring would be sojourners in a land belonging to others, who would enslave them and afflict them four hundred years. **7** ‘But I will judge the nation that they serve,’ said God, ‘and after that they shall come out and worship Me in this place.’ **8** And He gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs. **9** “And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him **10** and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household. **11** Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food. **12** But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers on their first visit. **13** And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. **14** And Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five persons in all. **15** And Jacob went down into Egypt, and he died, he and our fathers, **16** and they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem. **17** “But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt **18** until there arose over Egypt another king who did not know Joseph. **19** He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive. **20** At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, **21** and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. **22** And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds. **23** “When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. **24** And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. **25** He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. **26** And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?’ **27** But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over

us? **28** Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' **29** At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons. **30** "Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. **31** When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight, and as he drew near to look, there came the voice of the Lord: **32** 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and did not dare to look. **33** Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. **34** I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.' **35** "This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'—this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. **36** This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. **37** This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brothers.' **38** This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us. **39** Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, **40** saying to Aaron, 'Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' **41** And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. **42** But God turned away and gave them over to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets: "'Did you bring to Me slain beasts and sacrifices, during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? **43** You took up the tent of Moloch and the star of your god Rephan, the images that you made to worship; and I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.' **44** "Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. **45** Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, **46** who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. **47** But it was Solomon who built a house for Him. **48** Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says, **49** "'Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. What kind of house will you build for Me, says the Lord, or what is the place of My rest? **50** Did not My hand make all these things?' **51** "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. **52** Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, **53** you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." **54** Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. **55** But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. **56** And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." **57** But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. **58** Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. **59** And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out,

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” **60** And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8:1-8 (ESV)

1 And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. **2** Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. **3** But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. **4** Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. **5** Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. **6** And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. **7** For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. **8** So there was much joy in that city.

Acts 8:26-40 (ESV)

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. **27** And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28** and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” **30** So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” **31** And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opens not His mouth. **33** In His humiliation justice was denied Him. Who can describe his generation? For His life is taken away from the earth.” **34** And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. **36** And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” **38** And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. **39** And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. **40** But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 21:7-14 (ESV)

7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. **8** On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. **9** He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.

10 While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. **11** And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" **12** When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. **13** Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." **14** And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."

Love Gives

By John Oxenham

Love ever gives.
Forgives, outlives,
And ever stands
With open hands.
And while it lives,
It gives,
For this is love's prerogative—
To give, and give, and give.

- William Arthur Dunkerley, English journalist, novelist, and poet authored his poetry under the name, John Oxenham

Quote by C.S. Lewis

"In friendship...we think we have chosen our peers. In reality a few years' difference in the dates of our births, a few more miles between certain houses, the choice of one university instead of another...the accident of a topic being raised or not raised at a first meeting--any of these chances might have kept us apart. But, for a Christian, there are, strictly speaking no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to the disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, "Ye have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another." The friendship is not a reward for our discriminating and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others."

- C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*, p. 89

Quote by St Augustine

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

Quote by John Calvin

"For where love is wanting, the beauty of all virtue is mere tinsel, is empty sound, is not worth a straw, nay more, is offensive and disgusting."

Quote by R.C. Sproul

"In the New Testament, love is more of a verb than a noun. It has more to do with acting than with feeling. The call to love is not so much a call to a certain state of feeling as it is to a quality of action."

Quote by D.L. Moody

"If we have got the true love of God shed abroad in our hearts, we will show it in our lives. We will not have to go up and down the earth proclaiming it. We will show it in everything we say or do."

The Walk We Talk

By Steven A. Bush

So let us walk the walk the walk we talk,
Proclaim the Rock and grow the flock,
Sure some will squawk and mock and balk,
But some will seek and ask and knock.

There is no time to sit and gawk,
For time is ticking off the clock,
And soon their ships will leave the dock
With blinded souls hell bound for shock.

We have keys for hearts still locked,
With truth and love we come well stocked.
The road is narrow but is not blocked,
Our Message is no poppycock.

Let us paint with paint and not with chalk,
Risk stones and jeers as laughingstocks.
Let us walk the walk the walk we talk,
Proclaim the Rock and grow the flock.

- PSB <<, Friday, March 7, 2014