



## On the Same Page

“They were utterly astonished, saying, “(Jesus) has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”  
(Mark 7:37 NAS95)

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### Forever-Family Fellowship

We will teach and practice truth-and-love relationships with brothers-sisters in Christ that must survive/thrive in the present because we believe that these relationships will last forever

### All-Week-Long Worship

As the local body of believers gathers each Sunday for worship, we will inspire a worship experience for all age groups that will travel with you all week long. What we do on Sunday will assist you in your singing, in your praying, in your devotion, and in your witness.

Conversely, it is as you worship all-week-long that you will be prepared to enter into gathered worship on Sunday.

### Day-to-Day Discipleship

As followers of Christ, we are disciples every single day. Respect for and commitment to Scripture is essential. We will show you how to interact with and respond to God's Word, both as individuals, and in groups.

### Moment-by-Moment Mission

God, the Architect of the world and of our lives arranges appointments and interruptions. Each of us is called to represent His Son for the glory of His Name. We will cultivate a mind-set for moment-by-moment mission, whether close to home, or far away.

## Only Jesus Does All Things Well

Let's clear away the silly argument first, before we get to something more practical. In the Middle Ages, theological nerds argued whether God could create a rock too heavy for Himself to pick up. So if you want to argue whether, since Jesus does all things well, He can also sin well, go someplace else.

Jesus' relationship with the Father was and is without the slightest friction. Can you imagine being married for even one year without an argument; without hurt feelings; without misunderstanding and incidents of selfishness. Throughout eternity, the Father and the Son are always on the same page, singing the same note in perfect pitch.

Jesus saves well. His forgiveness covers all our sins, not just some. His atonement provides forgiveness for the sins we know about, and the ones we don't. I suspect there are even more sins of the latter kind than the former. He saves so that we don't wander in and out of salvation. His promises stand.

But my point with the title above, “**Only Jesus does all things well,**” is that only Jesus does, and **we don't**. None of us does all things well. You may do some things extremely well, but not all things. We find ourselves regularly disappointed in ourselves. We may feel like failures. We may consider giving up. Why? Because we have not agreed with the fact that only Jesus does all things well. Nobody else, including you, comes close.

We are imperfect people doing imperfect things, and though aided by the gifts of God and the help of the Spirit (the first provided by God widely, and the second given from Christ to those who are “in Christ”), we still fall short. How are we to respond?

**First, we should look up, not down.** We should look to our Father in heaven, and to our wonderful, merciful Savior. We learned as children, “*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.*” He loves us, knowing full well that we indeed do not do all things well. But He loves us anyway. We should be assured that our Father does not love us more on our best days than He does on our worst. This is where we start.

**But also, we should not turn on ourselves and castigate ourselves.** We are but humans, finite and frail. And worse, we are sinful humans who have a bent toward self and sin. The wonder of the Gospel is that Jesus came to save sinners, and God justifies the ungodly. We fit the bill, and we are saved and justified by faith in Him. So don't go trashing what God has saved and justified.

**But we must be truthful in examining ourselves.** Did we fail because we are human, or because we were lazy, or selfish, or spiteful? Did we prepare properly, or did we skip the preparation and then perform poorly? Did we choose the nice and comfortable path rather than doing the right thing, or the hard thing, or the most important thing? In all these questions and more, we should be willing to be brutally honest with ourselves or with the critiques from others. We can always improve and do better.

**Over time, we learn about our strengths and weaknesses.** We all have them, both strengths and weaknesses. We seek to maximize our strengths, without pride (and that is more difficult than it sounds). And, we seek to manage our weaknesses, by learning and practicing skills that help us compensate, or leaning hard on others who can help in those areas.

**But more important: we pray.** We pray about the use of our strengths, and about the help we need for our weaknesses. We pray intently and regularly. We pray to **the only Person who does all things well.** And **one of the things He does well is to help** persons just like me, and just like you.

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**Forever** by Paul David Tripp

**Here is something humbling to think about: no one swindles you more than you do. No one plays games with your reality more than you do. No one deceives you better than you do. No one has told as many lies to you as you have told to yourself. No one has worked as hard and as long to get you to deny what is real and to embrace what is unreal as you have.**

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**Notes:**

**Sunday school meets weekly** with classes for adults and children.

**This Sunday, June 30, we will conduct our American House service at 3 p.m.** Yes, this is usually the first Sunday of the month, but due to a schedule difficulty, we are going on June 30. Please pray that we do not miss or confuse some new residents that have begun attending.

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**Weekly Worship @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Last Sunday, June 23,** we left Jacob's tales of deception (for a short time) and found Jacob in the wilderness. He is experiencing the consequences of his deceptive actions, and yet, surprising, he finds that God has not given up on Him, and, that He is not alone. I call this message "**Stone Pillow,**" and we talk about the significance of the vision that God gives to Jacob, along with a promise, from Genesis 28. [Listen to the message here.](#)



**The Sunday, June 30,** we find Jacob in unfamiliar territory, and it should not surprise us that "**The Cheater Gets Cheated**" (**Genesis 29,30**). Instead of working other people over, he gets worked over time and again. God is giving Jacob what he needs. He is weakening that strong will until, a few chapters down the road, he will be a useful servant in God's hand.

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