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Sunday:

Bible Class	9:45am
Morning Worship	10:45am
Evening Worship	5:30pm

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Bible Class	7:30pm
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could find no fault in Him. Furthermore, their religious leaders could not present a single piece of evidence to sustain their charges.

Today, we have the eyewitness accounts of the disciples of Jesus. They were men of great credibility who died for their faith. Another persuasive consideration is the change for good that Christ makes today in the lives of Christians. Those who reject Jesus or see no need to follow Him can present no legitimate case against Him, yet they still live as slaves to their sins.

Look at the evidence!
Whom will you believe?

— Shane Williams

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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Look at the Evidence!

Some of the Jews who gathered to observe Jesus' trial had only a few days earlier been so happily impressed by His words and deeds that they hailed Him as their Messiah (Lk. 19:28-40).

As the tide of public opinion shifted, they heard their religious leaders claim that He was a fake and a blasphemer, even though they heard the Roman governor say he could find no fault in Him. They rejected Pilate's statement of Jesus' innocence and joined in the call to crucify Him.

Luke 23:20-21, "And Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, 21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!"

They went from "*hanging upon*" Jesus' every word (Luke 19:48), to shouting out against Him!

If only they had reflected on the facts. They had heard Jesus speak, had seen Him perform miracles, and had observed His integrity. A Roman governor

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God's Wondrous Ways

Elijah had experienced some rough times. He was told by the Lord to go hide by the brook Cherith. Ravens would bring Elijah bread and meat in the morning & also in the evening. Elijah was able to drink from the brook. After a while, however, there was a drought and the brook dried up. The Lord told him to go to Zarephath where he could find food and shelter. I'm sure he thought it would be a pleasant change compared to eating from Ravens and drinking from a brook. Now he would have someone provide for him. Imagine Elijah's surprise when he discovered that the widow who was to provide for him was extremely poor! She was so poor that she expected that after this next meal she was preparing, her and her son would die of starvation!! Now that is poor.

After Elijah asks her to bring him some bread and water, she says (1 Kings 17:12), *"As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die."*

How often God amazes us by His wondrous ways! The widow expected this next meal to be her last. Little did

she know that the Lord would send Elijah to her. The oil and flour would not be exhausted with use, until the drought was over. Elijah likely expected to be provided for YET he was used by God to bring hope to the widow & eventually went on to raise her son from the dead.

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We as Christians often see only our immediate situation and recognize but a glimmer of God's great purpose. The obstacles that block our vision and get in the way of our plans are usually viewed as a hindrance. Have we considered that it is more than likely part of God's plan for a greater purpose than we can envision??

We MUST have faith that our heavenly Father knows **exactly** what He is doing. Although His ways are un-

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searchable, He assures us that all will work out for our good if we trust and follow Him.

Rom 11:33-35, *"How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? 35 Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again?"*

— Shane Williams

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Steady or Irregular

How would you describe your spiritual life? Is it marked by steady growth as you walk in fellowship with Jesus and learn from Him each day? Or is it more like a roller coaster going up-and-down with times of intensity followed by periods of indifference?

Too many people are religious in cycles. A brook may flow abundantly during a shower and a little while afterward. Under normal circumstances, however, they will remain quite dry until the next storm. That should not be the life of a Christian. We should be like a stream which flows from a spring. Though it may be increased by a shower of rain and reduced in times of drought, yet it constantly runs. It

is steady.

If someone were to monitor our lives, would our discipleship be characterized as *"in cycles"* or like *"a stream from a spring"*? Could it be said of us, like Enoch, that we *"walked with God"*? (Gen. 5:22). **Eph. 5:15**, *"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise"*

If our Christianity has been more like a series of peaks and valleys, we need to prayerfully begin a steady walk with our Lord.

— Shane Williams

God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Be Faithful until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)