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# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

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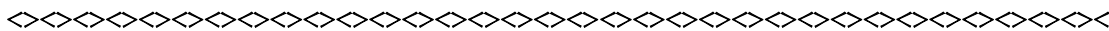
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Humility may be the one most essential character trait for anyone who wants to be a true worshipper of God and follower of Jesus. In light of this fact, Jesus makes a surprising statement about John the Baptist and about followers of Jesus: *"I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."* (Luke 7:28)

This might lead us to believe that we should aspire to be recognized by people as great persons. That's not exactly right. We should desire to be in the kingdom of God, so we do not want to wallow somewhere in the middle of humanity. True greatness, however, is not achieved by those who grasp and fight for it in competition with others. Rather, it is the greatness that fills us when we receive the same Holy Spirit at our baptism that Jesus received at his. Our challenge from that point on is to allow that Spirit to over-rule our own.

-Mark

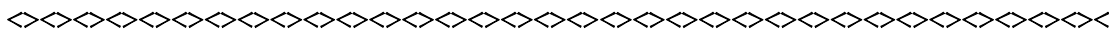


**Today's lesson:**

Luke's Lessons for Lovers of God

**What part of 'This is my son'  
did you not understand?**

Luke 7:18-30 and 3:7-22





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### **Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings**

#### **Sunday**

AM Bible Class – 9:30am

AM Assembly – 10:30am

#### **Monday**

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### **Tuesday**

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 6:00pm\*

#### **Wednesday**

Al-Anon is meeting at noon\*

PM Bible Study – 7:00pm

#### **Thursday**

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### **Friday**

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### **Saturday**

Men's AA meeting at 8:00am, and Women's AA meeting at 9:30am\*

\*Al-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous are not direct ministries of the church, but their purposes are supported by the church, and they meet in our Fellowship Room.

**Minister:** Mark Bixler

**Elders:** Derek Demus & Bill Willingham

### **What plans might God have for your life?**

Jesus personally intervened in the life of Saul on the road to Damascus. Saul had made it his mission to persecute followers of Jesus. A man named Ananias was sent to Saul to tell him that God had very different plans for his life. Ananias said to Saul, "...what are you waiting for?

Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:3-16)

*If you might be on the wrong path, it would be our privilege to help you discover God's plans for your life! Ask for a personal Bible study on the Welcome Card, or contact Mark Bixler.*

### **Mark Bixler's office hours by appointment**

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