

'Needing DIRECTION'

Over the next few months we are going to be reflecting on the life, ministry and teachings of JESUS

This week we reflect on Jesus in the wilderness. The wilderness is not an easy place to be. It can be a place of great beauty but also a place of great challenge.....and one where clear direction is needed.

What can we learn from Jesus being tested in the wilderness? Three things really.....dependence, worship and trust.

'Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness'

– James 1:2-3

Prayers

- For church members who are unwell and/or who no longer attend.
- For the Lunch Club and all who attend
- For Amy, Ben and their families
- For Ena and family
- For open doors/opportunities to serve/help our community
- For Merkel, Cyrilene and family
- For Brexit and the UK Government
- For those who have experience great loss due to violent crime
- For the persecuted church
- For the homeless in the cold weather
- For countries under extreme oppression
- For those facing problems with debt

- Give thanks for family and friends
- Give thanks for healing
- Give thanks for the provision

Today's Service

- Bible Reading

Luke 4:1-13

- **Songs**

- ❖ Lord, reign in me
- ❖ Beautiful One
- ❖ Only by grace
- ❖ Great is the Lord
- ❖ I just need You (new)



Reflection Points

Consider the following scripture verses this week as you reflect on TESTING

- 1 John 4:1
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21
- 2 Corinthians 13:5
- James 1:2-3
- Acts 17:11
- Proverbs 17:3
- Jeremiah 17:9-10

Notices

Sunday 13th January 2019

- Next Lunch club will be on 21st January 2018
- Please continue to support our emergency food parcel cupboard by bringing in some things off the list in the foyer when you can
- **Church Prayer Meeting - Every Sunday Evening – 6.30pm – 7.30pm –**
- Gathering for prayer **every Sunday Morning 9.45-10.15AM**
- Next Deacons Meeting - 17 February 2019
- Next Church Meeting – 27th January 2019 and 10 February 2019 after the service.

The church has a number of things to get involved with such as the sound desk, serving communion, leading prayer and making tea and coffee - let us know if feel able to get involved in some way

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CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
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'Cause all I know, all I know
Is You're my only hope

When I'm up when I'm down (uh, huh)
When the wolves come around (tell me)
When my feet hit the ground
I just need, I just need You
On my darkest days (uh, huh)
When I'm losing faith (tell me)
No, it ain't gon' change
I just need, I just need You
Lord, I need You
Yeah, I just need You

When You pull me closer, I come to life
When You pull me closer, I come to life
When You pull me closer, I come to life
When You pull me closer, I come to life

When I'm up when I'm down
When my feet hit the ground
On my darkest days
No, it ain't gon' change
Oh Lord, I need You

When I'm up when I'm down
When the wolves come around
When my feet hit the ground
Yeah, I need, I need, I need, I need You
On my darkest days
When I'm losing faith
No, it ain't gon' change
Ain't no way this thing gon' change, it's You

I need, is You
I need
On my darkest days
When I'm losing faith
I need You, I need, Is You, I need
Every single day, every breath I take
I need You, I need You

Prayer for the Week

Jesus,

You remind us over and over in your Word that you are always with us.

You tell us not to fear and you draw us close into your Presence. You're the only place we find refuge in the storms that surround us right now Lord.

You're the only place we can find peace and strength. So we ask you for your words of truth and power to strengthen us in our inner being and life as we give our hearts to you.

Thank you for your goodness, thank you that you know the way we take and that You have a plan. We look to you today our Lord and Saviour, it's your face we seek

in Jesus name

AMEN

Prayer adapted from: <https://www.ibelieve.com/faith/9-prayers-for-when-you-re-going-through-the-storm.html>

Notes

“The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.” – Revelation 22:21

Theme Song

I need You

Last night put the heavy on me
Woke up and I'm feeling lonely
This world gotta a way of showing me
Some days it'll lift you up
Some days it'll call your bluff
Man, most of my days I ain't got enough

And all I know
Is You're my only hope

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Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me
Thy rod and thy staff

They comfort me when I'm beat down, broken
Hold my heart when it's split wide open
Turn these eyes to my Soul Protector
Break the will of this born infector