



Seek the Way, the Truth, and the Life

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Every one is looking for something. Some people know what they want while others remain clueless but continue to search. The human heart knows that there is more to life than just living and dying. We work so hard day in and day out but to what end? The bible states, “There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death.” (Proverbs 14:12). It’s sad to be at a funeral and see people mourn for the physical death of someone special. A spiritual death however is far worse. The bible tells us that our spirits will live forever while our bodies will not. After this life we will forever be with God or be eternally separated from our Creator. There are 70,000 plus Hmong people here in Minnesota of which only 10 % are Christians. There are still 63,000 Hmongs, among other people groups, who need to know that Jesus loves them and has a wonderful plan for them. Our theme for this year is “Seek the way the truth and the life.” These words were spoken by Jesus himself (John 14:6) Our focus this year is to seek for ourselves while at the same time help others find the only way to God, the absolute

truth of the universe, and the One who gives life to all things. (Hebrew 1: 2)

It was the love of Jesus that paved the way to God. It is through His death that we have life. His words are living, eternal, and represent the truth. Today people have lost the truth. Truth is seen only as another opinion. Even God’s words are no more than just another opinion. People today live as they please with no thought of others and no fear of God. This seems to be the attitude in America from the poorest to the wealthiest neighborhoods, from the lowest of positions to the President of the United States. We as a nation are suffering because we have lost the way, we don’t know what is true any more, and searching for eternal life is the last thing on our to do list.



What are you looking for? Have you found it? Do you find the things of this world to be shallow and leave you feeling empty? I would like to invite you to join us as we search for more than what this world has to offer. Let’s seek together the way, the truth , and the life.

Alive with Christ

The prisoner took a small rock and began to scrape the brick wall with it, making tally marks and counting how long he had been in the cell. It has been 20 years and he is still stuck in the murky cell alone, cold, and waiting for his death on the cross. His left foot was chained to a heavy metal ball. He had been living in the dark for so long that he had forgotten what it was like to feel the sun shine upon his face. Tears flow down his cheeks. He wanted to escape this horrible place but every time he tried it never worked out the way he wanted.

Inside his cell was a small squared shape window that he would often try to look through, but couldn't see anything. The window never reflected any light instead it only let in darkness. His hands trembled as he tried to pry the metal bars apart.

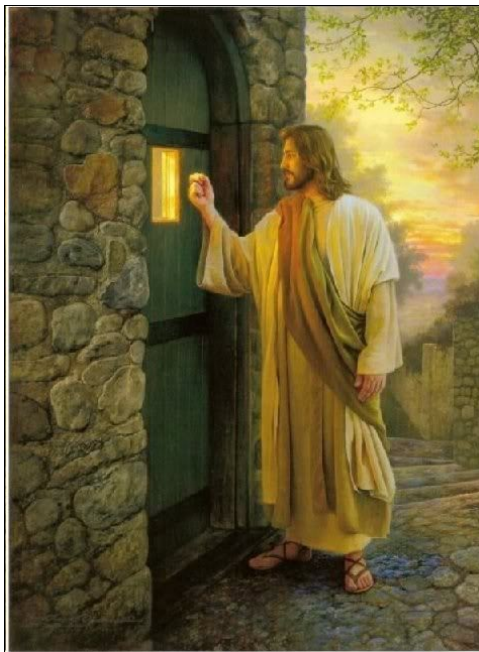
Suddenly, that sound occurred again. It was a thumping sound coming from behind the door. He looked back at the door like he had always done. He became frightened and tried to block out the sound from his mind. Why does this happen every day? I don't want to listen to it anymore.

Something caught his eyes. It was something yellow and white revealing underneath the door. What is that? It looked so warm and bright. As he reached out his right hand to turn the knob, his hand trembled and his heart beat faster. A voice inside his head said, "What are you doing? It's just a trick. It'll just lead you deeper into darkness. It's nothing!" He closed his eyes and opened the door. A flash of light struck his face like never before. It felt so warm and rejuvenated him. He opened his eyes and saw a man standing before him smiling warmly.

"I have been waiting here for you to open the door for me for 20 years..." the man said, still smiling.

"It was you who had been knocking on my door all this time?" the prisoner

asked.



"The man smiled and replied, "Why are you still here son? Don't you know that I have already overcome the battle you have been facing for 20 years in the dark? I am the way, the truth, and the life. You say that you are dead to the world, but with me you will be alive as I am alive. You see my beloved son I love you so much that's why I never stopped knocking on your door until you opened it for me. I have already won the battle when I took your place and died for you on the cross. That's why I'm wondering why you are still here, trapped as a prisoner when you are already free."

"You love me? Even when you see what kind of a person I have become and even when I ignored you, cursed you, and even denied you. Why would you do that?" the prisoner asked with tears streaming down his cheeks.

"Do not worry my beloved son. I love you as you are, not as how the world sees you. I have come so that you may know the truth and so that you can be alive. You are alive because I'm alive in you," the man said.

Upon hearing that he was alive,

the man couldn't believe it. He cried harder than before and fell to the ground. All this time he was seeking for the light, and yet the Light was outside his door waiting for him. All he had to do was open the door to receive the Light and His love.

"Thank you for loving me so much that you would give up your own life for me. I don't deserve your love" the prisoner cried in the man's arms.

The prisoner moved back and saw that he was no longer in the dark cell nor chained to the heavy metal ball, but in a beautiful place full of light. His heart was filled with peace, he no longer felt hungry or thirsty.

"Come, come and follow me..." the man said standing before him and reaching out his hand towards the man who was once spiritually dead.

He looked at the man and grabbed hold onto his hand tightly. "Please lead me to the place you want me to go for I owe you my life and I want to live my life according to your will. Because of you I am alive."

Jesus died on the cross so that we may have life. He loved us so much that He was willing to die for us. Through his death we are alive. Just like the prisoner we can have life through Christ. Jesus has risen from the dead and is alive today in the hearts of those who believe in Him. Jesus is knocking at the door of our hearts, but it is up to us to open the door and let him in. How long has He been knocking at the door of your heart? What are you going to do?

"God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross."

(Colossians 2:13b - 14)

-Dana Thao

Seek the Truth...

Our God is the God of All Comfort

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

Sometimes we tend to forget that God cares about us and he is always there for us. He comforts us when we are in need. In the same way let us have compassion to care for the sick, lost, and hopeless. May the love we received from God overflow to everyone around us.

Check out these songs of encouragements:

- God of this City - Chris Tomlin
- Lead me to the Cross - Hillsong United
- You're Beautiful by Phil Wickham
- KUTLESS - What Faith Can Do
- Came to my Rescue-Hillsong United
- Steve Fee - What else can i do
- Walk on the water - Britt Nicole
- Toby mac - Made to love

Be Dead to Sin and Alive in Christ

“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Romans 6:4 (NIV)

The hardest part about being a Christian is allowing Jesus Christ to be Lord of our life. As Christians we still struggle with sin. The only way we can truly experience life in Christ is to die to sin. Jesus brings more joy than the pleasures of this world because worldly pleasures only satisfy for a moment but the joy from our Lord is eternal.

Meet Mai Kia Thao - Light of The World Member

Hi my name is Mai Kia Thao. I live in Woodbury, Minnesota. In my spare time I enjoy listening to music, praising the Lord, and relaxing.

I became a Christian in 2006, and still growing in my faith. I believe that through the life-changing experiences that I have gone through since I have accepted Christ; my faith had become much stronger than it was before. I believe that God's plans for me are far greater than my own. Most of the time, He just wants me to spend more time to get to know Him. The Lord is something special! I am grateful for the beautiful things that He has done in my life even if they are unexplainable. One of the Bible verse that sticks with me is “Give

yourself completely to serving him, and do not be stubborn any longer” (v. 16). it reminds me that in order to follow God and do His work I would have to give up everything to be with Him. When life gets tough and there is no one to turn to, I will continue to put my trust in the Lord. I learned that even as a Christian and wholeheartily loving the Lord, I will continue to face temptations. My



faith will be stronger if I lean towards God and not fall into sin. To be strong in my faith, I will have to walk with Him until the world ends. God is good and kind. His love endures forever.

As a child of God I want to live for him. I want to serve Him by sharing the Gospel to those who have not heard about the truth or know about God's unconditional love towards His children. I want to lead lost souls to Christ through my gifts of singing, teaching, and caring that He has blessed me with.

- Mai Kia Thao

Testimonies of God's Grace

Before I accepted Christ, I see myself in a world full of jealousy, hate and always competing for money and materials. Now that I have Jesus Christ as my Savior my heart is at peace. It is full of joy and love. ***My marriage is full of abundant life. I am living my life to its fullest through Jesus who guide me every day.*** -Kayla Yang



Before I accepted Jesus Christ, I was always striving to improvement my life by my own strength. When I was in control of my life there is so much hustle and bustle that I have no rest but now that Jesus is my Lord I am sleeping like a baby. ***I may have a lot of work to do but at the end of the day I am at peace and I give all the praises and glory to Jesus.*** I thought I need to be in control over every tasks, but thanks to Jesus I don't have to. -Ryan Moua

Before I accepted Jesus Christ, my life was a never-ending chaos filled with depression. All I thought of was how useless my life was and how worthless I was. I was never happy. My life is now filled with peace and happiness. ***I learned that I am loved by God and that I am worthy and useful.*** -Dana Thao

My life before I accepted Christ was in the dark. I always felt lost and left out. ***After I met and accepted Christ my life has turned around and I am not in the dark. My worries about life is gone.*** Now I am living life to the fullest with my wife and my daughter. -Jerry Thao

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***Come meet the
family of God and
find God's love for
You!***

***Our fellowship is on
Sunday
1:30pm-3:00pm***