

THE FIRST WORD for March 30, 2025



First Baptist Church Eden

A Place of Grace to
Believe, Belong, and Become

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Sunday Small Groups 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:45 am

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**FBC Eden exists to bring glory to God by becoming a "3E community":
Embracing God in worship, Encouraging one another in love to become
fully-devoted disciples, and Engaging the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

March 30: Praise and Worship

Taco Sunday

March 31: Fun Day Monday

April 8: 10:00 am Community Ladies Gathering @ Church of Christ

April 12: 9:00 am Church Work Day

April 14: 6:00 pm MOC Meeting

April 18: Passover Sedar Celebration

April 20: Easter Sunday, LORD's Supper

April 26: 10:00 am Natural Remedies & Herbs

April 27: 5:30 pm Church Leadership Council Meeting

April 30: Last Night for Wednesday Activities

Deacon of the Month

John Covey

Thanks again to Tina Briley for her
article for this week's First Word.

FOR THE RECORD ...

Worship 82

Small Groups..... 63

Wednesday Night..... 55

Mark your calendar!!!!

VBS June 1-4

5:30-8:00 pm



Expect the Unexpected

When was the last time God acted in a way you totally did not expect? For generations, even to the beginning of time, man has presumed to know exactly how God should and would work in every situation. The truth is, our minds cannot even begin to fathom the extent of God's power. As a result, we force God and his infinite might into a restrictive box. We, the created, limit God, the Creator. How absurd is that?

In Joshua 10, the story is told of the Israelites fighting the Amorites. Joshua said, "O sun, stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the valley of Abijalon." The next verse says, "The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a man. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel." Joshua 10:12-14. What if Joshua had not believed that God could or would do something he had never done before? What if he had never asked?

Has God stopped being God? Does he still fight on behalf of his redeemed? Can we still expect him to perform supernatural feats so that we, his people, can have victory?

The word of God reminds us of what God is capable of and willing to do. Our faith needs to go beyond what we *know* God can do—what he's done before in our sight and experience—and trust him to do something wonderful and new. Have the courage and the faith to take your requests to the King of the Universe who also happens to be your Father.

The scriptures tell us that Jesus could not do any miracles in his hometown because the people lacked faith. Throughout the Bible, we read about God's desire to give his people victory in every area of their lives. Regardless of what we might like to believe, however, man never gains the victory on his own. Instead, "God holds victory in store for the up-right, Pr 2:7; The Lord gave David victory, 1 Chron 18:6; The Lord gives us victory over our enemies, Ps 44:7; Victory rests with the Lord, Pr 21:31; and God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, 1 Cor 15:57.

Does victory always come in the same prescribed way? Absolutely not. Isaiah said to the Lord, "For when you did awesome things **that we did not expect**, you came down and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways." Is 64:3-5.

Remember Joshua, and allow God to move in wonderful and mighty ways. Take it one step further, and, like Joshua, ask God to do awesome things in your life. And then don't be surprised or give credit to the "god" of circumstance, coincidence, medical science, luck, or man's wisdom when the Lord does something amazing in your sight. He is, after all, Jehovah El Elyon, the Most High God. Go ahead, and expect the unexpected.