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We continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the
ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Seek the Right Counsel

Communion Message

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- Welcome to fellowship. We continue steadfastly in doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- **Let us praise the Lord in song.**

Hymn #1

AMAZING GRACE

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1. A-maz-ing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

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2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears re-lieved;
How pre-cious did that grace ap-pear
The hour I first believed

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3. Thro' man-y dan-gers, toils and snares,
I have al-read-y come;
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

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4. The Lord has pro-mis-ed good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and ocean be
As long as life en-dures.

END

- **Let our voices unite in prayer.**

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- My Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke 11: 2
- I come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16
- My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
I Corinthians 6: 19
- The place in which the Holy Spirit dwells,
I Corinthians 6: 20

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- the instrument through which the Holy Spirit works. I Corinthians 6: 20
- Let mine eye look upon no evil thing. Romans 12: 1
- Let my tongue speak no filthy thing. Romans 12: 1
- Let mine hand do no lawless deed. Romans 12: 1
- Let my body, with all its energies and powers, be a living sacrifice. Romans 12: 1
- Let me do good works also. Romans 12: 2

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- Let my hand do alms. Romans 12: 2
- Let my mouth bless. Romans 12: 2
- Let my ear find leisure hearing Scripture.
Romans 12: 2
- Let my service be Holy and acceptable unto God. Romans 12: 2
- Let me put on kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forgiveness and above all charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Colossians 3: 12-14

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- Let me put off; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication and lying. Colossians 3: 8-9
- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14 Amen.

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- If you have made confession with your mouth; Jesus is Lord, believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead, and have been obedient in baptism, you are invited to partake of the Lords Supper.
- Every one angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment. If you are at the altar, and remember thy brother hath aught against thee, leave the altar, and go be reconciled to thy brother, then come and offer thy gift.

Matthew 5: 22-24 ASV

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Communion Celebration

- My Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke 11: 2
- I come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16
- Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy compassions blot out my transgression.
Psalm 51: 1 LXX
- Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51: 2 LXX

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- For I am conscious of mine iniquity; and my sin is continually before me. Psalm 51: 3 LXX
- Against thee I have sinned and done evil.
Psalm 51: 4 LXX
- I have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 3: 23
- I like sheep have gone astray; I have turned to my own way; and Jehovah has laid on Jesus my iniquity. Isaiah 53: 6

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- Jesus has borne my griefs, carried my sorrows; was wounded for my transgressions, and bruised for my iniquities; the chastisement of my peace was upon Him; and with His stripes I am healed. Isaiah 53: 4-5
- Asking all in Jesus name. Amen John 14: 14
- **Celebrate Communion**

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- **Text:** Amos 3: 1-2 & 7-8 ASV

¹ Hear this word Jehovah spoke, O children of Israel, which I brought out of the land of Egypt, ² You only have I known of all the families of the earth.

⁷ Surely the Lord Jehovah will do nothing, except he reveal his secret unto his servants.

⁸ The Lord Jehovah hath spoken.

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- Seek counsel of the right kind. What defines the right kind of counsel? They must be divinely called. They must believe every single word of the Bible is God breathed (II Timothy 3: 16). They must believe in Salvation by Grace and the Resurrection. They must be a student of the Bible, studying diligently. They must think for themselves, relying on the Holy Spirit. They must be kind and compassionate.

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- Never go to mean spirited counsel. They may be fundamentally sound in all other things, but they are not the right kind of counsel. Rather than harmonizing God's Word, they are apt to cause confusion and discord. God gives special wisdom to His counsel He gives to no one else.
- The best counsel in the world will not help one who will not accept and apply instruction. That means one not only listens and remembers, but uses it.

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- God has a great deal to say about receiving instruction, emphasizing that a willingness to receive and apply instruction is a necessity.
- Proverbs is rich in advising youth to receive instruction about daily living. ³ To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; ⁴ To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. ⁵ A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto

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wise counsels: ⁶ To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. Proverbs 1: 3-6

- Who are these godly counsel? Among them are dedicated Christian parents. ⁸ My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. Proverbs 1: 8

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- Godly instruction will give subtilty... Subtilty means acuteness of intellect; refinement of discrimination. A subtle person is one who can discern the truth, even when it is hidden. He or she can look beyond the emotions of the moment and the fashions of the day and see the long term truth. It is difficult to deceive a subtle person.
- Godly instruction will give discretion... Discretion means being careful about what one does or says. That means making the right decisions.

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- What are the right decisions? Decisions God would make if He were in your place. How can you know what God would do? By learning what God knows, as far as possible. ⁶ For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2: 6
- Christians know everything God gives us of His wisdom, knowledge and understanding is written in the Bible. It is impossible to be wise without learning the Bible. He has given us parents and counsel to help understand it.

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- We are told to listen. We are told to apply ourselves to understand. We are told to seek learning as most men seek material wealth. ² So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; ³ Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; ⁴ If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; ⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2: 2-5

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- When one seeks, receives and applies Biblical instruction, the wisdom they gain will keep them from making wrong destructive decisions, and deliver them from snares and traps that will cause them misery. It will preserve them and keep them. ¹⁰ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; ¹¹ Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee. Proverbs 2: 10-11

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- Many think they are wiser than godly parents and counsel. ¹ My son, receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee. Proverbs 2: 1
They think their parents and counsel are out of touch with the times. They listen to their peers rejecting their parents and counsels standards. It always goes back to each of us to receive the instruction and take it to heart. ⁷ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. Proverbs 3: 7

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- God's standards are never out of date. Godly parents and counsel are never behind the times. One does not get too old to listen to his parents and counsel. ¹ My son, forget not my law; let thine heart keep my commandments: ² For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Proverbs 3: 1-2

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- God never changes. Right remains right. True is ever true. When an individual refuses to walk in the old time ways of God, as did Israel of old, they will pay a terrible price. ¹⁶ Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Jeremiah 6: 16

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- You must seek, receive and apply instruction given by godly parents and counsel. They are not out of touch. They were once young and they know how you feel. ⁵ A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.

Proverbs 1: 5

- Joseph is an example.

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- **Text:** Genesis 1:1-45 ASV

¹ And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. ² And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, well-favored and fat-fleshed; and they fed in the reed-grass.

³ And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill-favored and lean-fleshed, and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river. ⁴ And the ill-favored and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well-favored

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and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. ⁵ And he slept and dreamed a second time: and, behold, seven ears of grain came up upon one stalk, rank and good. ⁶ And, behold, seven ears, thin and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. ⁷ And the thin ears swallowed up the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. ⁸ And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and

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Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

⁹ Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

¹⁰ Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, me and the chief baker: ¹¹ and we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. ¹² And there was with us there a young man, a Hebrew, servant

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to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

¹³ And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged. ¹⁴ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. ¹⁵ And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee,

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that when thou hearest a dream thou canst interpret it. ¹⁶ And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace. ¹⁷ And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the brink of the river: ¹⁸ and, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well-favored: and they fed in the reed-grass: ¹⁹ and, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill-favored and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for

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badness: 20 and the lean and ill-favored kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: 21 and when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill-favored, as at the beginning. So I awoke.
22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up upon one stalk, full and good:
23 and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: 24 and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears: and I told it unto the magicians; but there was none that could

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declare it to me. ²⁵ And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: what God is about to do he hath declared unto Pharaoh. ²⁶ The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. ²⁷ And the seven lean and ill-favored kine that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind; they shall be seven years of famine. ²⁸ That is the thing which I spake unto Pharaoh: what God is about to do he hath showed unto Pharaoh. ²⁹ Behold,

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there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: ³⁰ and there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; ³¹ and the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine which followeth; for it shall be very grievous. ³² And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh, it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. ³³ Now therefore let

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Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh do this , and let him appoint overseers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. ³⁵ And let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. ³⁶ And the food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which

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shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. 37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of God is? 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all of this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou: 40 thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word

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shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. ⁴² And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; ⁴³ and he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had: and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴ And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am

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Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁵
And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-phaera priest of On. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

- **Let's praise the Lord in song.**

Hymn #2

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD

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1. He's got the whol-e world in His hands,
He's got the whol-e world in His hands,
He's got the whol-e world in His hands,
He's got the whol-e world in His hands,

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2. He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,

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3. He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,

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4. He's got the whol-e world in His hands,
He's got the whol-e world in His hands,
He's got the whol-e world in His hands,
He's got the whol-e world in His hands,

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5. He's got the whol-e world in His haa-nnds,
In His haa-nnds.

END

- **Join us Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.**