



Prescription for Life

The Gospel of Luke



20:38 9:48 7:48 6:20-23 11:9 4:18 5:32 3:5-6 1:49-55

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Announcements

- Ash Wednesday Services: Today,
12pm & 6:30pm, Covenant Sanctuary

Light lunch following noon service ; Dinner prior to 6:30 service.

- Small Group Fellowships: Next week, 2/25,
12-1 pm
 - Extended Childcare reservations to Jaclyn Black at childcare@covenant.org



I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me,
the cross before me,
The world behind me,
the cross before me,
The world behind me,
the cross before me
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Luke 18: 1-43

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| I. BE Humble | vv. 9 - 14 |
| II. BE Trusting | vv. 15 - 34 |
| III. BE Bold | vv. 35 - 43 |
| IV. BE Persistent (in Prayer) | vv. 1 - 8 |



BE Humble

| <u>Pharisee</u> | <u>Tax Collector</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stood by himself (on purpose)• <i>Prayer showed:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">- Did not think highly of others- Proclaiming list of good deeds- A self-righteous heart | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stood at a distance (out of shame)• <i>Prayer showed:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">- Did not think highly of self- Proclaiming need for mercy- A broken, desperate heart |

Pride vs. Humility

“Attitude” Check: Would you rather

Be respected and embraced by fellow man at the risk of throwing away God?

OR

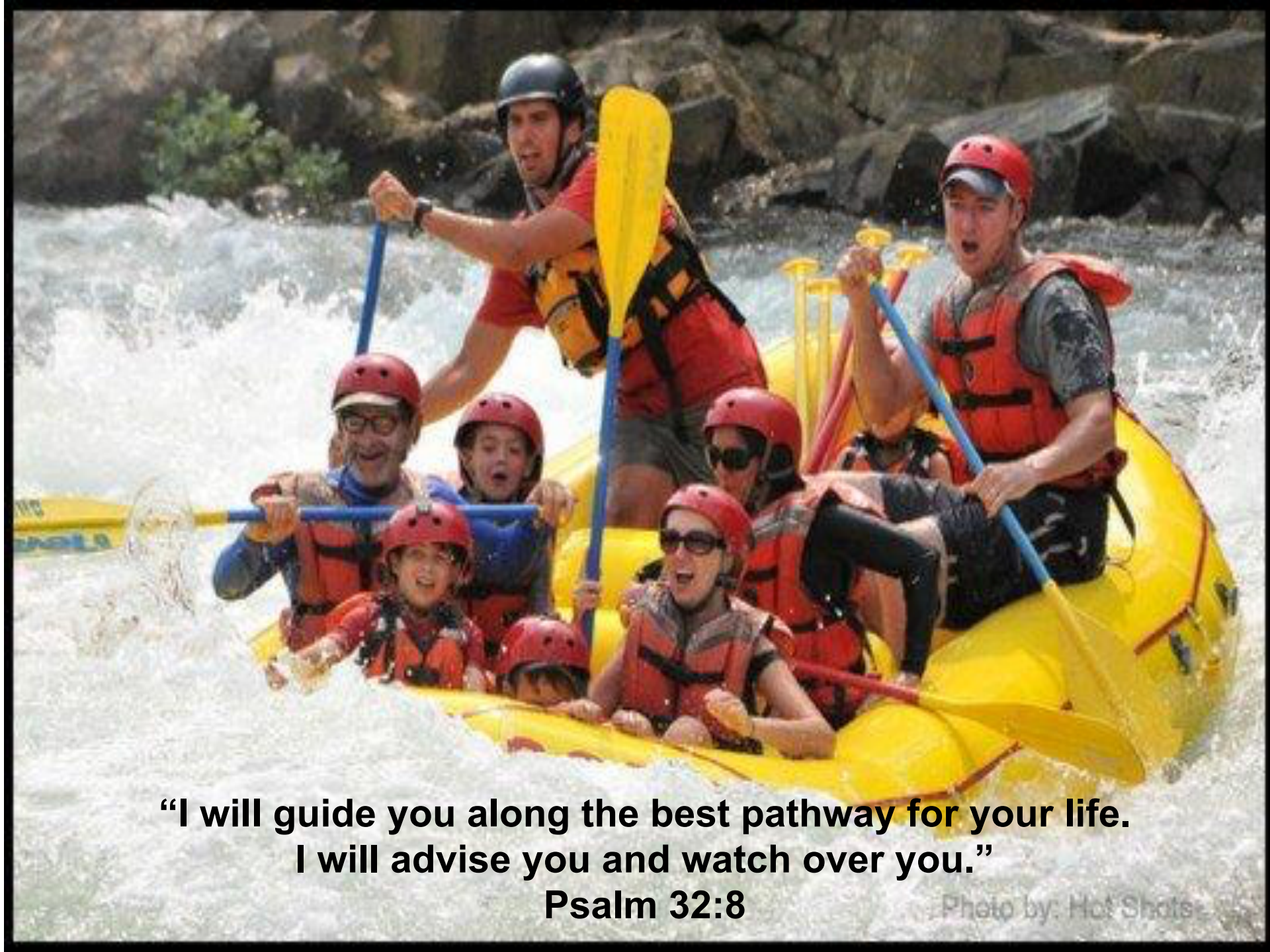
Risk being thrown away by man, and embraced by God?



BE Trusting

1. Little Children vv. 15-17
 - * TRUST that God will care for you
2. Rich Man vv. 18-30
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3. Prediction of Death vv. 31-34
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**“I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.
I will advise you and watch over you.”**

Psalm 32:8

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“Attitude” Check:

- ~ Are you willing to return your paddle to God?
- ~ What do I do when God's answer is not what I want to hear?
Do I walk away sad, trusting my way is better - or do I trust that God's answer is the BEST answer?



BE Bold

vv. 35 - 43

The Blind Beggar:

1. BOLDLY proclaims Jesus' identity vv. 36-39
2. BOLDLY proclaims what he wants vv. 40 - 41
3. BOLDLY proclaims Praises v. 43



BE Persistent (in Prayer)

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Widow</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stranger to Judge; no relationship• No access to Judge; No one to stand up for her in court | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Us</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children of God & God cares for His children (Luke 11:13)• Open access into God's presence, may come to Him anytime for help (Eph. 2:18, 3:12; Heb. 4:14-16, 10:19-22) Spirit intercedes for us when needed (Romans 8:26-27) |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Judge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-centered Corrupt | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>God</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compassionate (Psalm 145:8) Just (Deuteronomy 32:4) Merciful (Ephesians 2:4-5) |





**“Call to me
and I will answer you...”
Jeremiah 33:3**

Common Roadblocks to Prayer

1. Do my prayers matter?
2. I don't feel like God is answering my prayers.
3. I don't feel a personal connection to God when I pray.

Prescriptions for Prayer:

(Applications to be shared in Small Group Fellowships next week):

1. Think of two examples of answered prayer in your own life.
 - One being a time God's answer "looked" like what you expected
 - One being a time God's answer "looked" different than what you expected.
2. "Schedule" a time with God EACH DAY this week for devotion & prayer.







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