

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **JUNE 2020 SEMIANNUAL TRAINING**

Due to the continued spread of COVID-19 and the likelihood that various government mandates regulating and restricting public gatherings will be extended, Living Stream Ministry has decided that the **June 2020 Semiannual Training** will not be held corporately as a live training in Anaheim, CA. Instead, the churches will be able to participate in the June 2020 Semiannual Training by video training only.

The **registration for the video training** in the church in NYC is now open. The schedule and details of the video training will be available soon.

Saints who want to register now may do so using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y5vcnt2v>. The registration deadline is June 15th.

- **2020 NORTH AMERICA COLLEGE TRAINING**

Due to the current pandemic, there will be no regional, in-person college trainings this summer. Instead, the **2020 North America College Training** will be held online from July 9 through 19. The sessions will not be everyday, but will be staggered. In addition to pursuing with Jesus-loving peers all over the world, this year's training will be enriched by times of fellowship and prayer with believers in the churches in the area.

More information and registration can be found on collegetraining.org. Registration will open on June 7.

- **2020 NORTHEAST SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH**

The **2020 Northeast Summer School of Truth (SST)** will be held online over a period of **two weeks (July 27 through August 8)**. Registration is open through June 15. Please contact the

servicing ones in your district for details regarding registration.

- **Service Office Hours** are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some servicing ones.

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday, 11AM-1PM

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTfob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

1. Saints can call in to pray with some servicing ones, to pursue together, or just to say hello.
2. Saints can ask questions about the Bible or about other matters.
3. Saints can request prayer for particular needs or have fellowship with the servicing ones concerning their own needs or others' needs.

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The online church gospel meeting this past Friday, June 5.
- The strengthening, protection and the preserving of the health of the saints in the midst of all the outward environments
- The strengthening and going on of the church life as the restrictions on public gatherings continues
- The strengthening and spread of the Lord's testimony in the Tri-State area and throughout the United States, especially in the Bible Belt (the Southeast) and the Heartland

- The summer semiannual training which will be held online
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Crystallization-Study of the Epistles of 1 and 2 Peter and Jude*

Week 4: The Present Truth and the Way of the Truth

Portions from Week 4- Day 5:

The way of the truth is the path of the Christian life according to the truth, which is the reality of the contents of the New Testament. (1 Tim. 2:4; 3:15; 4:3; 2 Tim. 2:15, 18; Titus 1:1)

In verse 21 Peter speaks of the way of righteousness. The way of righteousness is to live a life that is right with both God and man. This is another aspect of the way of the truth (v. 2) and the straight way (v. 15). This is the way to live a life according to God's justice, a way that can take His governmental judgment (vv. 3, 9) for His kingdom of righteousness (Rom. 14:17; Matt. 5:20). Peter in his Epistles stresses both the manner of life and the way of life, because his writings are based on the governmental point of view of God's administration. In order to fit in with the government of Him who is holy and righteous, God's people need to live in a manner of life that is holy, pure, good, and excellent,...not licentious or vain,...in His straight way of righteousness and truth.

Acts 9:2 says that Saul's intention was to find those "who were of the way" and "bring them bound to Jerusalem." Here the way denotes the Lord's full salvation in God's New Testament economy. It is the way God dispenses Himself into the believers through Christ's redemption and the Spirit's anointing; it is the way the believers partake of God and enjoy God; it is the way the believers worship God in their spirit by enjoying Him, and follow the persecuted Jesus by being one with Him; and it is the way they are brought into the church and built up into the Body of Christ to bear the testimony of Jesus.

Corporate Readings: "The Overcoming Life" Ch. 3: *The Characteristics of the Overcoming Life*

A Ministry Portion from "The Overcoming Life"

FAITH BEING THE SUBSTANTIATION OF GOD'S FACT

What is faith? It is not a mental understanding of a truth. It is the seeing of a fact and the substantiation of it. ... Brothers and sisters, we may have put ourselves aside and have already realized that we are powerless and useless. We may have already let go, but these are only the things we should do on the negative side. On the positive side, we should still substantiate Christ. This is a wonderful thing! It takes only a second, and the accomplished facts of Christ will be substantiated in us.

God's Word and His promises can be substantiated only by faith. We do not have to hesitantly pray to God, saying, "Lord, be my victory, be my life, and be my sanctification." Rather, we should say to Him, "God, You are my victory. I thank and praise You because You are my life and You are my sanctification. I thank and praise You!"

Brothers and sisters, we encounter temptations all the time. Many difficulties confront us, and harsh words fall on our ears. Should we pray for God to give us the strength to overcome? No, we should say, "Lord, I thank and praise You because You are my victory! Lord, You are overcoming for me. I thank and praise You that You are withstanding everything for me. Thank You that You are my Head and I am Your member. You are the vine and I am a branch. You are supplying me everything." He is already supplying us everything according to His Word!

- Excerpts from "The Overcoming Life", Chapter 7: Believing (part 2)