

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Service Office Hours** are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving 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 serving ones, to pursue together, or just to say hello.
2. Saints can call in to discuss any matter.
3. Saints can ask questions about the Bible or about other matters.
4. Saints can request prayer for particular needs or have fellowship with the serving ones concerning their own needs or others' needs.
5. Saints can bring up various needs and difficulties in their family life.

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

- **2020 International Memorial Day Conference:** Due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Living Stream Ministry has decided to modify the format for the upcoming 2020 International Memorial Day Blending Conference. The conference will no longer be held in Atlanta, GA. Instead, LSM will host this conference completely online. Here are some details about LSM's first global online ministry conference

2020 INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONFERENCE

General Subject

*A TIMELY WORD CONCERNING THE WORLD
SITUATION AND THE LORD'S RECOVERY*

Schedule

All the messages of the 2020 Memorial Day Conference will be streamed beginning at the following times *in each locality's time zone:*

Message 1: 7:00 p.m. Friday, 22 May 2020

Message 2: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020

Message 3: 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 23 May 2020

Message 4: 10:00 a.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020

Message 5: 7:00 p.m. Lord's Day, 24 May 2020

Message 6: 10:00 a.m. Monday, 25 May 2020

Messages will be streamed in English, Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and Portuguese.

There will be online prophesying sessions following each message meeting. Details will be provided in the weeks to come.

Details

The website for streaming the conference messages is conf.lsmwebcast.com. This site does not require an account and is open to all the saints and churches during the following times:

Beginning: 6:55 p.m., Friday, 22 May 2020, in each time zone

Ending: Midnight, Monday, 25 May 2020, in each time zone.

The site will interactively guide each saint to the correct language and to the correct time zone for his or her locality.

PRAYER BURDENS

- Prayer - The strengthening of the prayer ministry of the church and that all the saints in all the local churches and all the Lord's children all over the earth would rise up to pray for His will to be done in the midst of the ongoing health crisis (Luke 18:1; 1 Tim. 2:1)
- The gospel:
 - a. That all the saints would seize every gospel opportunity presented to them - "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are already white for harvest." (John 4:35)

- b. There will be an online church gospel meeting on Saturday, June 6
- Spanish-speaking online conference this past weekend for the churches in the Northeastern United States and Canada
- Campus Team Retreat - an online gathering held this past week for all the brothers and sisters who serve full-time in the churches in North America
- The International Memorial Day Blending Conference which will be held online

MORNING WATCH

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

Week 1: *Living a Christian Life under the Government of God*

Portions from Week 1-days 3, 4 & 5:

First Peter is a book on the Christian life under the government of God. It is easy for us to pay attention to the Christian life and to neglect God's government. Actually, the Christian life and the government of God go together. The Triune God has passed through a long process and has become the life-giving Spirit to indwell us. This is for our Christian life. At the same time, the Triune God is still the Creator of the universe and its ruler. On the one hand, we have been reborn to have a spiritual life, the divine life. On the other hand, we are still in the old creation. For this reason, we need God's governmental dealings. In order for the Christian life to grow, we need the discipline of God's government.

While the Lord Jesus was on earth suffering, He kept committing all to the One who judges righteously. This brief word indicates not only that the Lord lived a life that was a model for us, but also that He lived a life absolutely under God's government. He Himself was always under the government of God, and He committed everything related to Him to God's judgment.

The words "be humbled" in 1 Peter 5:6 are in the passive voice, indicating to be made humble by God, mainly through the sufferings in persecutions (v. 10). This, however, requires our cooperation with God's operation. We must be willing to be made humble, lowly, under the mighty hand of God. Hence, be humbled. We may say that "humbled" is passive, but "be" is active. While God is acting to operate on us, we need to take the initiative to be operated on by Him. To take the initiative is active; to be operated on is passive. This is our willingness to be under the hand of God, which is mighty to do everything for us.

Corporate Reading:

"The Christian Life" Chapters 16 & 17

A Ministry Portion from "The Overcoming Life"

SATAN'S TEMPTATION BEING TO TRY TO MAKE US MOVE

When I was first saved, I heard a story about a young girl who knew the meaning of victory very well. During the Keswick Convention, a man asked the little girl how she overcame when the devil came to her. She answered, "In the past, if the devil came to knock at my front door, as soon as he knocked, I would say, 'Don't come in. Don't come in.' But the result was always a failure. Now when the devil knocks at my door, I say, 'Lord, You open the door for me.' If the Lord opens the door, and the devil sees the Lord, he will say, 'Sorry, I came to the wrong door,' and he will run away."

In Chefoo recently, a sister... said, "You said that the condition for receiving the overcoming life is first to surrender and second to believe. I cannot surrender, and I cannot believe." I said, "Then why don't you just continue to not surrender and not believe?" She answered, "But ... what should I do?" I said, "Just continue to not surrender and not believe. What is the meaning of surrender? To surrender is to let go. ... If you cannot surrender or believe, just stay the way you are. There is no need to improve yourself, and there is no need to even let go. ... You have made surrendering and believing a formula for victory. This will not work. Just let go completely... Come before Him no matter whether you are living or dead. That is all you need to do. This is the meaning of letting go."...

OUR WEAKNESS BEING OUR BOAST

Second Corinthians 12:9 says, "And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me." ...The whole world mourns for its weaknesses, but the overcomers boast in their weaknesses because they have faith.

IMPOSSIBLE WITH MAN BUT POSSIBLE WITH GOD

We cannot love. We cannot endure. We cannot be humble. We cannot be meek. ...Today God is enabling me to... do what I otherwise could not do and to act the way which I otherwise could not act. ..."The things that are impossible with men are possible with God"!

- Excerpts from "The Overcoming Life", Chapter 6