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**Sundays**  
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
 Worship..... 10:30 AM  
 Worship..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesdays**  
 Bible Study..... 7:30 PM

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**Beginning Our 65th Year Dec. 4, 2022**

Goals For 2023  
Theme  
 "Courageous Christians in 2023!"  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana  
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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**James Hahn**  
 will be preaching today.

***We are on week # 38 of our daily Bible reading.***

**Prayer List**  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward,  
 Macon Ward, Debby Spears  
 (Roseann's sis) Sharon  
 Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland  
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill  
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

**THIS MONTH:**  
 Courage in Action: God's Triumph

**John 14:27**

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
**Matt. 26:26-29**

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Ex. 4:10-17  
 PM: Dan. 3:14-18

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month 10  
 Invites last month: 10  
 Visitors YTD: 10

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Our Theme for 2023...  
**"Courageous Christians!"**  
 1 Cor. 16:13  
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**Excuses of Moses**

**Welcome!**  
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

**VISITORS**  
 Please fill out a visitor's card or scan the QR code below and provide the information requested.



- Text: Exodus 3&4**
- I. "Who Am I, That I Should Go?" :Ex 3:11
  - II. Won't Do Any Good: Ex 4:1
  - III. Not Eloquent: Ex. 4:11
  - IV. The Real Problem: Ex 4:13
  - V. Look at Other Translations: LXX, NIV, RSV
  - VI. He Didn't Want to do It!:  
 Same is true today  
 Are You a Christian?  
 Are You Faithful?

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*James Hahn*

## Faith Under Fire

Text: Daniel 3:14-18

**I Faith Challenged: Dan. 3:1-7; Matt. 6:24**

**II. Faith Declared: Dan. 3:8-18; Rev. 2:10; Matt. 26:33-35**

**III. Faith Tested: Dan. 3:19-23; Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12; Heb. 12; 1-6**

**IV. Faith Vindicated: Dan. 3:24-27; Matt. 28:18-20; Heb. 13:5,6; 1 Cor. 10:13**

**V. Faith Triumphant: Dan.3:28-30; Matt. 5:16**

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*James Hahn*

## A Faith Strengthened by Doubt

“And the Lord said, ‘Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren’ ” (Luke 22:31,32).

**DOUBT IS NOT NECESSARILY THE ENEMY OF FAITH.** When we pass through the wastelands of doubt and our faith falters, or perhaps even fails, it is possible to respond to doubt in such a way that our faith later becomes more vibrant. And a faith that has been invigorated in this way is not only of more value to ourselves; it is of exceedingly more value to those around us.

Kahlil Gibran, the Syrian-born mystic poet, said, “Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother.” When we reflect on the matter, we realize that this is true. Both faith and doubt deal with the unseen. They both confront questions that, at least for the time being, have no complete answer. In the face of these questions, faith mellows our doubt with reverence and gratitude, and doubt makes our faith more experienced and mature. It is doubt, properly dealt with, that takes our faith out of the nursery and into the real world.

The person who has never doubted may have a faith that is quite genuine; his or her faith may, in fact, please God. But relatively speaking, that person’s faith requires less *trust* than that of the one who has survived seasons of doubt.

To see this point, compare faith to courage. Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the doing of what is right while one is experiencing fear. While it may be possible to speak of the courage of one who has never faced any significant danger and therefore has never had much reason to be afraid, how much more admirable is the bravery of the person who has really struggled (and not always successfully) against both danger and fear! Similarly, those who know the most about faith are often those who have had the most experience with doubt.

Real faith has no need to pretend or run away from difficulty. Instead, faith embraces doubt with honesty, recognizing that troubling questions are inevitable in a world where our sins have hidden God’s face from us. Doubts are what make faith, faith.

“Isolation has led me to reflection, reflection to doubt, doubt to a more sincere and intelligent love of God” (Marie Lenéru).

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