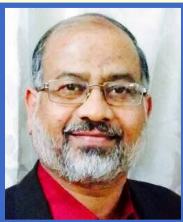


down a hallway in the convent, her glance fell on a statue of the wounded Christ, and the vision of his constant love throughout her inconstancy (spiritual waffling) pierced her heart. Gently but powerfully, she said that Jesus began to break down her defenses and reveal to her the cause of her spiritual exhaustion: her compromise with spiritual mediocrity and sin. Have you ever experienced a spiritual crisis that brought you to a deeper relationship with God? Tell the story.

Teresa of Avila: Her Work

For the rest of her life, she gave herself completely to her spiritual growth through contemplative prayer and the renewal of the Carmelite monasteries. Teresa dreamed of establishing convents where young women could pursue lives of deep prayer and devotion. She once wrote, "Whoever has not begun the practice of prayer, I beg for the love of the Lord not to go without so great a (spiritual) food. There is nothing here to fear but only something to desire." She was hesitant to put her insights to paper and had to be ordered by her superiors to do so. Thankfully for later generations, she obeyed: her three works, *Autobiography*, *Way of Perfection*, and *Interior Castle*, contain some of the most profound insights into the spiritual life ever written. Teresa wanted to teach her readers how to enter the "interior castle." This was her metaphor for prayer, so one would commune more intimately with God. For Teresa, prayer is the source of Christian life and the wellspring of all moral virtues. Prayer is not everything, but without prayer, nothing else is possible. Talk about ways you'd like to see your prayer life grow deeper. What are some simple steps you could take to make prayer a central priority?

Let nothing disturb you.
Let nothing make you afraid.
All things are passing.
God alone never changes.
Patience gains all things.
If you have God you will want for nothing.
God alone suffices.
(St. Teresa of Avila)



October 6th
Faith Promise Sunday

with
Rev. Sunil Dandge
Monies pledged go to support
Nazarene missionaries and our Haiti Partnership

A special
Common
meal will
follow

Do you have an International dish you would like to make and share for the common meal?



"A Place to find hope,
healing, and community
for those whose lives
have been touch by
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Order of Worship
29 September 2019
The Season after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1.1-4 & John 17.20-24
Sermon Series: "They Teach us How to Pray"
Sermon Three: Teresa of Avila—Union with the Divine

We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of preparation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

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Please take time to fill out a
Connection Card as you leave.
Thank You!***

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www.tablelifechurch.org for details of events.

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ministries and online giving.

COMING SOON

Sept 29 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM
Oct 3 Nomination Committee Meeting	6:30PM
Oct 6 Faith Promise Sunday with Common Meal	12:30PM
Oct 6 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM
Oct 8 Team and Board Meeting	6:30PM
Oct 10 Senior/Retiree Luncheon	12:00PM
Oct 12 New Hope Yellow Team	9:00AM

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Sermon Reflection Guide

2 Peter 1.1-4

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature.

John 17.20-24

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Question for Everyone:

(1) I love quiet spaces and place myself in the context of silence as often as I can. (10) Quiet places are to be avoided at all cost. Ear buds are a person's best friend. Where are you on this quiet range?

Quiet Places

Learning prayer in the stream of the historic-orthodox, Christian faith will mean engaging the scriptures not only as a means of information about God but as a means of intimacy with God. This will require a quiet space in stillness with God. The saints of God bear witness to this one essential and breathtaking truth: God desires a relationship of loving intimacy with God's children. And the essential practice that makes this possible is the practice of silence and stillness. In quiet stillness we are best poised to hear the Voice of Love reminding us that we are the beloved of God. Response? Talk about your spiritual practices that require quiet.

Holiness: The Optimism of Grace

Nazarenes are optimistic about what we believe God can do in the life of a person surrendered to the will of God. We believe that our brokenness can be healed as we attend the means of grace in God's presence. Too often the Doctrine of Entire Sanctification (Holiness) is reduced to this notion that God helps us so that we can obey God's rules. But Holiness is essentially about union with the Divine. Holiness is about a deep dive into the heart of God. Holiness is about the invitation to enjoy the Triune God in unceasing prayer and loving service. Holiness is about walking in the cool of the day with our Divine Parent, a friendship with the One who would rather die than live without us. Sinlessness must never be the aim of our Christian experience. Love must be our aim. This love will heal our sin. So what do you think?

Teresa of Avila: Her Conversion

The first 40 years of Teresa's life gave no clue to the rich depth and productivity of the second half of her life. Thank God for late bloomers! Of her years of spiritual mediocrity she wrote in her Autobiography, "I voyaged on this tempestuous sea for almost 20 years with these fallings and risings." One day while walking