

**“Giving God Your Best”  
2 Samuel 23:8-17**

**Sermon Notes**

**Daily Readings: “Giving God Your Best”**

We learn this week that David was willing to give the thing he valued and desired most to God – even something that came at a great cost. Would you be willing to do the same, with your family, with your possessions, with your time, with your talents? Nothing you give to God is ever wasted. Even a cup of water given in His name is remembered. A gift given in love is never wasted!

**MONDAY – Read 2 Samuel 23:8-12.** David is near the end of his life. He recounts those who were faithful to him. When was the last time you quietly thanked the Lord for all those around you whether at home, church or work? What great things would you have not been able to accomplish without them?

**TUESDAY – Read 2 Samuel 23:13-17.** Why do you think David’s men loved him so much to risk their lives just to get him a drink of water from Bethlehem? What difference can it make when we let our actions be shaped and determined by courage and devotion rather than fear? Do you think David regretted expressing his longing in front of his men?

**WEDNESDAY – Read John 6:35, 7:38.** In Jesus we find courage, refuge, love, and one who is worthy of our deepest devotion. When you think of devotion and bravery, what individuals, groups, or images come to mind? What would it take for your devotion to Jesus to be like that of David’s three companions to him?

**THURSDAY – Read Matthew 23:6-13.** With what was Jesus anointed? Why were the disciples annoyed? What do you think your reaction would have been if you would have been present that day? How did Jesus admonish His disciples? How was this woman’s actions and devotion admired?

**FRIDAY – Read Revelation 2:1-7.** How do you recover your “first love” as a Christian once you’ve lost it? Why do we see so much “convenience” Christianity in our day? How can we guard against it? Do we demand enough as a church? Where is the balance between being so committed that you burn out versus being so laid back that you rust out?

**SATURDAY – Read Philippians 2:12-17.** Paul is in prison in Rome for the sake of the Gospel. For all he knows it may cost him his life. But he is willing to accept that. To some extent, our lives are “poured out” for something. What is something you think your life is worth being “spent” or “poured out” for? Pastor Don said, “A gift given in love is never wasted!” Do you agree?



## Weekly Prayer Concerns

Prayer is vital to everything we do at the Wadsworth UMC. In prayer, we do not simply ask for our needs, or the needs of others, to be met, but seek God's presence and ask Him to bring His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In prayer, we enjoy time with God, knowing that He welcomes us as His beloved children.

**(Please be sure to update your prayer concerns.)**

Please mention these persons and others in your prayers this week.

### Hospitalized & Extended Care

### Active Duty Military

David Byers

Brian Anderson

### Hospice Care

Russell Conway

Andrew Hickle

Daniel & Sierra Howard

Tom Babyak's father - Tom Sr.

Jeff Keenan

Jacob McIlvaine

Austin McNamara

### Pre-Surgery/Treatment

Zachary Ramsay

Glenn Schroeder

Alex Staub

Scott Valentine

Michael Wallet

Austin Wolfinger

### Medical/Health Concerns

Pat Wood - stroke

Veatch Hickerson

Ester Danals

Bob Hasenyager

Adam Hoff

Lois Turner

Jackie Kreider

Sandy Nedoh

Charlotte Danals

### Bereavement & Grief

The Family of Sara Bohn

*When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.*

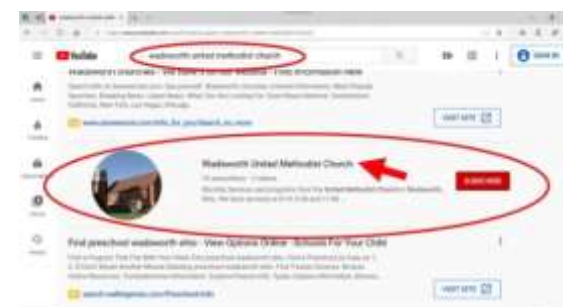
- Psalm 91:15

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