

## Dearly Beloved

Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my brethren *dearly beloved* and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord **DEARLY BELOVED**.

*August 2024*

**Luke 10:2** Therefore said he unto them, **The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.**



**Revelation 14:15** And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

# HARVEST

**Acts 26:16-18** But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; 17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, **18 To open their eyes, and to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**



The court room became silent, as everyone watched and waited for the response from the witnesses. The gun that was used in the murder of the deceased, was now sitting on the table marked as evidence. The prosecuting attorney approaches the witness and says "I'll ask you one more time. Is this the gun that the murderer used to kill the deceased?" It's been my experience through life, when I would listen to testimonies during service, and how they seemed so grand and so encouraging. I would think to myself, why can't I be a participant in these things? I can recall several times, when a Sister from the church would stand up, and testify about the experience she had at the store. How another lady in the same store would notice her, and would approach her and say to her, "You know, there's something different about you." The Sister would continue by telling the church "I'm so glad that I was a witness today." The truth of the matter is, if that sister

did not open her mouth and proclaim nor declare God's goodness in any shape or form, that sister was not a witness, she was only the evidence. Just like the previous courtroom scenario, the witness does not become a true witness till they open their mouths and testify, declare or confess. In Matthew 5:16 it says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The Lord Jesus wants us to be the billboard(evidence) of his power that changes lives and makes them better. He wants us to display holiness before an unbelieving generation. However, in Acts 1:8 Jesus tells us to be witnesses "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the utmost part of the earth." I encourage you... Be the witness, not just the evidence! Pastor Jake

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# Turning Tough Times Into Victory

“I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made the heavens and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2

“Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.” John 4:35

“And when these things begin to come o pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:28

To say that we’ve come through some tough times would qualify as the understatement of the year. Unfortunately, sickness and death have entered some of our homes. Tough economic conditions have discouraged us, including layoffs, job closures, forced early retirements, diminished hours, and so forth. Many have fled for safety as raging fires decimated hectares of homes and hillsides of trees, and city blocks of businesses where employment and security existed, the charred starkness bearing evidence of the loss of everything.

Along with these circumstances, churches have felt the stinging bite of disappointing restrictions and politically mandated closures of the use of worship facilities because of the encroachment of disease. The end result can be seen in that church attendance has declined. This litany of loss could go on. Suffice it to say, the patience, endurance, and faith of the people have been sorely tested.

What can we do? We can lift up our eyes for help. We do have Biblical precedent pointing to this solution. The psalmist was in trouble; He worried day and night; He was afraid because he was slipping into danger. Ahh. But take note of a move with positive results. Instead of letting his troubles pull him down, he decided to look up. He looked up to his omnipotent Creator. He looked up to his omnipresent Lord. He looked up to his compassionate Savior. He looked up to his guardian God. Take your pick. God not only fulfills each one of these awesome characteristics individually, He fills them all, at the same time! Our God is an Awesome God! We have looked to the Lord to save us; we can look to our Lord to keep us.

We can lift up our eyes to the harvest, not to our hurts. In doing so, we’ll solve many of our problems. Look at world populations. A Missionary program is needed more now than ever. A missionary vision eliminates self-pity. Reaching people for Christ brings joy to troubled believers. Those who sow in tears, reap in joy. **Reaping turns us from sorrow to singing.**

We can lift up our eyes for His coming. The last days will be characterized by trouble. There will be trouble in nature with earthquakes and storms, trouble in nations with tensions and war, and rumors of war. Planet Earth has some tough times ahead. But the church has a message of hope for these tough times. On the darkest day, God makes a way! Tough times are temporary. Tough times don’t last, but tough people do. Be tough (Strong is a more acceptable word) in the power of His might.

**In all the \*palaver, you can be a survivor! “Let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’”**

*Pastor Francis Mason*

\*(palaver = Palaver is a type of empty nonsense or useless talk.)

# How to pray over your house for Spiritual Cleaning & Blessing

**Psalm 84:4** Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

- This house belongs to God

**Proverb 12:7** The wicked are overthrown and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

1. Remove any items that represent or invite evil into the house and get rid of them.
  - a. Pornography
  - b. Horror movies and novels
  - c. Dark or evil music: black metal, that which glorifies sexual immorality/drug use, etc.
  - d. Spiritual/evil games: Ouija boards, tarot cards, crystal balls, palm reading, psychic/new age, etc. (anything that has to do with spiritual that is not Christian)
  - e. Religious/spiritual items from anything that is not Christian: Idols - carved religious figurines, idols from other cultures, voodoo dolls, Buddha statues/figurines, dream catchers, etc.

2. Pray for cleansing, consecration, blessing and protection. OUT LOUD!

- a. Something like this:

“Father God, I come before you, knowing that the blood of Jesus presents me righteous before you. Thank you for my salvation, victory and authority over evil that is mine in Jesus Christ! It is in the name of my Savior Jesus Christ I ask for your cleansing, blessing and protection over this household. Thank you, Lord.

By the blood of Jesus Christ, I bind every evil and unclean spirit that is in this house and command them to flee right now in the name of Jesus Christ. I renounce and reject any inch of this house and property that has been yielded or surrendered unto Satan and by faith I take it back and surrender it to the Lord Jesus Christ. I renounce and repent of any sins, known or unknown to me, that have been committed here by anyone including me or my family. I renounce and repent of any sinful items ever kept here, I renounce and repent of any sinful things that were broadcast here in Jesus’s name. Forgive any trespasses committed against you in this place Lord!

In the name of Jesus Christ, I dedicate and consecrate this house to my Lord Jesus Christ and claim it is under His divine protection from the top of the roof to the bottom of the footing and everything in between. Father, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ that you would surround this house and the property on which it stands with a hedge of protection.

Surround our family and this property with your favor as with a shield on all sides, above and below. Father God, I ask that You send your powerful warrior angels to protect the Four corners of this house and property, guarding everyone who lives within. I ask this house to be consecrated with Your divine presence so that everyone who enters will be blessed in their heart, soul, and mind. May your love, joy, and peace be palpable in this place by the power of your Holy Spirit. May this be a place of rest and restoration. Thank you, Father for the complete victory I already have in Jesus Christ. Let your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth and in this home as it is in heaven. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, Amen.”

3. Walk through every single room (bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, living room, entryway, basement, attic, etc.) standing in the center of each and pray the following short prayer OUT LOUD:

“In the name of Jesus Christ, I cast out any clean spirit from this room and forbid them from ever entering again. Father, I ask you to bless this room with your presence and that it would be a place of rest, joy and peace. Amen.”

4. Go to every door and window and pray this short payer OUT LOUD. (as an optional act of faith) anoint each doorframe and window with olive oil, representing Jesus’ blood. blessing, favor, and protection.

“In the name of Jesus Christ, I forbid any unclean or evil spirits or forces from entering this home Father, send your angels to stand guard here. Amen”

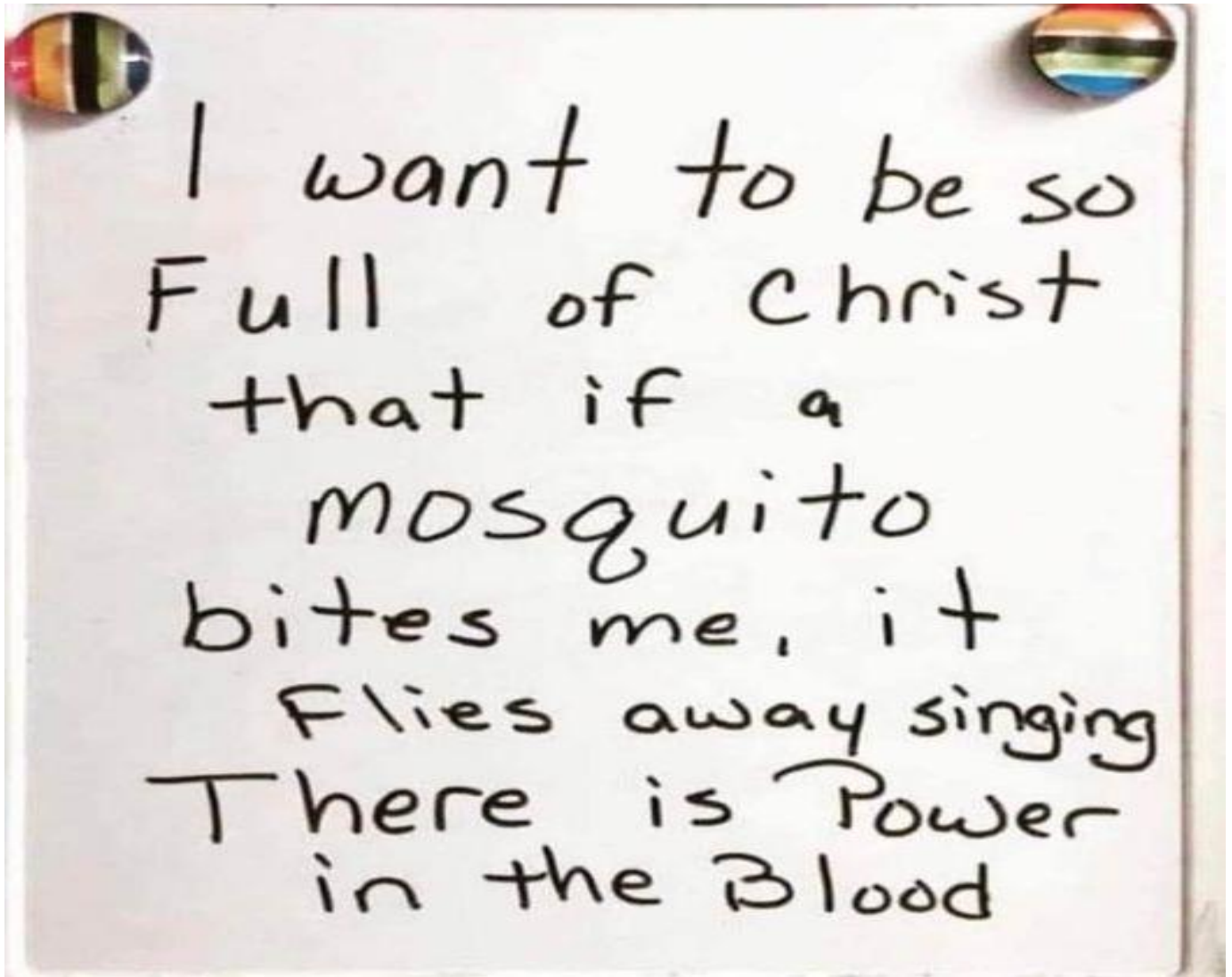
5. Go to the end of your driveway or entrance to your property and pray this short prayer OUT LOUD:

“In the name of Jesus I command any unclean or evil spirits to flee this property and forbid them from entering again. Father, send your angels to stand guard here! Thank you for your protection and love! Amen.”



Bless this house and those within,  
Bless our giving and receiving,  
Bless our words and conversation,  
Bless our hands and recreation,  
Bless our sowing and growing,  
Bless our coming and going,  
Bless all who enter and depart,  
Bless this house, Your peace impart.

May the peace of God reign in this place  
And the love of God forever hold you tight.  
May the Spirit of God flow through your life  
And the joy of God uphold you day and night



## True Worship

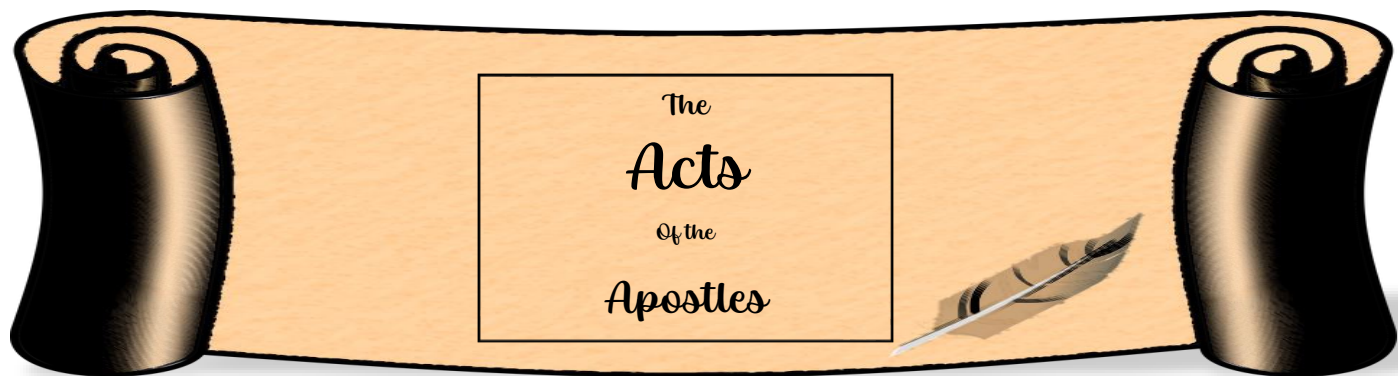
Read John 4:1-42

Jesus tells us, "... true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

One man stated: True worship; will produce concern for unsaved people; is essential for evangelism; is essential for Christian maturity; drives us to lead others to Christ; leads all of the Church to witness daily; is more than sitting down and being passive and quiet. WORSHIP is to be expressed through reaching out to others.

Pastor Ed reminds us, True worship as we love the Lord Jesus, will create in us a heart, to love others and live holy like Jesus! True worship will make God's will ours!

Pray, read the Word of God often, love others like Jesus! AND YES, PRAISE AND WORSHIP THE LORD! Be thankful and forgive! May the Lord Jesus bless you all. Pastor Ed



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## Chapter 5

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Chapter 5 opens with an account of Ananias and Sapphira. They were a married couple who were members of the church. It was a practice of the day for people to sell their property and give to the church. From the context, it seemed that when someone did this they were honored and noticed in the church for their unselfish act. No one was required to do this, it wasn't a requirement, they just felt to do it, and did it. The money was put in a common fund and when someone had a need, they were given out of this fund to provide for the need. One day, Ananias and Sapphira sat down together and conspired to see their property and donate a portion of the price they received. Now, one thing to remember, they were under no obligation to give it all, they didn't even have to give any if they chose. They could have given half, and it would have been accepted and appreciated. But they decided to lie and say that was all they got for their property and keep the balance. Ananias went in to the apostles and laid the amount he and Sapphira agreed upon at the apostles' feet. The scripture doesn't say that is what Ananias said but from the context, what he told the apostles was a lie. Peter, through the Holy Ghost, knew that this was only a portion of the money and not the total amount that Ananias claimed it was. Peter then asked Ananias, wasn't this property yours? Even after you sold it, wasn't within your power to do what you wanted to do with it? Why are you lying about it? You didn't have to lie about it. You didn't lie to men, you lied to God. Immediately, the judgement of God fell and Ananias died. They took him out and buried him unceremoniously.

About three hours later, Sapphira came in. Peter, seeing her asked her how much they sold the property for. When she continued the lie, he asked her why she lied and began to tell her that her husband was dead and then she fell dead. They came back in and picked her up and buried her with her husband.

If the sin of Ananias and Sapphira had been allowed to go unpunished, others would have followed suit. The reputation of the church would have been tarnished and could have destroyed the newly formed church. But because of the swift and hard judgement of God against them, fear and respect was given to the whole church and people outside of the church that heard about it.

After this, the Lord began to bless the church and there were many new converts. Signs and wonders were following the apostles and the people held them in high esteem. The people had such a faith in God and respect for the apostles that they would lay their sick on cots and mats hoping that Peter's shadow would fall on them and they would be healed. The people who were sick and possessed by evil spirits were all healed.

Because of the works that was being done, the Sadducees and the High Priest got the apostles and put them in prison. But God sent an angel to open the prison doors and let them out. The angel told them to go into the temple and to speak the words of this life.

The next morning, when the High Priest sent for them, they found that they weren't there. They found that the prison was still shut up but no one was there. The High Priest and the captain of the temple couldn't believe



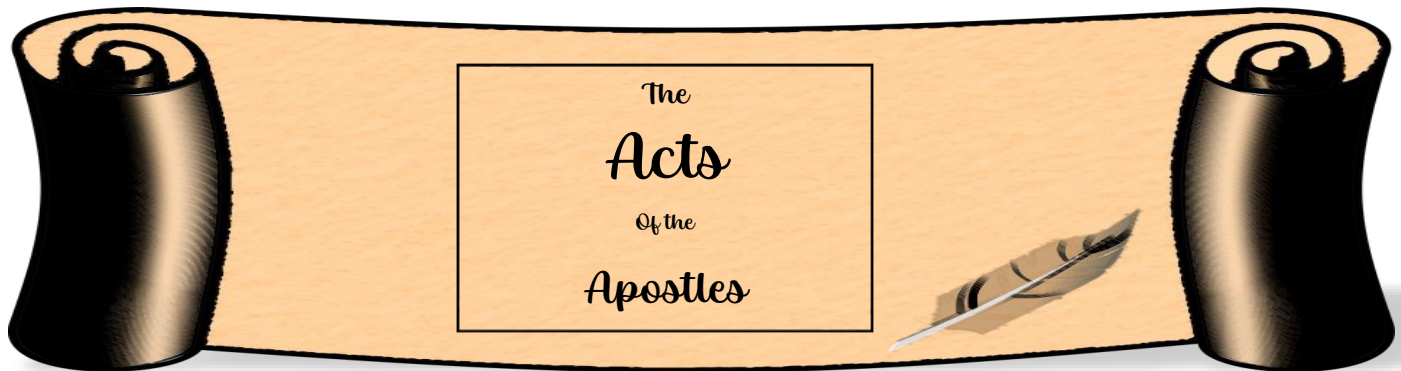
that they had gotten out of prison. Then, someone came and let them know that they were in the temple teaching!

So, again, they got them and brought them before the council. He asked them, didn't we tell you not to teach in this name? You've been telling everyone about Jesus.

Peter's response was one that I pray that if I'm ever in the same situation that I will respond with, "We ought to obey God rather than men".

Then Peter began to remind them of the things that they had done against Jesus and who Jesus was and His purpose for coming to the earth. That He is the Savior for Israel.

Gamaliel, a doctor of the law then stood up and told them. They should just leave the apostles alone. If they weren't of God, the movement would end soon enough and if they were of God, nothing they would do could stop it. It doesn't say this, but I think he knew what the apostles were teaching was true. True to what Gamaliel said, nothing that the Jews or the devil has been able to stop what God has set into motion!



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## Chapter 6

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Chapter 6 opens with there being some controversy with the Greek speaking Jews. They were upset because they felt that their widows weren't being taken care of like the other, Aramaic speaking widows. It's possible it was due to the language barrier or a cultural difference that they weren't receiving what the others were getting. But this disunity could have damaged all the work that was being done to further along the kingdom of God.

The disciples, "the twelve" were called together and they called the multitude of the other disciples and worked on the solution. They decided to appoint seven honest men, that were full of the Holy Ghost to take care of the situation. They appointed Stephen, Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch. They laid hands on them and prayed.

With these duties being delegated to others, the twelve were then able to devote themselves to prayer and to preaching the word of God. God continued to bless the church and it grew greatly and even some of the Jewish priests were obedient to the faith.

After this, Stephen's ministry began to flourish, and the working of miracles extended beyond the original twelve.

Then, another dispute arose in the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia. These people were former Jewish slaves and descendants of freed slaves. They were arguing with Stephen, accusing him of speaking blasphemously against Moses and God. They, however, were no match for Stephen and the Holy Ghost. So they persuaded witnesses to accuse him of blasphemy before the council. During all of this, Stephen had peace and as they looked upon him, they saw his face as if it were the face of an angel.

Submitted by Tatti Cheek



## ANY GIVEN SUNDAY PART 2

Throughout our drive towards Anacortes that Sunday morning, I would reflect on the last time I greeted Pastor Robinson and his wife. It possibly could've been the summer conference of 2022. I recall other occasions where I would run into Pastor Robinson, and he would always greet me with a smile and a warm welcome. There was this way about him, where you knew that he was full of zeal, enthusiasm and encouragement. He was that person that would help someone get charged up just by greeting them. However, my introduction to Pastor Robinson began at a church in the city of Everett, Washington. He had just returned from Louisiana with his family, and was getting ready to open a work, in a town called Anacortes. As I recall back then, I can still relate to it now, he still continues to have that zeal, enthusiasm and encouragement to win the lost. That being said, he wasn't a new face nor a new name. Knowing this, I felt confident in making an attempt to connect, and I was looking forward to talking with him.

According to my records and understanding, it had been over 28 or more years since I had visited the church in Anacortes. During that time, Pastor Robinson was conducting a revival there in Anacortes. What stands out from that occasion was that I was bringing a backslider with me. Gets better, between Burlington and Anacortes I was pulled over for speeding. That's right, I had everything with me to enjoy a great revival service, but my brains. What was I thinking? I had my Bible, my Holy Ghost, a backslider for a guest, but where did I leave my common sense? As always, there it was in the back seat, with my eyes that didn't want to glance at my speedometer nor the patrol man behind me. I was more interested in talking my head off and hoping that the young man with me would listen to my words of instruction, and not interpret them as "Blah blah blah!" As the patrol officer took my license and registration, the overwhelming embarrassment became a deep puncture within my pride. How could I be that testimony, when right in front of that backslider, I committed a moving violation? And to make matters worse, the officer takes another jab at my ego by stating "Here's your ticket, why don't you testify about this at the revival!" The driver's seat was neither large enough, nor deep enough for me to play invisible.

Returning to the present time that Sunday morning, my wife and I were in what you might call "In transition" at the time. About a month and a half prior to that Sunday, we had just let my Pastor know that within two weeks we were leaving that church and searching for another. Nevertheless, the following day the Pastor of that church asked us to leave and not wait. In becoming a free agent as far as membership goes, I made it a point to contact Pastor Ed Robinson. Sure, there were like faith churches near my surrounding area, but I felt a pull and interest to visit the Anacortes fellowship. My wife and I had made plans to be out of town for a few weeks, we had business in North Carolina that could not wait. However, we were approximately a week out before leaving for NC, that's when I decided to contact pastor Ed Robinson. Interesting enough, I had his number in my contacts. I had obtained his number perhaps 17 years prior to my initial text or phone call. He had once given it to me whether verbally or through his business card. Regardless, I had it set in my heart to get ahold of him. With the number that I had in my contacts, I texted him. If I recall correctly, I waited a couple of days for his reply, but received nothing. I wasn't about to give up, so I called his sister-in-law Ruth. A lovely lady whom I've known throughout the years, and she was there to assist me in any way possible. We did some catching up for a few minutes, and compared the phone number that I had in my contacts, and sure enough it belonged to Pastor Ed Robinson. I made one last attempt before leaving for NC, but no response. Soon I would learn why...

...TO BE CONTINUED

Pastor Jake Ruiz



**Philippians 2:1-3** If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

**Anacortes Pentecostals Church**

**Services: August 2024**

**Sundays**

**Christian Education Bible Class  
"Gifts of the Spirit" 11:00<sup>am</sup>**

**Praise, Worship & Service Noon  
Pastor Jake Ruiz**

**Wednesdays**

**Pastor Ed, Bible Study, Weds. 7:00<sup>pm</sup>**

**Saturdays**

**All Church Prayer 8:00<sup>am</sup>**

**August Events**

**Orcas Island Services**

**Fridays, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**For Eastsound, Orcas Island Dates & Locations,  
Call Church Number Below**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Church Picnic Noon @ Washington Park**

**The Pentecostals of Anacortes, the Praying Church**

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