

# Navigator

Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Psalm 143:8b

## No Details Left Undone

We all too often have a tendency to leave things unfinished. We have unfinished books on our shelves. There are unfinished projects around the house. We have unfinished goals for our lives. And most of these things were started with great drive and passion only to later fall by the wayside and simply be left undone. Thankfully Jesus is not like us. He does not leave things unfinished, but completes every task that He sets out to accomplish.

The night before Jesus' death on the cross He prayed to the Father and said, "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do" (John 17:4). As Jesus looked back at all He had accomplished and as He looked forward to all He would do the next day, He was able to confidently proclaim that He had finished the work that God had given Him to do. No last minute regrets. No loose ends that needed to be tied up. No details left undone. The work was complete; it was finished.

Soon after Jesus prayed those words He was taken captive by the hypocritical religious rulers of His day, given several unjust trials through the night, condemned to die for claiming to be the Messiah and the Son of God (Luke 22:66-71), and turned over to the Romans for His execution by crucifixion. After a severe beating the innocent Jesus was nailed to a cross to die.

The Bible preserves seven things that Jesus said during the painful and torturous hours He was upon the cross. He spoke words of forgiveness to God on behalf of those that abused Him (Luke 23:34). He spoke to a dying thief and assured him that his eternity was secure with Him (Luke 23:39-43). He made provisions for His mother to be cared for after His death (John 19:25-27). He cried out in anguish as God the Father punished Him in the place of condemned sinners (Matthew 27:45-46). He fulfilled prophecy from the Old Testament by asking for a drink (John 19:28-29; Psalm 22:15; 69:21). And He entrusted His life to the care of the Father as He died (Luke 23:46).

But there is one word that Jesus spoke on the cross that victoriously proclaimed the completion of His work. Jesus said, "It is finished!" and bowing His head he died (John 19:30). "It is finished" is the translation of one Greek word: tetelestai. This word was used by servants when they came to their master to declare that their assignment had been completed. It was also a word that was used by merchants and meant "the debt is paid in full." The word

simply meant that everything that needed to be done or everything that needed to be paid had been fully taken care of.

But what exactly was finished? What did Jesus mean when He cried out those words? What was completed at that crucial moment in history when the Son of God died?

Maybe He was referring to His life. After exclaiming, "It is finished!" He gave up His spirit and died. Jesus lived about thirty-three-and-a-half years on this earth. He was born in a miraculous and supernatural way and now His life had come to an end.

Possibly He was referring to the pain, suffering, and agony of the cross. Crucifixion was the cruelest and most hideous form of execution known to man. Jesus endured this torture, but as He exclaimed "It is finished" His suffering and pain came to an end.

But while both of those things are true, that is not what Jesus meant. His was not a cry of agony, or defeat, or even relief. His was a triumphant shout of victory! Through Jesus' death He had finished, completed, and accomplished the work of redemption where He died for the sins of the world. When Jesus said, "It is finished" He meant that the payment for mankind's sins had been made and that it was paid in full with nothing remaining. He meant that sins had been atoned for and that the wrath of God for our sins had been borne. When he said, "It is finished" He meant that now weak and wounded and lost sinners like us can be reconciled to God because of what He did.

And if it is finished then there is nothing that you can add to it. Anything that you would seek to add to the finished work of Jesus actually minimizes His accomplishment. What could possibly be added to something that was carried out with such precision and perfection?

Jesus left nothing undone, nothing unaccomplished, and nothing unfinished when it comes to salvation. Now God simply calls us to trust in the work of His Son because it is finished!

† Pastor Matt

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# Children's Ministries ~ K4T

Helping Children Become God-Focused Believers Through Essential Christian Truth

**First Night of K4T: September 10th - 6:15pm to 7:45pm**

Here are some of the things our K4T Club will be learning in September:

## GOD'S LAW

Key Truth—*The law is a guide that can make us aware of our sin and lead us to faith in Christ.*

**Q.** What did Jesus say was the first and greatest commandment?

**A.** He said the first and greatest commandment is to love God wholeheartedly. **Matthew 22:37-38** - "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment."

**Q.** What are the first four of the Ten Commandments, in order?

**A.** 1. You shall have no other gods before Me.  
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image.  
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.  
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**Q.** What are the last six of the Ten Commandments, in order?

**A.** 5. Honor your father and your mother.  
6. You shall not murder.  
7. You shall not commit adultery.  
8. You shall not steal.  
9. You shall not bear false witness.  
10. You shall not covet.

Do you feel the Lord wants you to help with our K4T Club this year?

**Leader Training Meeting: Wednesday, September 3rd from 6:30pm to 8pm**

In His Service, Gina Bickel (324-2654)

## Other Children's Ministries

**Sunday School** 9:30am-10:20am, **Bible Builders** During the 10:30 Worship Service



**H<sub>2</sub>O YOUTH MINISTRY**  
JOHN 4:13-14

## REPORTING ON SONFEST

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support for our trip to SonFest. I would like to thank all the sponsors who gave up their weekend to help watch the Youth. We had an awesome time while we were there. The speaker (Doug Runkles) was great, and the worship music was awesome. We were blessed to hear God's Word spoken to us through the music and guest speaker. Doug Runkles (he likes to go by Runks for short) taught us how to live weak. His focal verse was 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 where he talked about God's grace being sufficient. It is my hope and prayer that we live in God's grace instead of our own power. Also, please be in prayer for our youth as I have challenged them to live a life for Christ in their schools and the community.

Please note: we will not be having Parent's Night Out in September.

Shannon Pharaoh

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### Sunday

8:15 a.m.	First Service
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Second Service

### Tuesday

6:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry
	at NorthRidge Fellowship

### Wednesday

6:15-7:45 p.m.	Kids 4 Truth
	at NorthRidge Fellowship

### Tuesday/Thursday

6:00 a.m.	Prayer and Devotions
	at Jolly Bean

# M e e t

## Shelley Montgomery

*Every month you will be introduced to a fellow attendee at NorthRidge Fellowship.*

### **Where were you born and raised?**

I was born in Emmett, Idaho, then I lived in Paul & Sandpoint Idaho, then moved to Hazelton on a small dairy farm.

### **Who are (or have been) the most influential people in your life?**

God, Don, Scott & Jason – they don't let me get by with anything.

### **What is your favorite passage and/or book of the Bible?**

Job 38 where God answers Job out of the whirlwind.

### **Aside from the Bible, what are your favorite books?**

The Best of A.W. Tozer , any great mystery, and do I get to count blogs? challies.com.

### **If you were stranded on an island, what four foods would you most want to have?**

Steak, chocolate, pasta, and tomatoes (garlic's a spice, right?).

### **Who in the Bible do you most identify with?**

Probably Peter before Pentecost. I often find myself wishing I had thought before I spoke. (I also have real vivid dreams like his.)

### **What are the four most interesting places you have been to?**

The Library; the coolest little museum in Price, Utah; people watching at O'Hare Airport; our dinner table.

### **How did you come to know Christ?**

I was so blessed to be raised in a Christian home so I don't really remember not ever knowing Jesus as my Lord. My parents were also very good at teaching me right and wrong so I've never doubted that I am a sinner in dire need of a Saviour. There have been times when I have chosen to do things my way instead of God's way. It was not a good idea! Just read the Job passage above. I am so thankful that He guides and directs us and that He has led us to Northridge Fellowship where we can worship and fellowship and grow to know Him more .

# Who I Am In Christ

I am complete in Him Who is the Head of all principality and power (Colossians 2:10).

I am alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:5).

I am free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

I am born of God, and the evil one does not touch me (I John 5:18).

I am holy and without blame before Him in love (I Peter 1:16; Ephesians 1:4).

I have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5; I Corinthians 2:16).

I have the peace of God that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7).

I have the Greater One living in me; greater is He Who is in me than he who is in the world (I John 4:4).

I have put off the old man and have put on the new man, which is renewed in the knowledge after the image of Him Who created me (Colossians 3:9,10).

I have no lack for my God supplies all of my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

I can do all things through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:13).

I shall do even greater works than Christ Jesus (John 14:12).

I show forth the praises of God Who has called me out of darkness into His marvelous light (I Peter 2:9).

I am God's child for I am born again of the incorruptible seed (I Peter 1:23).

I am God's workmanship, created in Christ unto good works (Ephesians 2:10).

I am a new creature in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17).

I am alive to God in Christ Jesus (I Thessalonians 5:23; Romans 6:11).

I am a believer, and the light of the Gospel shines in my mind (II Corinthians 4:4).

I am a joint-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17).

I am more than a conqueror through Him Who loves me (Romans 8:37).

I am an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony (Revelation 12:11).

I am a partaker of His divine nature (II Peter 1:3,4).

I am an ambassador for Christ (II Corinthians 5:20).

I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people (I Peter 2:9).

I am the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 5:21).

I am the temple of the Holy Spirit; I am not my own (I Corinthians 6:19).

I am the light of the world and a city on a hill that cannot be hidden (Matthew 5:14).

I am His elect (Romans 8:33; Colossians 3:12).

I am forgiven of all my sins and washed in the Blood (Ephesians 1:7).

I am delivered from the power of darkness and translated into God's kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

I am redeemed from the curse of sin, sickness, and poverty (Galatians 3:13; Deuteronomy 28:15-68).

I am firmly rooted, built up, established in my faith and overflowing with gratitude (Colossians 2:7).

I am called of God to be the voice of His praise (II Timothy 1:9; Psalm 66:8).

I am healed by the stripes of Jesus (I Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5).

I am raised up with Christ and seated in heavenly places (Colossians 2:12; Ephesians 2:6).

I am beloved by God (Colossians 3:12; Romans 1:7; I Thessalonians 1:4; Ephesians 2:4).

I am strengthened with all might according to His glorious power (Colossians 1:11).

It is not I who live, but Christ lives in me (Galatians 2:20).

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

8:15 a.m. First Service  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Second Service

### Sunday Services

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## To The Ends of the Earth



# Down-to-Business living for Christ

At the age of 22 Jim Elliot wrote these words to his father in a letter dated April 13, 1950: “I met with twenty-five young people, high school age and over, last night after the meeting before I went to the bus and had a serious time dealing with them about private study of the Scriptures, personal holiness, and down-to-business living for Christ.”

Jim Elliot was more than qualified to speak about down-to-business living for Christ. His life was permeated with a desire to live a life that thoroughly glorified Jesus in all that he did. When Jim was between the ages of 20 and 24 he penned the following quotes in his journal and in letters to family and friends:

“God, I pray Thee, light these idle sticks of my life and may I burn up for Thee. Consume my life, my God, for it is Thine. I seek not a long life but a full one, like you, Lord Jesus.”

“He makes His ministers a flame of fire. Am I ignitable? God deliver me from the dread asbestos of ‘other things.’ Saturate me with the oil of the Spirit that I may be aflame.”

“Father, make of me a crisis man. Bring those I contact to decision. Let me not be a milepost on a single road; make me a fork, that men must turn one way or another on facing Christ in me.”

“Christ needs some young fellows to sell out to Him and recklessly toss their lives into His work.”

“He is no fool who gives that which he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.”

After college and some time spent in various ministries Jim traveled to Ecuador to minister among the Quichua Indians. God had also implanted within Jim’s heart a desire to reach the Auca people. The Auca were a primitive and savage people who were hostile toward

the Quichua and outsiders. It was dangerous to attempt to reach the Auca, yet Jim knew that this was what God had called him to do and that the Gospel was the Auca’s only hope.

Less than six years after he wrote to his father about “down-to-business living for Christ” Jim Elliot would lie dead on the banks of a secluded river in the jungles of Ecuador having been run through with a spear by the very people that he desired to share the Gospel with. His widow concludes her story of Jim’s life in this way:

“Suffice it to say that on Friday the thrill of Jim’s lifetime was given. He took an Auca by the hand. At last the twain met. Five American men, three naked savages. Two days later, on Sunday, January 8, 1956, the men for whom Jim Elliot had prayed for six years killed him and his four companions.” Jim Elliot, at the age of 28, lay dead on the banks of the Curaray River in the jungle of Ecuador.

As his widow begins the Epilogue she writes, “W. Somerset Maugham, in *Of Human Bondage*, wrote, ‘These old folk had done nothing, and when they died it would be just as if they had never been.’ Jim’s comment on this was, ‘God deliver me!’” And God did indeed deliver Jim Elliot from such a wasted life. His life and death were characterized with bold obedience to Jesus Christ. And though when he died he had very little of material value, he left an enduring legacy and an example of self-sacrifice for the cause of Christ to the peoples of the world.

God deliver us so that we would not waste our lives, but would live them for the glory of Jesus Christ and the spread of His Gospel to the nations!

Pastor Matt

All quotes are from: Elisabeth Elliot. *Shadow of the Almighty*. San Francisco: Harper Collins, 1958.

# SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies, have you said this over the summer: "I love to spend time doing \_\_\_\_\_, and I plan on getting back to it just as soon as...."? Well, I know that I have spoken those words a time or two, so if you're like me and truly desire to get back to those unfinished craft projects or just have the desire to begin a new one, this night is for you. Once again it is time for our monthly Ladies Scrapbook and Craft night to begin. It is an evening of fun, fellowship, opportunities to work on your projects, and yes, even a snack or two can be enjoyed during the evening. Our meeting place is at NorthRidge Fellowship on Friday, September 5th from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Yes, that is correct: 6 fun filled hours of laughter and fellowship! If you have any questions you can call me at 644-6421. See you in September! -Candy Myhre



Men's LEAD Bible Study is meeting every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Wok and Grill in Twin Falls.

Contact Robert Kohler if you know of community service needs that NorthRidge can help with. The men will be meeting every third Saturday to reach out and serve the community.

Luau coming up! All adults welcome. Look for more information in your bulletin.

**HEY KIDS!** I hope you are all working hard in school! Where was Adam when Eve took the fruit from the snake in the Garden of Eden? Tell Mrs. Brockway the answer, and you will get a prize.

If Christianity is really true, then it involves the whole man, including his intellect and creativeness. Christianity is not just "dogmatically" true or "doctrinally" true. Rather, it is true to what is there, true in the whole area of the whole man in all of life.

—Francis Schaeffer

My brethren, let me say, be like Christ at all times. Imitate him in "public." Most of us live in some sort of public capacity—many of us are called to work before our fellowmen every day. We are watched; our words are caught; our lives are examined—taken to pieces. The eagle-eyed, argus-eyed world observes everything we do, and sharp critics are upon us. Let us live the life of Christ in public. Let us take care that we exhibit our Master, and not ourselves—so that we can say, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me."

—Charles Spurgeon

## Holy Men Moved by the Holy Spirit

### Understanding the Inspiration of God's Written Word

There are foundational doctrines that are so important that to get them wrong would adversely affect everything else that a person believes. The doctrine of the Bible (sometimes referred to as the doctrine of "revelation") is one of these crucial doctrines.

The Bible consists of sixty-six individual books/documents that were written by about forty human authors over a period of around 1,500 years. It is divided into the Old Testament (39 books) and the New Testament (27 books) and has one overall unifying theme: Jesus Christ (Luke 24:25-27; John 5:39, 45-47).

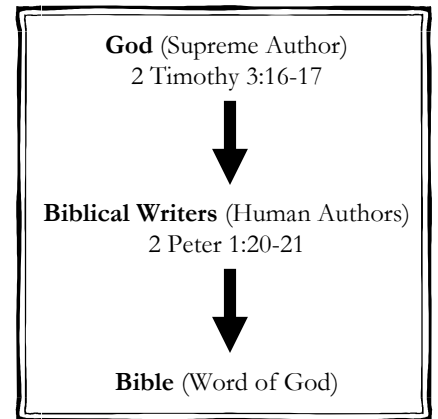
There are many things that set the Bible apart from all other books that have ever been written or composed: its unification, its preservation, its ability to transform lives, and the list could go on. But the main thing that elevates the Bible is the truth that it comes from God. God is a God that desires to be known and the main way that God has chosen to reveal Himself to us is through the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 states, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." The word translated

"inspiration" literally means "breathed out by God." The picture here is of God exhaling His words to us with the focus being on Him as the supreme author of the Bible. The Bible is His Word to us; therefore when the Bible speaks, God speaks.

God, in His infinite wisdom, chose to use human authors in the transmission of His "breathed out" Word. 2 Peter 1:20-21 says, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." The word "moved" means "to be moved inwardly; prompted" and can also be translated "carried along." The human authors were "carried along" by the Holy Spirit in such a way that they wrote exactly what God wanted to be written while still maintaining their own distinct backgrounds, educations, personalities, and life experiences. That is why Luke does not write like Moses, and Moses does not write like Paul, and Paul does not write like John. Yet as God used their diverse writing styles and characteristics He supernaturally worked through the human authors so that they wrote exactly what He wanted them to write.

The truths of 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21 can be illustrated in the following way:



The inspiration of the Bible serves as the basis for many other important doctrines concerning the Bible such as its authority (John 17:17), its clarity (Psalm 19:7; 119:130), its necessity for salvation and Christian living (Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:15; Matthew 4:4; 1 Peter 2:2), and its inerrancy (2 Samuel 7:28; Psalm 12:6; Proverbs 30:5) which rests in the character of God its author (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18).

There is no greater privilege than knowing the God who has made Himself known through the pages of the Bible (Jeremiah 9:23-24). So do not neglect to spend time in the Word of God so that you might come to know the God of His Word!

Pastor Matt