

### 3/29/20 Sunday Home Church/Family Devotion

#### 1. Gather together.

#### 2. Prayer:

Heavenly Father,  
we thank You for Your son Jesus,  
we thank You for the blessings and protection of this last week,  
we ask You to speak to our hearts and give us comfort as we devote this time to you,  
Your will be done,  
in Jesus name, Amen

#### 3. For this Sunday's Psalm, read Psalm 78, verse 40-72.

#### 4. A message from your Pastor:

Good morning! Everyone tired of talking about the virus yet? So it appears it's going to be a little bit before we get to meet. A worldly man would say that since you can't go to church, your spiritual life should be suffering. I'm here to tell you it don't have to, and here's why I say that.

Think of the patriarchs- Abraham, Isaac, and Joseph. Think of Noah. Those folks all walked the world in a time when there was food scarcity, the majority of people around them had few if anything we'd recognize as morals, AND there was absolutely no toilet paper available. Yet they managed to have a rich relationship with God!

So how did they do it? They were attentive and obedient to God's direction. Read Genesis verse 6-22, and notice, what does verse 22 tell us? Now read Genesis chapter 7, verse 1-5, and notice, what does verse 5 say? Notice a pattern? (If you have children in the home, pause and talk this story over with them in appropriate-age language.)

If you read on to chapter 8, verse 15, you'll see God gave Noah instructions on disembarkation, which again, Noah followed. Now look at Genesis chapter 8 verse 20. What is the first thing Noah did after he had done all God had commanded, and was free to "do his own thing"?

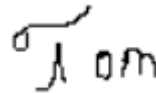
Sounds like a man intent on a relationship, and paying attention to what really matters.

One final note, we have some folks of marrying age in the church, so this ought to be insightful to us on several levels. Read Genesis chapter 24. Isaac was NEEDING a spouse. It was time. As you read, notice the servant. The servant was expecting, and looking for, God to provide. Notice in particular verse 12, and 26-27.

May we all be reliant on, and attentive and obedient to, God. May we live each moment with the faith that He's watching.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will guide you with My eye.  
Ps 32 vs 8

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom". The letter "T" is stylized with a long horizontal stroke that curves upwards at the end.

P.S. Don't forget to pray everyday.

5. Say a prayer for:

Marilyn I.

Steve W.

Mary Ann C.

Dean and Doris H.

Don and Betsy C.

our family members who need guidance

our government leaders

our military and their families