



April 1, 2025

We exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ

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Events On The Calendar

Sundays

10:00 AM Live Service With Communion
To watch online: [Click Here](#)

April 6th , Pastor Pat Johnson
will continue a series on the Gospel of John.
This week: Chapter 9 starting at Vs. 1.
Read ahead!

Wednesdays

Come join us...-All are welcome!
We meet at Hope each week

April 2nd 6:30 pm:
Monthly Prayer Night for our community

April 9th 6:30 pm:
Men and Women Together:
Studying the book of 1st Samuel

April 16th 6:30 pm:
Men and Women Together:
Studying the book of 1st Samuel

April 23rd 6:30 pm:
Men and Women Together:
Studying the book of 1st Samuel

April 6th: It is POT LUCK TIME



**Come enjoy...bring a dish to share...
Leave full!**



Pastor Pat is looking for ideas for the following:

- 1) Summer outreaches on the Patio...Even if they sound a little wacky...
- 2) If you missed the Children's Ministry meeting with Pastor Pat two Sunday's ago and are interested or have ideas, please contact Pastor Pat with your thoughts! 507-828-9010.

2 Last Sunday's Sermon Highlights

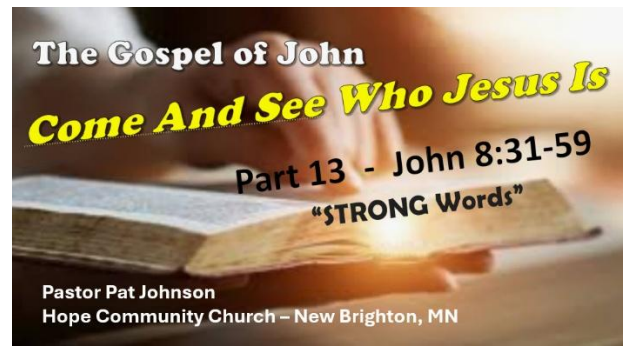
A Message By **Pat Johnson**

Review Part 12: Watch: <https://youtu.be/ODsBunFSEZY>

Read:

<https://www.hopeccnews.org/HNL/Vol160HopeCCNewsletter.pdf#page=2>

Turn in your Bibles to John 8 verse 31 and follow along:



Introduction

Strong Words: The Leaders had brought strong words to Jesus and here He spoke strong words back. The **right** strong words define and clarify rather than confront and declare. Key verses in prior dialogue: See John 8:24; if you don't believe you will die in your sins. The response: some believed (8:30)

1. John 8:31-32

This is about freedom defined...It is spoken to believers. IF you "Abide" - dwell, remain, keep growing in My words... THEN the truth, His truth, will make you free.

2. John 8:33-36

The leaders claimed they have "Never been in bondage?" (Self-deception in an unconverted man is great). But Jesus says if they sin, they are "Slaves to sin". SEE more details from Paul - Romans 6. Also see Galatians 5, and see 2 Peter 2:19. So the truth is that the Son sets us free - FREE INDEED! That is the Gospel...Set free from the penalty of death, the power of sin, and the presence of sin in eternity.

3. John 8:37-40 Confronting Inconsistency

You are Abraham's descendants and yet you seek to kill me. This is inconsistent with Abraham. He wouldn't do that. Their attitudes and actions were inconsistent with Abraham. **Are we like that too when we say we follow Jesus?** Are we inconsistent in what words we use, with what Jesus says? Words and names are not enough!

4. John 8:41-47 Confronting lies

Here we have insults based on rumors. They wanted to smear the messenger, knock him off. Jesus responded: "You are NOT ABLE to listen"...confronting their hard heartedness. In fact you are unwilling to receive truth! They were believing lies (source identified as the devil). You have no record of sin against me. You have the Words of truth but you aren't believing.

5. John 8:48-53 Name calling & insults

Now they are name calling saying to Jesus you are a "Samaritan" & "have a demon". Jesus responds: IF you keep My Word = you will never see death. (Spiritual death). This only makes sense if Jesus is God. They respond Whoa! Abraham and prophets all died. "Who do you make yourself out to be?"

6. John 8:54-59 Final declaration

Honor is from God. Abraham rejoiced to see My day!! See Genesis 17 – Announcement of a coming son
Genesis 18 - pronounces judgment on Sodom. Possibly others. Jesus responds: **"I AM"** Before Abraham was, "I AM"
This was an eternal claim. See Exodus 3:13-15 – I AM is the name of God. I AM is the title of Deity...his name forever. These are the Strongest Words!

Conclusions:

-Strong words are sometimes necessary...When we speak...Be careful: Is it True or just our opinion?

Are our words Spirit directed (patient, kind, gentle....)

Some people want Answers and some Arguments. See: Proverbs 26:4-5

Listen carefully and respond correctly.

What is REAL freedom?

People search in many ways and many places, but it is only found in Jesus
Unbelief, hard hearts, pride...That is the core of sin

"I AM" = Jesus is God = The **"STRONGEST WORDS"** of truth!

Watch the whole
sermon to get
every detail!

Click Here

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Missionary Updates

Faith Pyne – South America

Earlier this month I took a week's vacation to go visit some dear friends of mine, whom I had only met just 18 months ago.

That's right, I went *back* to Colombia!

In the short 5 months that I was there, it completely stole my heart. I love the people. The country is beautiful. Simply put, Colombia will always have a special place in my heart for many reasons, the primary being that that's where I started this crazy journey and was received so well.



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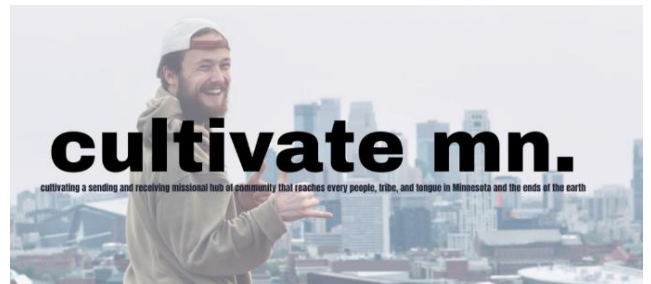
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Missionary Updates

William Reid – Twin Cities YWAM

Hey friends! The intent of this letter is to present the financial needs of \$2,250 that I have in order to go on a scouting trip to Tunisia next month and ask if you'd pray and ask God if He

would have you contribute toward meeting these needs. The rest of the letter will be the context, intents, and purpose of this trip. If you read through it and it moves your heart or if you take time to ask the Lord and feel compelled to partner with me on this trip, I'll leave a donation link at the bottom of the email. Shalom!



CONTINUED: See the full report at:

<https://mailchi.mp/77ef55c95668/special-ask-tunisia-scouting-trip?e=bba8f7ee2f>

Note: The DONATE link in the report does not work....Click this link to donate:

<https://wixsite.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=da926d2147dcd2aee838e7e34&id=5655c3883d&e=bba8f7ee2f>

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YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED

We need more reviews!

Our church building was home to a Day Care a number of years back. Many in the neighborhood still think of our building as a Day Care center instead of a church. Many Google reviews exclaim that and we need to change that. Since we can't eliminate older reviews...we can create new ones that express what Hope CC is today. Here is what you can do:

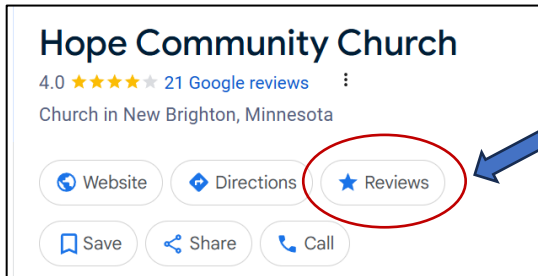
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3) Click REVIEWS

4) Write a review

Thanks for your help!

A Little Humor

