

# SUNDAY BRIEFING



## Discerning Ears Required for Christians

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

As a youngster, I grew up attending church regularly.

Indeed, even when my parents had an illness or some other reason to miss a Sunday service, I managed to find another ride to attend our church services.

The result is that I listened to many sermons and I learned to listen for certain things that met my understanding of what was suitably a message from God.

Later attending seminary, we learned of various types of sermons that have become popular with different individuals and denominations. However, for me, the expository approach was always my preference for it emphasized

the Bible as the message with explanations and applications to our current world. The point is that we have to listen carefully and distinguish between the sermon of a true preacher and the words of a simple motivational speaker!

While the motivational speaker may have an interesting message and entice the listener to action, it is not for the purpose of our feelings/emotions alone that we gather to worship. My prayer is that you will have discerning ears and hearts toward what messages are "God sourced" and what is "man sourced!"

## UPCOMING

**June 4-18 |**  
Youth Camp Alternative on Fridays

**June 21-25 |**  
Children's Vacation Bible School

**June 13 |**  
Graduate Recognition

**June 20 |**  
Father's Day Appreciation

# Living Out Your Faith

Pastor Dillon Le

1 Peter 4:1-11

1. Have an urgency for the gospel (v.7-8)
2. Serve from an overflow of the Spirit (v.9-10)
3. Persevere by God's strength (v.11)

## Announcements & Prayers

**Vacation Bible School June 21-25.** Please support Teacher Grace Lee as she makes plans to guide us in our children's VBS this year.

**Church Council Meeting** - The June council meeting has been postponed to July. Please contact Pastor Don or Pastor Dillon for any special council actions.

**Youth Camp Alternative.** June 4th, 11th, & 18th from 7:30pm-9:30pm. The youth group will meet in the FLC to livestream with guest speaker, Bryce Harris, on the topic: God's gift of Christian community. Youth are encouraged to invite friends.

**Graduate Recognition** - On June 13th, we will celebrate and pray for all of the new graduates in our church family.

**Father's Day Appreciation** - On June 20th, the Children's Ministry will show special appreciation in honor of Father's Day after the English Worship service at 10:20AM. Please join us!

*And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

**2 COR. 5:15**

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## CONNECT

The best way for knowing about who God is and what God does is through the Bible. Though we all could read and study the Bible individually, we learn so much more when we read and study the Bible together in a group. Bible study groups at FCBC PHX offer a variety of options for all ages, with groups that meet during weekdays, evenings, or Sunday morning. Contact us!

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