



# Welcome

08/20/2023

John 3:16

We, the families of the Village Bible Church do lovingly welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the Gospel.

As a body of believers, we are unified under the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We exist to equip the saints through preaching, teaching, and biblical discipleship which results in genuine worship, progressive sanctification, the exercise of spiritual gifts in Christian service, and evangelization of the lost. In everything, our goal and desire is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

## Announcements

Hymn #172 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

## Greeting

Hymn #414 All I Need

Hymn #474 I'd Rather Have Jesus

Offertory – Tyler Bourne and Sarah Sexton

Hymn #444 I Love You, Lord

## Message

Hymn #487 Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

*As we leave this place, we are entering the Mission Field—  
May the Lord find us Faithful!*

## Missionary of the Month

### Isaiah and Rosanna Peterson

The Petersons and their daughter Tirzah live and serve in Cusco, Peru. They are very involved in the local churches there; helping with church planting, building projects, children's ministries, and more. Isaiah is working on Bible translation as well as teaching seminary classes. He regularly explores the jungles and surrounding areas to do research on the many languages there and work with the pastors who desire to have the Word of God easily accessible in their language.

The Petersons serve under Baptist Mid-Missions, and their sending church is in Iowa.

**If you would like to give a special gift to this ministry this month, feel free to put it in the offering plate marked accordingly.**

### This Week:

**TONIGHT 6PM**  
Prayer Service

**WEDNESDAY 7PM**  
Bible Study/Kids Club

Updating Picture Wall and Directory!

We would like to have anyone who is church family to be on the wall and in our directory. See Debbie S. for details!

### September Activities:

- 3 – No Eve. Service
- 7 – Ladies Bible Study Resumes
- 10 – Guest Lordson Roch
- 11 – Dorcas Meeting
- 16 – Men's Breakfast
- 25 – VCY Rally

### FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshiping together. We believe children learn much from sharing the worship experience with adults. Please be considerate of others and keep children in their seats and as quiet as possible. Pews in the rear of the Sanctuary are reserved for families with small children.

**Cry room – Back of Sanctuary**

**Nursery 6 mo. – 3 yrs.**

**Lyndzi/Sarah**

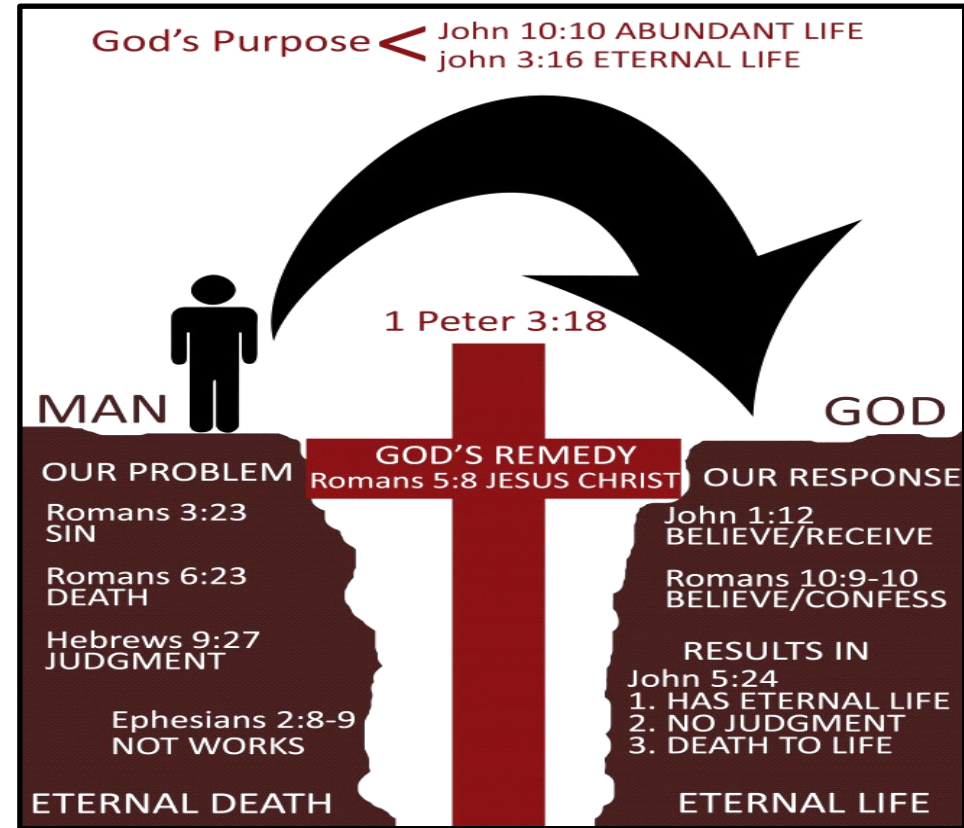
August 20, 2023

Pastor JJ Sexton

# Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People

“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom,  
that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus”



Sunday Morning Sunday School  
 Sunday Morning Worship Service  
 Sunday Evening Prayer Service  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
 Services available for all ages

9:30 a.m.  
 10:45 a.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

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*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

*John 3:16*

## Rejecting Saul and Choosing David (2) 1 Samuel 16:1–7

God always chooses His man.

God always accomplishes His will through the man He chooses.

The scenario is arranged by God - v. 2–5

- The Lord did not want David to rise to power through a civil war.
- The Lord arranged a secret meeting between Samuel and Jesse.
- Jesse was of the tribe of Judah, a descendant of Boaz, from Bethlehem.

The Lord refuses to choose by human standards - v. 6–10

- Samuel expected God to choose the most obviously qualified of Jesse's sons.
- God immediately differentiated His standard of choice.
- Eliab and his brothers were rejected like Saul (v. 1).

*For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*

- People can only evaluate from a worldly perspective.
- By outward human measurement, Saul was not a failure as king - **1 Samuel 15:19–21**
- God's standard is not the outward trappings of human and worldly measurement.
- The Lord looks at the heart - **Genesis 16:13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?"**
- He examines the heart - **Hebrews 4:12–13 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**
- He tests the heart - **Proverbs 17:3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the hearts. Proverbs 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.**
- He knows the heart (God is the heart-knower) - **Psalms 139:23–24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.**
- The Lord transforms the heart - **Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

The Lord did not choose David because he had a heart for God.

The Lord chose David so that He give David a heart for God - **Psalms 27:8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."**

**Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.**