

# NSD Notes

*For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)*  
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## Services

Bible Study ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Service.....11 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

## News @ NSD

- **Jason Hendrson** – keep him in your prayers.
- **Martha Holloway** – leg is still sore but she is improving.
- **Dema’s** sister-in-law – diagnosed with bone cancer.
- **Jessica Fredrickson** – headaches improving but still need prayer.
- **Scott Shaw’s** dad, Tommy – battling liver cancer.
- **Marie Adams** – knees are doing better with new medication.
- **Jeanne Lynne** – facing more surgeries.

There are several gospel meetings being held in the area. Information is posted on the bulletin board.

### Sunday Morning Class

Psalms

### Wednesday Night Class

Character Studies: Daniel

## TAKE COMFORT

**B. Johnson**

*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us, a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. (2 Corinthians 4:17)*

One brother may say, "Light affliction! You mean that suffering at the hands of my co-workers because I am a Christian, is light affliction? They reject me, slander and mock me day after day. How can I keep from worrying about these things?"

A young Christian teen may say, "Ever since I became a member of the church, my school friends have left me. They will not invite me to go with them anywhere because they know I will not participate in the things they do. That is hard to endure when we were so close before. I worry about losing my friends."

The heart of a young mother whose husband has not embraced the truth may be torn because her husband is trying to undermine the teaching she is giving the children. She may be the object of mockery or rejection by her relatives and in-laws or by her own children. How can she endure and focus on the eternal things when her earthly trials are so traumatic day after day? How can she keep from worrying?

*Are they servants of Christ?--I speak as if insane--I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. 2 Corinthians 11:23-27*



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All are welcome to our worship  
and study meetings!

*... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16*

Unless the LORD *had been* my help,  
My soul would soon have  
settled in silence.  
If I say, "My foot slips,"  
Your mercy, O LORD, will hold  
me up.  
In the multitude of my anxieties  
within me,  
Your comforts delight my  
soul.

**Psalm 94: 17-19**

Lamp of Life,  
come show me the way  
Light my night,  
oh Star of the Day  
Lest I fall on feet made of clay  
Lamp of Life,  
light up my heart.

Lord of Life,  
let my hands be Thine  
Help me now,  
forget they are mine  
Move my feet with Thy will divine  
Lord of Life,  
rule in my heart.

**D. N. Henderson**

## [Take Comfort]

The Apostle Paul was the one speaking in **2 Corinthians 4:17** and the trials which he endured, to most of us today, would have seemed to be anything but light. These trials consisted of want (maybe even near starvation), danger, contempt, stoning, toil, weariness, and the scorn of the world. He was constantly exposed to the threat of death by land and by sea (**2 Cor. 4:7-10; 2 Cor. 11:23-27**).

Yet these trials, even though they continued many years, were spoken of as *light* when compared with that eternal glory which awaited him. He dealt with them as they came and did not worry or wavier in his faith. Trials had followed him ever since he began to preach the Gospel, and he expected that they would follow him to the end of life (**Acts 20:23**). Yet, all this was a momentary trifle compared with the eternal glory before him.

*And now behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.*

**Acts 20:22-23**

We also need to focus on the eternal glory that awaits us rather than the temporary burdens so that we can win the battle against Satan. If we allow ourselves to worry and fret about the temporary, those things will overshadow the eternal. We cannot gain the victory that way.

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**The first step to  
wisdom is silence; the second is listening.  
The one who listens is the one who  
understands.**

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