



Sunday School Opening
2024.3.31

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100 I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend.

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1. I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! He lov'd me ere I knew Him;

He drew me with the cords of love, And thus He bound me to Him.

And 'round my heart still closely twine Those ties which naught can sever,

For I am His, and He is mine, For - ev - er and for - ev - er.

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Attribute: Hymns of Grace and Truth #100,

2 I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!
 He bled, He died to save me;
 And not alone the gift of life,
 But His own self He gave me.
 Naught that I have my own I call,
 I hold it for the Giver:
 My heart, my strength, my life, my all,
 Are His, and His forever.

Th' eternal glories gleam afar,
 To serve my faint endeavor;
 So now to watch, to work, to war,
 And then to rest forever.

3 I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!
 All power to Him is given
 To guard me on my onward course,
 And bring me safe to heaven.

4 I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!
 So kind, and true, and tender,
 So wise a Counsellor and Guide,
 So mighty a Defender!
 From Him, who loves me now so well,
 What power my soul can sever?
 Shall life or death, or earth or hell?
 No; I am His forever.

Henry David Thoreau "Friendship"

Two Sturdy Oaks I mean, which side
by side

Withstand the winter's storm.

And spite of wind and tide,

Grow up the meadow's pride,

For both are strong

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Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)

Above they barely touch, but undermined
Down to their deepest source,
Admiring you shall find
Their roots are intertwined
Insep'rably.

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What this meant to me immediately

- I was struck by the illustration that enabled me to see two strong individuals, who on the surface appear to be separate, yet unseen they have their stability in their roots, which are intertwined together.
- Ephesians 3:17 “rooted” “grounded”
- Ephesians 4:13 “Mature man”
- The Apostles each were “strong oak trees,” yet shared common roots.
- Prayer meeting, Bob said, “Psalm 1, by the rivers of water” Steve said, “Our roots are in Scripture”



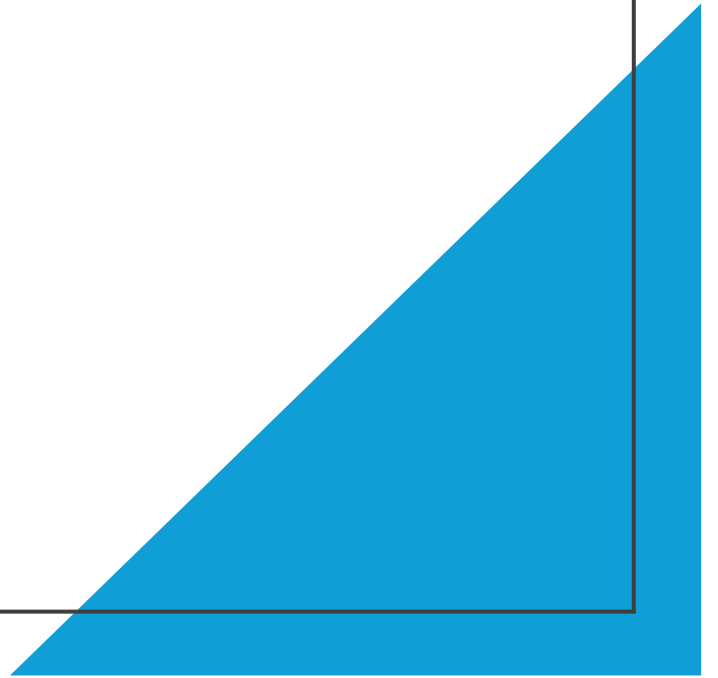
Two Oaks, Yet Too Strong minded.

- Paul, Silas, Barnabas, Mark
- Acts 15:36-40 “Kept insisting.” “Sharp disagreement”
- This Biblical account may help us when we are at odds with someone we love. The dialogue will get head strong, animated, and strength becomes a hindrance.
- I said to myself “My trainer is a genius” in order for me to learn from him. One time I told him this, and he beamed with delight, and it opened up more doors to cooperation. I learned something that otherwise I would have resisted, to do it my own way.

Humility, not head strong.

Can you say to yourself,

“God, You are a genius?”



He wishes for the Cloths of Heaven

Had I the heaven's embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

A poem
offered to
another,
learning to
respect
God.

Immediately I thought how sacred!

Telling of revelations, please tread on them softly.

“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”

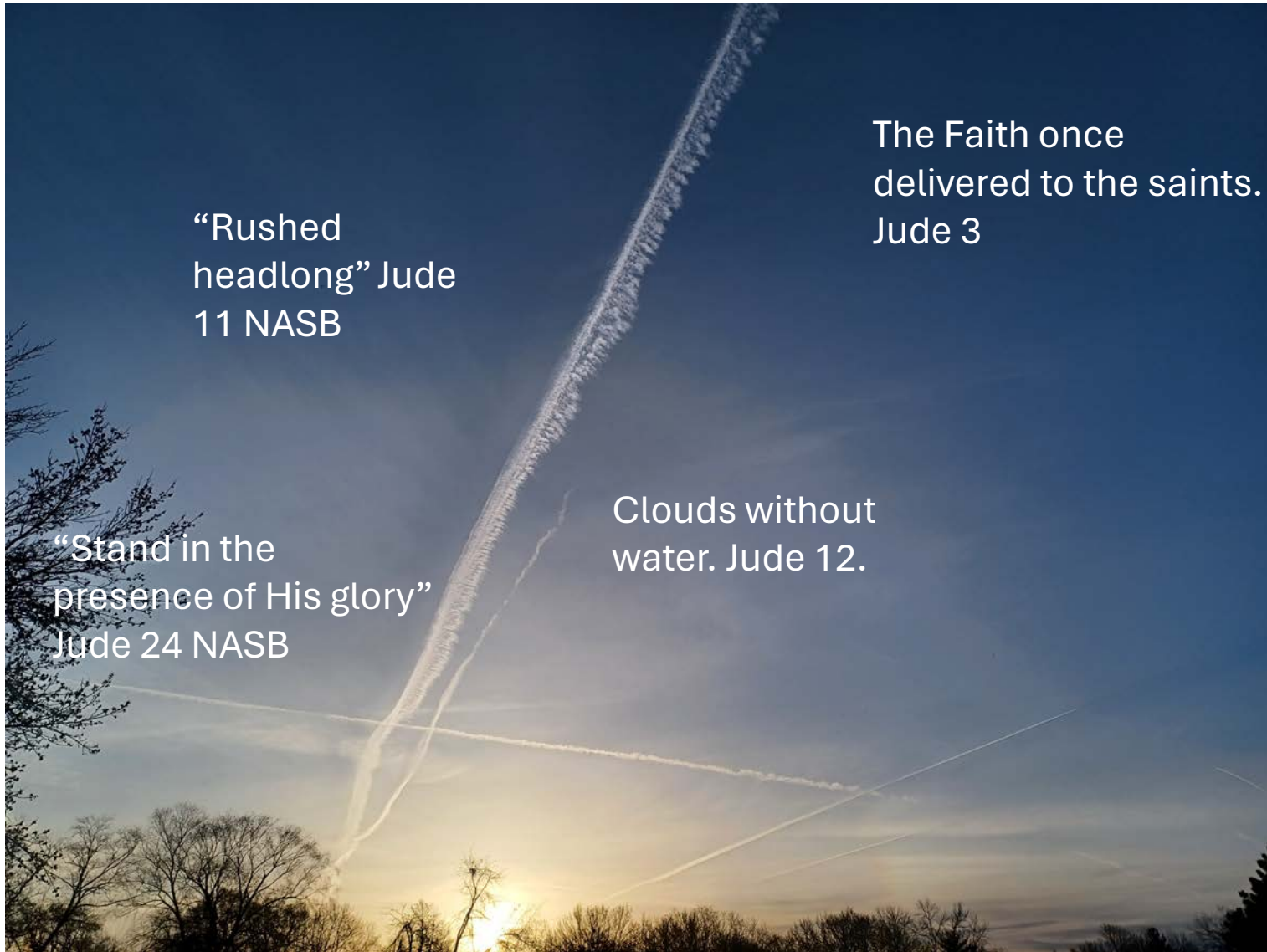
#365 “Hymns of Truth and Praise”

The refrain is to “come home” The prodigal returning,
the sinner to come to Jesus. This appeal was shared by
the author for himself and others. “For you and for me.”

Telling the gospel, not just the facts, but sacred ground.

This poem teaches not to “walk in” carelessly.

March 12, 2024
Tuesday
7:59 am
Compare the
“invented” look
alike clouds of
vapor and the
ones that
appear on their
own. See how
the jet vapor
creates straight
lines then
observe the
many kinds of
clouds which
are never
straight. The
first is invented,
the second
authentic and
natural.



The Faith once
delivered to the saints.
Jude 3

Authentic for us is
THE FAITH.
Natural faith for the
trusting Child of God
in all circumstances.
Not limited by time.
Illustrated here are
invented clouds and
applied to invented
religion. You will know
it, characterized by
arrow like straight
lines. Purposed for a
time. The jet must
land, and it is aimed
to a destination of its
own. Circumstance
and Time limited.

Rushed “headlong” Jude 11

Please remember what I had brought out on longing on 12.23.2023 Sunday School Opening.

In German, the feeling of longing for something that exists outside of the self to which it feels itself to be connected was crystalized in the word ‘*das Sehnen*’ They complain of boredom (rather than the kingdom) they seek the excitement of new things, but nothing satisfies the ache. They recreate a life that is made only of little things, not the whole.

Here are some Biblical longings that had gone right and gone wrong.

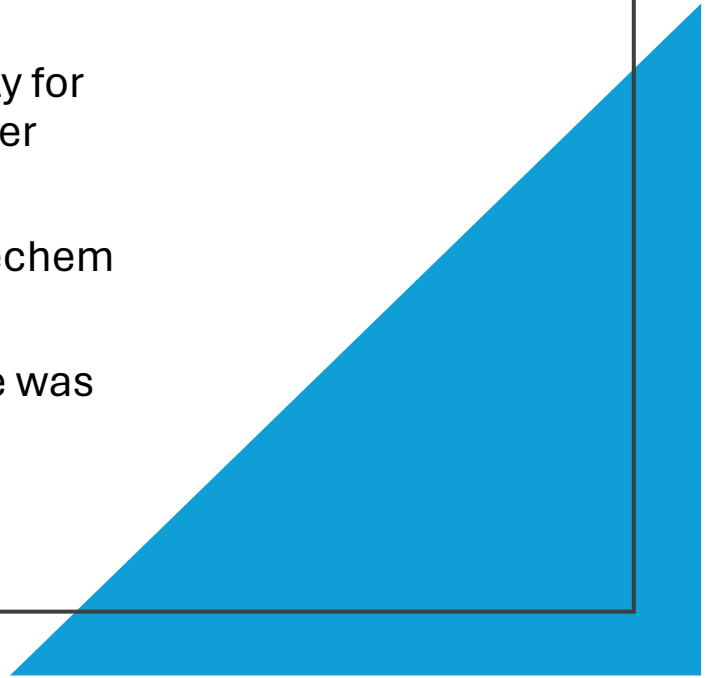
King David, Laban to Jacob, Shechem, and King David. Psalm 84:2, Genesis 31:30, Genesis 34:8, 2 Samuel 13:39.

New Testament Longings by the Apostle Paul: Romans 1:11, Romans 8:19, 2 Corinthians 5:2, Philippians 2:26, Philippians 4:1, 1 Timothy 6:10, 2 Timothy 1:4.

- McGilchrist continued with ‘longing’ explaining that this ‘*das Sehnen*’ is the same root word as a tendon. The object of longing is that towards which we ‘tend’ and tendon is similarly related to the words ‘tend’ and ‘tendency.’ In fact, the English word ‘sinew’ is cognate with ‘*die Sehne*’ and ‘sinew’ use to refer to the whole elastic union of muscle and tendon. These images suggest the working of a joint, as for example, the elbow. The joint is made possible by the existence of the tendon, an elastic connection that allows the bones to take part in the joint (but do not constitute the joint) to move away from each other and to remain connected. Or to move together and remain separate.
- I don’t think I will ever hear the word tendency the same way as before. I had thought only the actual tendon, not the German meaning.

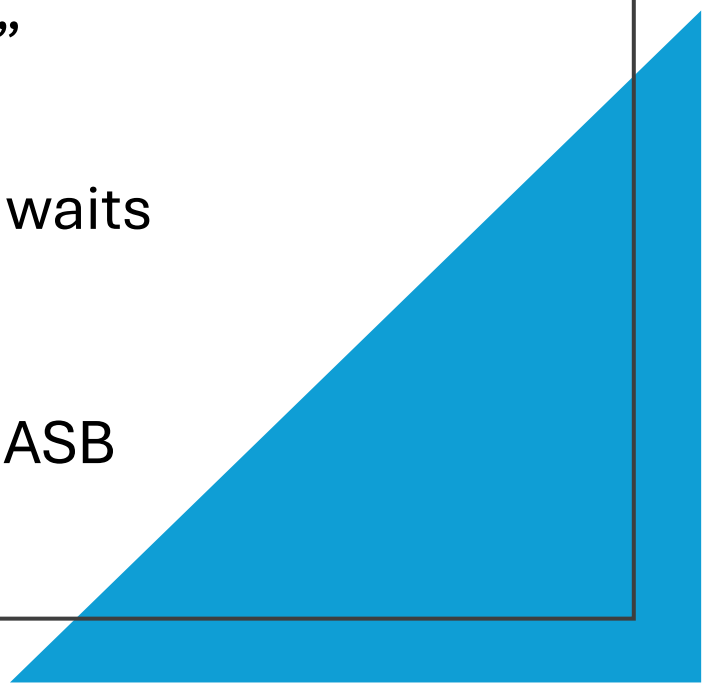


- Psalm 84:2 “My Soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD,” NASB King David
- Genesis 31:30 “Now you have indeed gone away because you longed greatly for your father’s house; *but why did you steal my gods?*” NASB Laban to Jacob after leaving with his wives and his gods.
- Genesis 34:8 “But Hamor spoke with them, saying, “The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter; please give her to him in marriage.” NASB
- 2 Samuel 13:39 “The heart of King David longed to go out to Absalom; for he was comforted concerning Amnon, since he was dead.” NASB



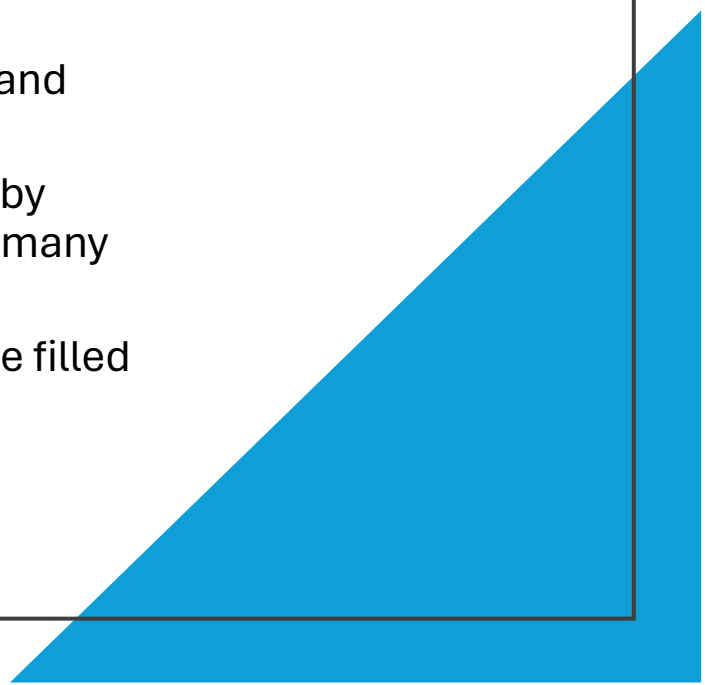


- Romans 1:11 “For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;” NASB
- Romans 8:19 “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.” NASB
- 2 Corinthians 5:2 “For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven,” NASB





- Philippians 2:26 “because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.” NASB Speaking about Epaphroditus
- Philippians 4:1 “Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.” NASB
- 1 Timothy 6:10 “For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” NASB
- 2 Timothy 1:4 “longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy.” NASB



- These poems, and my words are meant for us to behold, belong, be connected, and to believe.
- McGilchrist said. “The Word became flesh, not the flesh became the word.”



March 19, 2024 7:10 pm,