

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

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Bible Study

**THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES
*“Surviving the Struggle”***

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REVIEW

**THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES
“The Approach to the World”
Rev. Thomas Wilson (March 20, 2019)**

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the lesson, disciples will be able to:

1. Identify a Biblical view of themselves, relationships, fellow believers and the world.
2. Identify areas where personal change is needed.

MATERIALS:

Bible and Lesson Handouts

METHODS:

Lecture with Questions, Discussion, & Breakout Groups

**THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES
“Let the Redeemed Tell Their Story”
Rev. Abraham Gunter (March 27, 2019)**

GOAL:

Our goal is to show that to effectively evangelize others we must tell our story.

OBJECTIVES:

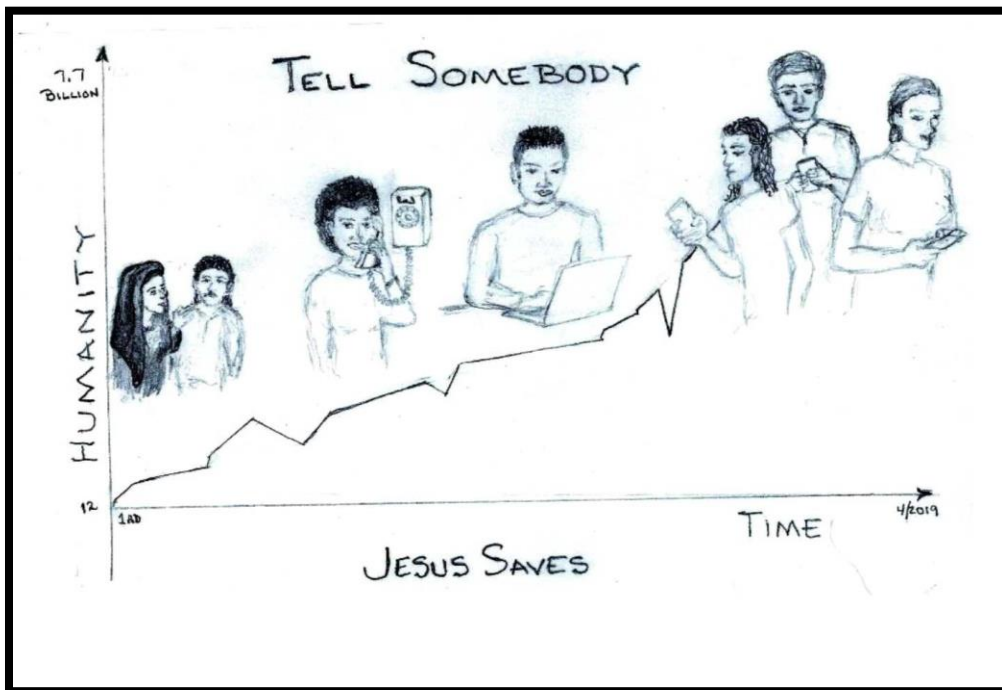
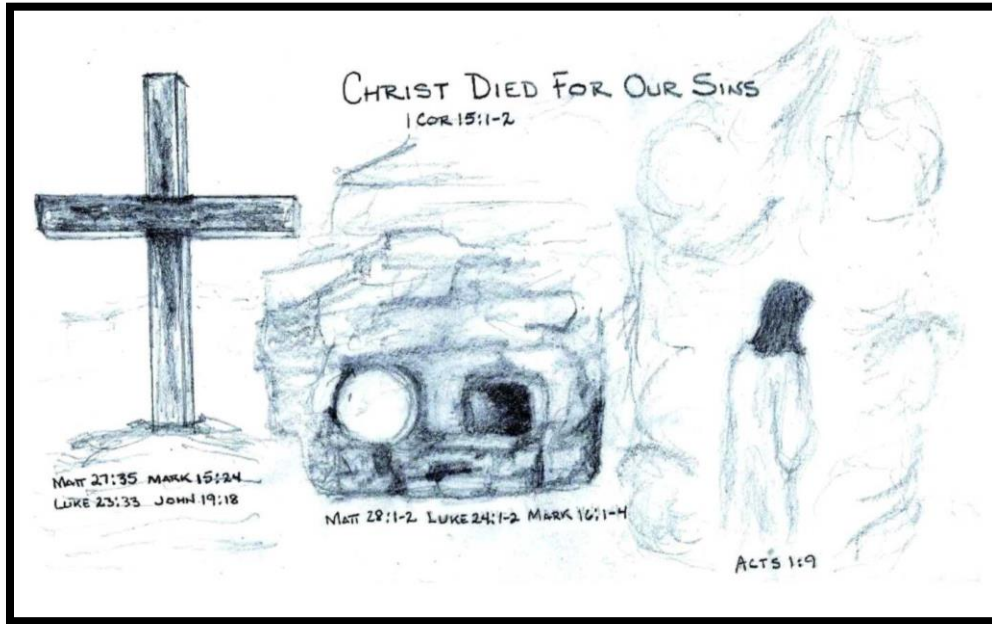
To emphasize the importance and value of your story.

FOCUS:

Building the Kingdom

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*“Telling My Story –
Sis. Floranne Dunford” Yeah!!*



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TODAY'S LESSON
"Surviving the Struggle"
"The Unexamined Life is Not Worth Living"
~ Socrates

OBJECTIVES

Students will examine:

- Their sacrifice given on behalf of Christ – Romans 12:1
- The substance their gifts contribute to the kingdom – Rom. 12:2
- The impact their spiritual presence has on the kingdom – 1 Peter 1:16

Surviving the Struggle Requires us...

- To be sacrificial as we work to build the kingdom of God.
- To present gifts of substance as love offerings unto God.
- To demonstrate a life of holiness as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DEFINITIONS

Substance – material, physical, and spiritual contributions; the most important part being a behavior that displays values that have impact on one's spiritual development.

Spirituality - the urgency of being concerned with the human's soul that reflects, matches, and connects with the things of God.

Sacrifice – You submit and surrender a possession to someone else with the goal of increasing their capacity.

A. A LIFE OF SACRIFICE

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies
a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your
mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

(Romans 12:1-2)

Pick out key words that point to you being sacrificial.

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B. GIFTS OF SUBSTANCE
ROMANS 12:3-8

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (vs. 3)

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (vs. 4-5)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. (vs. 6-8)

I. APPLICATION

Gifts of substance include:

- Heart of humility (Romans 12:3)
- House of diversity (Romans 12:4-5)
- Members with specificity (Romans 12:6-8)

II. ASSIGNMENT

To affirm the worth of true fellowship:

- Prioritize each other (Romans 12:9-16)
- Trust God with your enemies (Romans 12:17-21)

C. THE ACT OF ASSIMILATION

“Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”
(1 Peter 1:16)

Assimilation - the process of taking in and fully understanding information or ideas and becoming like...

DEMONSTRATING THE LORD’S PRESENCE

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