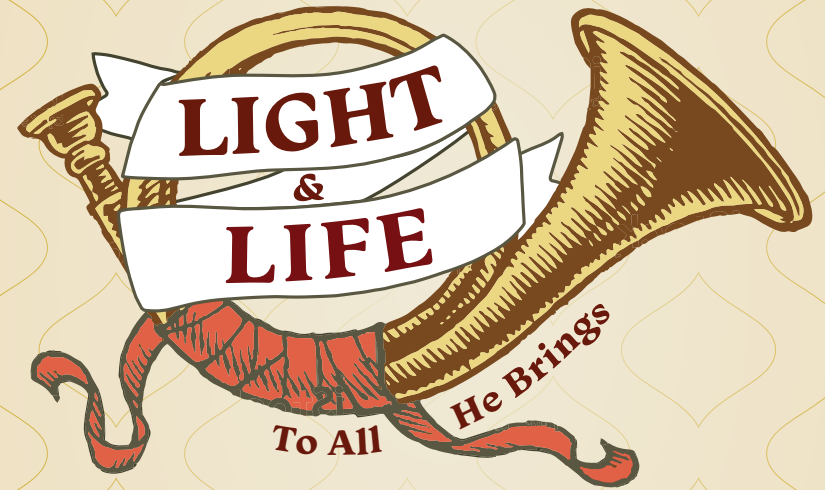


*Week of December 12, 2021*

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. How would your life change if you knew that you would die as a martyr?
3. In verse 19 John describes Peter's death as a glory to God. How can death be glorifying to God?
4. Peter is commanded to follow Jesus, even knowing that he will be killed for doing so. While there aren't many martyrs in our direct cultural context, how do you see our culture pressuring or punishing believers for their faith?
5. What has it cost you to follow Jesus?
6. After receiving his instructions, Peter then turns and asks about "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (vs 20-21). What risk is there in comparing our lives to those of others?
7. What benefit is there in comparing our lives to those of others?
8. This third week of Advent focuses on faith. Where do you find faith in our passage this week?
9. How has the overall study of the Gospel of John impacted your life?



## NOW DISPLAY THY SAVING POW'R

John 21:18-23 / Chris Martin / December 12, 2021

Faith Will Follow Till Your Story Is \_\_\_\_\_ (18-19)

Faith Will Follow Though Your Story Is \_\_\_\_\_ (20-23)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AGAPE FUND

We have an Agape fund that helps people financially. We have had an increase in requests asking for assistance. If you would like to contribute to the fund, you can give online, or in the offering basket at the back of the auditorium (please designate for the Agape Fund).

### FIREFIGHTER GIFT BASKETS

Staci Miles is assembling Christmas baskets for firefighting families who have lost their jobs due to covid. She is looking for financial donations to purchase grocery gift cards for the families or a fun holiday activity to bring Christmas cheer. Some examples: family craft, Christmas movies or books, a game or cookie decorating kit for the family. Contact Staci (541-401-2820) to donate and also to arrange drop off/pick up of donated items. Donations need to be in by December 14th.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us on Christmas Eve for one of our candlelight services! Our services this year are at 4:30 & 6 pm and the nursery is available for both services. Our 4:30 pm service has a masked room option available

### NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT

The Men's Ministry is hosting a Family New Year's Eve game night here at VBC on January 31, from 6-10 pm. Bring your favorite board game and finger food or dessert to share. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. There is no childcare for this event.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts, gave money for shipping and filled shoeboxes. We delivered 481 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to the local collection church. We were part of the 17,685 shoeboxes collected in the Spokane area. May God bless you for loving children around the world, that they might hear about Jesus and His gift of salvation. With praise to God, Debbi Bersagel and Pam Doi.

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**As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.**

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Building Fund: Given \$1,183,097 / Loan Remaining Balance \$235,933