



THE VOICE

OF CORNERSTONE FIFTY PLUS

December 2025

Proclaiming the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to All Generations

Volume V Issue 12

Is Jesus truly Lord of your life?

Pastor Jerry has been teaching from Luke 6 a series he has entitled "Standing Through the Storms." He read verse 46 as part of his Text the last two weeks where our Lord Jesus says "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?"

The term "Lord" denotes surrender and/or submission to a ruler out of love and gratitude. When someone submits or surrenders out of love and/or gratitude obedience is a natural result. Why? Because, love and obedience go hand in hand. Obedience is the outward manifestation or evidence, if you will, of the proclaimed love. If a person, truly loves another, they will do their best to comply and please the one with whom they love. If they don't, it is because they really don't love. They are just saying they love. Their words are cheap and of no value.

That is why our Lord Jesus was asking "why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?" Our Lord Jesus tells us in John 14:15 "if you love me, keep my commands" and in verse 24 our Lord Jesus continues saying "and anyone who does not love Me will not obey me..." The Apostle John writes in 1 John 2:4 "If someone claims, I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth." Why you may ask? Because love and obedience go hand in hand. Obedience is the evidence of the love that is inside a person, while disobedience is the evidence of the love that is not inside a person. It really is as simple as this.

So ask yourself, is Jesus Lord of your life or is that something you just say to impress people or get special attention or favor with others? For if Jesus truly is Lord of your life, then your life will reveal a surrender, an obedience, and/or a commitment to following our Lord and His Way and the motivation will be simply because you love Him back and His commandments will not be burdensome to you. (1 John 5:3) So again, ask yourself is loving our Lord a chore or a joy to you?

If our Lord Jesus isn't Lord of your life, make the decision to surrender to Him today! Oh the process of sanctification will be long and difficult at times! But, if one is committed to truly making Jesus Lord of their lives, they will submit themselves to Him and allow the Holy Spirit to transform their life in the likeness of our Lord Jesus through obedience to Word and His Way. Such a person will make Jesus truly Lord of their life and their service to Him will be from a heart of love and gratitude and obedience to His commands will not be burdensome! (1 John 5:3)

With our Lord's help we may we not just proclaim Jesus is Lord of our lives, but may we truly make Him Lord of our lives!!

With much love, respect, and prayer for you all!

Bible Trivia

1. What two New Testament epistles speak of the righteousness of the prostitute Rahab?
2. What mighty man was the first hunter?
3. Who heard a voice that said "Write down what you see"?
4. What king of Babylon went insane and lived in the fields, where he ate grass and let his hair and fingernails grow long?
5. What Jewish girl became queen of Persia?

Upcoming Events

Fifty Plus "Candy Cane" Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 3:00PM at the church.

Everyone is asked to bring their favorite Christmas dish, dessert, main dish or finger food. Wear your "Candy Cane" best and come and join us for a great time of fun and fellowship to the sweet glory of our Lord Jesus!

Fifty Plus Monthly Mid-Day Meal and Service will be

Thursday January 8, 2026 at the church at 11:30AM. Lunch

will be served at 11:30AM with the service starting immediately afterwards. (usually around 12:15PM) Meat, drinks, and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share and join us for a great time of food, fun, and fellowship, as we worship our Lord together!! Bob and Carrie Hughes will be our special speaker and share their testimony and involvement in the AG MAPS program. We hope to see you there!

Remember the fundraising effort of \$8000 to build a

church in Madagascar, Africa. We have raised approximately \$1309.00, but still need your help! Please pray and consider what you would like to give toward this effort!

Have an Anniversary or Birthday coming up? Let Cindy know your special date, so we can celebrate with you!!

On a Lighter Side:



© 2009 Johnny Hawkins. More at LeadershipJournal.net/Caricatures

"Well, at least they're honest about it."

A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here is a copy of the service" the Pastor said impatiently. "But, you will have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the Pastor paused and said "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repair cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4000.00 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!!

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought for a moment then asked, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

An elderly woman died having never married. She requested no male pallbearers at her funeral service. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service she had written, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead!"

A police recruit was asked during an exam, "what would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" The young recruit replied without hesitation... "CALL FOR BACKUP!"

Prayer Needs:

Ruth Elmore
Roger Mullin
Brenda Gomez
Judy Biasca
Josie Nino
Kathy Jelinek

Happy December Birthday to:

Crystal Pierce - Dec. 4
Robert Ruiz - 4
Carol Collier - Dec. 5
Tony Turner - 5
Jeff May - Dec. 7
Donna Cochran - Dec. 12
Bob Hughes - Dec. 14
Josie Nino - Dec. 26
Chris Griffin - Dec. 28
Lori Slone - Dec. 28
LuAnn Gill - Dec. 29

Happy December Anniversary to:

Jeff & Gail May - Dec. 1
Doug & Carmen Pady - Dec. 21
John & Kathy Jelinek - Dec. 22
Dave & Shelia Nickel - Dec. 31

Trivia Answers:

1) James 2:25 and Hebrews 11:31 2) Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-9)
3) John (Revelation 1:10) 4) Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:33)
5) Esther (Esther 2:17)

Here's a Recipe to Try Pepperoni Pizza Rolls

1 (8 OZ) Can Crescent rolls
24-32 pieces pepperoni slices
4 mozzarella string cheese sticks cut in half
1 Tablespoon olive oil or melted butter
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
Marinara sauce for dipping (optional)
Preheat oven to 375 & line a baking sheet with parchment.
Unroll dough and separate into 8 triangles. Place 3-4 pepperoni slices on wide end of each triangle. Add half of a mozzarella stick on top of pepperoni. Roll each triangle tightly from wide end to the tip to form crescent shape. Place rolls seam side down on baking sheet. Brush tops with oil or butter. Sprinkle tops with Italian seasoning. Bake 12-15 min. until golden brown. Let cool a few minutes & serve warm with marinara sauce.

Submitted by Caroline Doyle