

# Do you see yourself as world sees you or as Lord sees you?

So how are you seeing yourself this week? I hope you see yourself not as the world sees you, but how the Lord sees you.

Do you know how He sees you? You need to, because it will revolutionize how you view and practice your faith.

I want to finish up our topic last week of what makes you you. If you remember, we were looking at Moses and the Lord asking him to lay down his staff. That staff represented several things to Moses — his financial security, his relational security and physical security.

When Moses let go of his staff, it turned into a snake. Here is the million dollar question: What if Moses had held onto his staff? It would have just remained a staff. Moses



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would have forfeited a miracle.

Moses experienced some incredible miracles in his lifetime, but may I submit to you if he had held onto the staff, he would have remained a shepherd. He would have spent the rest of his life counting sheep.

Deciding to let go of your staff allows for defining moments to happen in your life. I can think of one in my life. I was living in Oakley doing a summer youth internship at a church. I was planning on returning

to college the following fall but told the Lord I would be willing to stay if he wanted me to.

You have to understand, I knew getting a degree was important to my parents, or at least I felt that. It was important to me too. It was time for the big decision.

Rational said go back to school. Be with your friends. Finish your education. There is not much here but the world's largest prairie dog! But, I felt like God was calling me to throw down my staff and stay and to not let a degree be my identity.

Can I tell you, the minute I did

that, miracles started happening. I experienced the Lord and His goodness in ways I never had up to that point. Let me tell you one. Two weeks after I laid it down, I met my wife, and the Bible says, "He who finds a wife, finds a good thing." (Prov. 18:22) There is more to that story, but I don't have time.

If you don't throw that staff down, you'll never know who you could have become. Or you can let your staff just be a staff. God gives you that choice.

God promises us this — at the end of your life, you'll realize that you got back more than you gave up. In the words of Jim Elliott: "He is no fool for losing what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

I have officiated several funerals

and have never seen the hearse pull a trailer.

Understand, who you are isn't nearly important as *whose* you are. So whose are you? Let's get to the bottom of this. What you can do for God isn't nearly as important as what God can do for you.

Who you are isn't the issue. The true issue has always been and will always be who God is. Author Louis Giglio put it this way, "We become intoxicated by the lie that the sum of our lives depends on our effort alone."

Why don't you throw down what is in your hand and let God place something in your hand? You can live your life in His hands. I realize that reason tells you to hold on, but faith tells you to let it go. Which

voice will you listen to?

Norman Cousins said, "People are never more insecure than when they become obsessed with their fears at the expense of their dreams."

Throw down your staff. Take up your cross, and follow Christ. It is a really exciting journey the Lord has planned for you, and I pray that you take that journey and lose yourself in Him.

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# Wallace County Big Brothers to hold picnic, pool party July 9

As summer quickly comes upon us, several activities are being planned. A "Big For a Day" was held Tuesday at the KOA Campgrounds.



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- big brothers big sisters

The Wallace County Big Brothers Big Sisters will be holding their annual pool/picnic event at the Wallace County Pool on Sunday, July 9. Please give Myrt a call at (785) 852-5301 by Thursday, July 6, if you are interested in taking part.

The Cheyenne County organization will soon have a case manager to assist in intake of both volunteers and children, and we are excited about that.

The last couple of months, I have been sharing some important items from a speech from Rep. Tom Osborne. I will complete his comments this month.

Osborne picks up with a definition of post-modernism: "It says there are no such things as moral absolutes. There is nothing right or absolutely wrong. Everything is relative. In the case of theft, maybe even murder, maybe even incest, adultery, treason, it depends on the circumstance.

"So as a result, we have a whole generation of folks growing up with the idea that there is really nothing that is truly wrong and that everything can be explained away depending upon the circumstance. There is no culture that is more than one generation away from dissolution."

Osborne continues his speech by bringing up the importance of mentoring. His views can be taken as a national, state or local concern.

Osborne continues: "Mentoring is providing an adult in the life of a young person who cares — someone who cares about them unconditionally. Secondly, a mentor is someone who affirms, who says I believe in you. Again, there are so many young people today who don't hear a positive message. Then the third thing a mentor does is provide a vision of what is possible, so often young people are really limited by their experience.

"Maybe they have never seen a parent who has completed high school. Maybe they have never seen anyone in their immediate family who has accomplished anything or maybe even has held down a steady job. So their idea of growing up is to drop out of school at age 16 and get a job in a fast food place and maybe buy an old car, and the rest of the future is maybe not very promising.

"So providing a vision, again, is something that certainly a mentor can do. Currently, National Mentoring Partnership estimates that there are roughly 18 million young people in our country today who badly need a mentor, and yet we are only mentoring somewhere between two and three million of those 18 million. But if we could begin to fill that gap and get somewhere close to providing an adequate mentor in the lives of those 18 million young people, it would make a huge difference in this

country and make a huge difference in the future of the country."

Osborne finishes his speech by talking about the current concerns of video game violence; pornography; and the 1st amendment issue, prayer in school involving the classroom,

sports and graduation ceremonies; partial-birth abortion; terrorism; and the economy.

Now, each of the previously mentioned issues is constantly being brought up and discussed and discussed some more. So, that is where

our society finds itself at this point.

To finish, Osborne hits the nail on the head on what is really important: "So we are engaged in a cultural and a spiritual struggle of huge proportion, and I can only hope that the principles upon which this nation was

founded remain preeminent. As Congress addresses important issues such as national defense, the economy and health care, it is critical that we do not lose sight of the fact that our nation's survival is directly linked to the character of the people."

## Worship warms the heart



### Calvary Gospel Church

**Pastor:** Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor  
Fourth & College • 890-3605  
**Sunday:** Kid's Church: 10:30 am  
Morning Service: 10:30 am  
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.  
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.  
Small Group Ministries meets through out the week.  
www.calvarygospel.net

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Pastor:** Father Norbert Dlabal  
307 W. 13th • 890-7205  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment  
**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Spanish Mass:**  
Sunday: 4 pm

### Sonrise Christian Church

Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398  
**Minister:** Charles E. Kerr, Jr.  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 am  
Team Puppeteers: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:**  
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm  
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm  
Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

### Word of Life Joursquare Church

10th & Clark • 899-5250  
**Pastor:** John Coumerilh  
**Sunday:** Worship Celebration  
and Kids' Church: 10:30 am  
Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!  
Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.  
(during school year)

### Pleasant Home Church

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**Pastor:** Charlie Busch  
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**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9 am  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm

### Bible Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Michael Estep  
Fifth & Broadway  
890-7368  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Morning Service: 10 am  
Evening Service: 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO  
(719) 346-7984  
**Sacrament Meeting:** 10 am  
**Sunday School:** 11:15 am  
**Priesthood/Relief Society:** 12 am

### Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

La Luz Del Mundo  
Spanish Speaking Church  
**Minister:** Esteban Ortiz B.  
1601 Texas • 899-5275  
**Daily Prayer:** Sunday thru  
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 am

### United Methodist Church

**Brewster:**  
**Pastor:**  
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST  
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST  
**Winona:**  
**Minister:** Rev. Bob Winters  
Worship Service: 9 am CST  
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

### First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
**Pastor:** Rev. Ted Amos  
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am  
**Sunday School:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Activities:** Junior High & High School Youth Groups,  
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,  
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship  
**Special Notice:** Handicap Accessible, Hearing  
Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler  
Nurseries Available

### Kanorado United Methodist Church

**Pastor:** Leonard Cox  
399-2468  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am  
Worship Service: 10:15 am

### Church of the Nazarene

**Pastor:** Bob Willis  
Third & Caldwell  
899-2080 or 899-3797  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:50 am  
Evening Service: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** Evening Service: 7 pm

### First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman  
899-3631  
**Pastor:** Rev. Janet Hernandez  
**Saturday:** Informal Worship: 5:30 pm  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
Worship Service: 10:30 am

### Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
**Pastor:** Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening Worship: 6 pm  
**Wednesday:** AWANA (Winter)  
and prayer: 7 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Travis Blake  
Fifth & Center • 890-3450  
**Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages:  
9:15 am (Child care provided)  
Morning Worship: 10:30 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible study 7 p.m.  
Call church for information  
**Thursday:** Bible study 9:30 a.m.  
Wheatridge Center

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

13th & Center  
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969  
**Priest:** Father Hal Lycett  
**Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Thursday  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.  
For emergencies Wed. - Sun. 890-6969  
Sr. Warden for emergencies  
Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

### Harvest Evangelical Free Church

104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918  
**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg  
**Sunday:** Worship: 9:30 am  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Youth group  
meets at 7 p.m.  
at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail  
**Pastor:** Jim Martin  
**Saturday:** Sabbath School: 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 11 am

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
**Pastor:** Scott Grimshaw  
**Sunday:** Christian eduction/fellowship:  
10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9 am  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation: 6 pm

### Church of Christ

401 Caldwell  
890-6185  
**Sunday:** Bible Study: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study: 7 pm

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