

# Are you pursuing God or sitting on the ground?

Ever since I was a kid, I always wanted to climb into the cockpit of a fighter jet, fire up the engine, taxi the runway and then hit the jets and soar off into the wild blue yonder.

It is looking like my boys' PS2 might have to suffice, but I won't let the dream die. At least I hope to be able to ride in one, as long as Dramamine is close at hand, if you know what I mean.

Last week we began looking at the eagle and drawing some spiritual principles from this majestic bird. We talked about the courtship process and said that any healthy relationship has two sides to it, the pursuing and being pursued. We looked at God pursuing us and the things we try to do to get him off our tail.

In this article, I want us to look at being the pursuer of God. It is very clear in the Bible that if we draw close to God, He will draw close to us (James 4:8).

It is a definite reality that there are times of testing in life, times of trials that God wants you to pursue Him more than you are. Is that fun? Not really! But the truth be known, most people probably pursue God



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● moments from calvary

more when we go through a difficult time than when the waters are calm and peaceful.

The danger of such a lifestyle is this: often the strength of our faith is revealed in the fire instead of made in the fire. I don't know about you, but when life happens, I want a strong faith to hold to, not one that is weak. So do the things necessary today to have a strong faith.

Now let's look at you and me being the pursuer.

The female eagle, if she is interested in the male, will fly down to the ground and pick up a stick. She will fly clear up into the sky and then drop the stick.

Guess what she wants the male eagle to do? Fetch it. If you are interested in me, go get the stick. The male, if he is interested, will take go

grab it and fly right back up to her. If she is satisfied, she will go find something larger and will repeat the game. If the male retrieves these items, he is looking good. If not, the relationship is over.

Here is why — there is coming a day when these birds will produce a nest of chicks. Guess whose job it is to catch them when they fall out of the nest or are learning to fly? You guessed it — dad.

Why would she entrust her young to a dumb bird that can't even catch a log? If he isn't willing to get the stick, he won't be willing to help raise the chicks. Now let's use that relationship as a metaphor towards our relationship with God.

God has an interest in you pursuing Him through testing times. When the trials of life come your way, God wants to build something in you. He is more interested in developing the character and integrity of your life than the conveniences of your life.

We like conveniences, but God wants to build something bigger within you. That tells me that God believes in me. The test, trials, issues and brokenness is about building you into something that is bigger than you are.

Let me leave you with a few keys to following Christ through the trials: Focus carefully. Keep your eyes on the prize. Learn the discipline of looking where you want to be.

Secondly, cut away distractions.

Get rid of those things that you don't really need.

Next, put forth some effort. If you are going to overcome the trials and temptations of life, you must fully be invested in the process. God will partner with you, and the relationship will be powerful.

Fourth, think of your future. In an instant society, I realize that is tough. People go through painful surgeries all the time because they know the future will be better if they endure

the pain of the moment. Plant that same idea spiritually into your heart and mind.

Number five — realize that this test is temporary. Finally, understand the power of this relationship. If you have God, you have all you need.

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## Speech contest deadline Nov. 1

High school students have the opportunity to compete for scholarships and awards in the 60th annual "Voice of Democracy Program."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary are accepting entries in the audio essay program with the theme "Freedom's Challenge."

National scholarships total \$146,000, with first place worth \$30,000, and money will be added

during the year.

The Voice of Democracy is a script-writing program designed to give students in ninth through 12th grades a chance to voice their opinion on a patriotic theme and to express their thoughts to the American people.

Students in public, parochial and private schools and home study programs are eligible. Foreign exchange students and past depart-

ment winners are not.

Entry deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 1. The Goodland post is at 824 Main; call 899-3021.

The Department of Kansas contest will have scholarships and other awards amounting to \$3,500. First place is \$1,000 and paid trips to Washington and the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. Second place is \$750, and third place is \$500, given by the auxiliary.

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Formerly an automotive repair shop and body shop. Several nice buildings, offices, over head doors, plenty of land for additional uses. Was \$300,000 NOW \$225,000. Call Donna for more details or to take a look at this prime commercial property.



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Single level home! Large family room, two big bedrooms, formal living room and dining room, nice kitchen, 1 1/4 baths. Double car attached garage, circle drive, fenced yard. Was \$89,900 NOW \$81,900. It would be my please to show you this home...please call me, Donna Moore, 899-2328 or 1-800-974-2426 to set up a showing.



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NOW \$81,900

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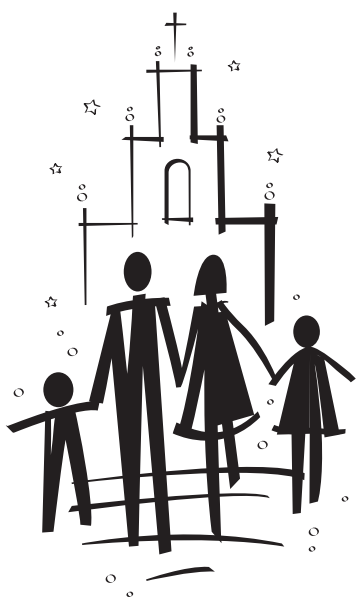


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**Pastor:** Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor  
Fourth & College • 899-3605  
**Sunday:** Kid's Church: 10:30 am  
Morning Service: 10:30 am  
Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.  
Youth @ the Rock House: 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 • 899-7205  
**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

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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)

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694-2242

**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9 am

Sunday School: 10 am

Evening Service: 6 pm

#### Bible Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Michael Estep  
Fifth & Broadway  
899-7368

**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 • 899-5233

**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9:30 am

**Sunday School:** 8:30 a.m.

**Activities:** Junior High & High School Youth Groups,

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#### Church

**Pastor:** Leonard Cox

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**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 am

Worship Service: 10:15 am

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**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 • 899-3450

**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 899-2115 or Rectory 899-6969

**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. 899-6969

Sr. Warden for emergencies

Mon. and Tues. 899-3320

#### Harvest Evangelical

#### Free Church

104 E. Hwy. 24 • 899-7918

**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg

**Sunday:** Worship: 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:30 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 • 899-6161

**Pastor:** Scott Grimshaw

**Sunday:** Christian eduction/fellowship:

10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 9 am

**Wednesday:** Confirmation: 6 pm

#### Church of Christ

401 Caldwell

899-6185

**Sunday:** Bible Study: 9:45 am

Worship Service: 10:45 am

**Wednesday:** Bible Study: 7 pm

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