

## WALK A LITTLE PLAINER DADDY

Walk a little plainer daddy  
Said a little boy so frail  
I'm following in your footsteps  
And I don't want to fail.

Sometimes your steps are very plain  
Sometimes they're hard to see  
So walk a little plainer daddy

For you are leading me.  
I know that once you walked this way  
Many years ago  
And what you did along the way  
I'd really like to know,  
For sometimes when I'm tempted  
I don't know what to do  
So walk a little plainer daddy  
For I must follow you

Someday when I'm grown up  
You are like I want to be  
Then I will have a little boy  
Who will want to follow me,  
And I would want to lead him right  
And help him to be true  
So walk a little plainer daddy  
For we must follow you.

~Unknown



*I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God;  
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped  
me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with  
a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

*Isaiah 61:10*



Tentative dates for a trip to the Creation Museum  
June 22nd-June 27th  
2026

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the  
narthex.

We need to get an idea of interest before moving  
forward with plan-ning.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
JULY 27TH  
CHURCH PICNIC AT LARSON'S

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New Members May 2025: Todd & Tasha Glander,  
Mark & Angie Anderson, Charlotte & Elliotte



Cindy Johnson	June 2	Kari Mehrer	June 12
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Tiffaney Holm	June 12		



Tingy & Shirley Tingelstad	June 6
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Faith Lutheran Youth  
Come "FLY" with us!

Bible study, fellowship, food,  
games and so much more!

**Join Us!**



If you have a prayer request during the week, you  
can start the prayer chain by calling the church  
office at 847-1040.

*Zion Hilde*

*Tiffaney Holm*

*Gloria Mitchell*



*Alisha Lancaster*

*Lila Tingelstad*

*Monica Ames*

# Men's Fellowship Supper

We will suspend until this fall.  
Have a great summer!



Friends of Faith,

I pray this message from Pastor Maynard Force speaks to you!

Blessings,

Pastor Paul

Are There Few That Be Saved?

Luke 13. 23

The question was once asked Jesus, "Are there few that be saved?" This is one of the most solemn questions ever asked. Only Jesus is qualified to give the correct answer. He answered the question by saying, "Strive to enter in by the narrow door: for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13.24). Perhaps the one who asked the question remembered that out of the great population at the time of the Flood only eight people were saved. Perhaps he also remembered that out of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah only three people escaped destruction. Therefore, the question, "Are there few that be saved?"

From Jesus' answer, we are told, that the lost are referred to as "many." "Many shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able." God's people have always been in the minority. Once Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12. 32). Again, He said, "Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, any many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straightened the way that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it" (Matthew 7.13-14). Notice, Jesus makes it clear that many are on the road to destruction, and few enter the gate that leads unto life. How sad that Jesus had to answer the question as He did!

We also notice that many shall seek to enter in and shall not be able. These are religious people who know about the Lord, for the day will come that they will cry out "Lord, open to us" (v. 25). They address Him as Lord. They will even say "We did eat and drink in thy presence, and thou didst teach in our streets." To this pitiful cry the only answer will be, "I tell you, I know not whence ye are; depart from me" (v. 27). These lost souls had heard the pure preaching of God's Word. They even knew the door that leads to eternal life, for they came and knocked there. They did not openly despise the Lord, but rather sought "to enter in." They had the head knowledge, but lacked a heart experience. They had been fellowshiping with real Christians, and had tried to imitate them to the best of their

# Join us Wednesday nights at 7 PM

## Adult Bible Study

Come and learn about God through His word.

## Youth Group

Come, let's learn together!

Invite your friends, Strengthen your faith, & build life-long friendships.



## Kids For Christ

Memorize Scripture verses,

Learn more about the Holy Bible and Jesus Christ.



Women's Thursday Evening Bible study will suspend for the summer.

There will be a Thursday morning Bible study at 9:30 AM

Start date TBD!

### First Responders

*Todd Glander-Becker County Sheriff*

*Rick Johnson-Fireman*

*Jeremiah Larson-Chief of Police --El Cajon, CA*

*Nephew of Pastor Paul & Dawn Larson*

*Phil Kinney-Fireman*

*Briah Johnson-Paramedic*

*Granddaughter of JoAnn & Gary Tingelstad*

*Joel Svenby-Police Officer-Son of Angie Svenby*

*Eric Brunn-Police Officer-Grandson of Angie Svenby*

*Abby Eifealdt, EMT-Perham*

*Granddaughter of Gary & Jean Krause*

### Serving in the Military

*Layne Johnson-Grandson of Betty Lerud*

*Luke Tweeton-Son of Dan & Tracey Tweeton*

*Brayden Duffney-Grandson of Richard & Joyce Duffney*

*Isabelle Tingelstad-Granddaughter of JoAnn & Gary  
Tingelstad*

*Larissa Seifert-daughter of Bob & Sue Seifert*

*Reece Johnson-Grandson of Monica Ames*

***Please keep our military and  
First Responders in your prayers!***



# School Newsletter

Faith Christian School has just completed our 2024-2025 school year. We celebrated our students with multiple awards and class graduations for kindergarten, 5th and 8th grades. We have several new students enrolled for next year and are looking forward to others making the decision to attend FCS this fall. Please pray for us as we search for new teachers in Upper Elementary and Middle School. God has been faithful, and we are looking to Him to meet our needs. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support, as we assist families and churches in laying a spiritual foundation in the lives of our students.

Blessings

Mark Kiser

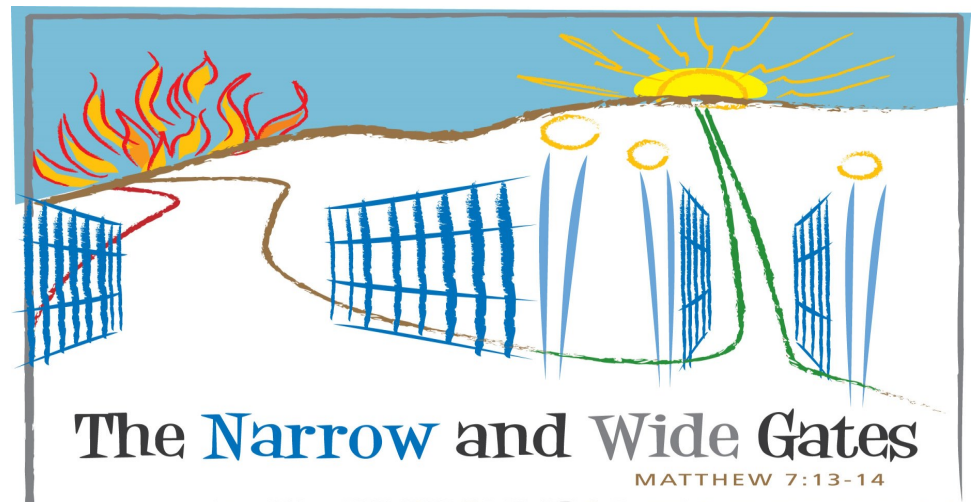


ability. Perhaps others thought they were real Christians. There was a concern in their heart for eternal things, but they never got beyond the class of the seekers.

This group that numbered "many" never took care of the sin problem in their lives. They never got to the place where with the Psalmist they could joyfully testify, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity" (Psalm 32.1). When they claimed entrance to heaven, not a word was said about the blood of Christ. There was no "broken and contrite heart" in them. Rather, they had lofty thoughts of themselves, for their cry was, "Lord, open to us." Their emphasis was not on "Lord," but rather on "us." They had been able to "get by" with their sins until they stood at the judgment seat. There they learned the truth of the verse, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32. 23). What a terrible time to be caught with sin!

Jesus' answer still holds true for our day. "Many shall seek to enter in and shall not be able." In this age also there are few that are saved. That is not God's fault, for He "would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2.4). Christ "died for all" (2 Corinthians 5.15), and He said, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6. 37). This, then, is the day for seekers to become finders. This is the time to cry out in the words of the Psalmist, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (Psalm 51.1-2).

Maynard Force. (n.d.). MY HEART DESIRE.



# FESS UP TO YOUR MESS UP!

Life's filled with perplexing questions for which there seem to be no easy answers. For example..

Why isn't *phonics* spelled the way it sounds?

Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?

If a vegetarian eats only vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

If you throw a cat out the window, is that kitty litter?

Here's one more: Why do we instinctively deny our failures rather than admit them? You would think we would eventually learn that covering up our mistakes never works. But that doesn't keep us from trying, does it?

Last night I heard a veteran television reporter observe, "It's the same story since the Watergate fiasco. It's not the crime that ends up getting you but the cover-up of the crime."

Actually the tendency to hide our failures predates Watergate. It all started with Edengate. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they automatically felt guilty and tried to cover up their guilt with some ill-fitting fig leaves.

Since that episode in Eden, we've all become rather adept at the same sport. When we fail, our first instinct is to cover up and hope no one notices. When we are exposed, our first impulse is to accuse others and hope everyone agrees.

Failing to accept responsibility for our failures prevents us from receiving the forgiveness we desperately need, and it also precludes us from experiencing the new beginning we desperately desire.

In my book, **Second Chance, Second Act**, I explain four benefits of "fessing up to your mess-up":

## 1. Admitting Failure Allows Us to Receive God's Forgiveness

Augustine said, "God only gives to those whose hands are empty." Only when we are ready to empty ourselves of denials and rationalizations for our failures will we be in a position to receive God's forgiveness for our mistakes.

## Faith Lutheran Youth Summer Activities



VBS	6/1-6/4
Pizza Ranch	6/11
Regular Mtg	6/18
Send off Party	6/25
Help Cheryl	6/27



Regular Mtg	7/2
Swimming Party	7/9
Regular Mtg	7/16
Youth at the Fair	7/23
Dunton Locks	7/30



Sky Zone/Sonic	8/6
Regular Mtg	8/13
Lock in	8/15



After plugging the hair dryer into the outlet, I flipped the *On* switch and...nothing. I clicked it several more times, illustrating the definition of a moron: someone who does the same thing repeatedly expecting different results. Finally I reached over and pressed the small, red *Reset* button in the plug, and the dryer began to blow.

Occasionally it helps to hit the emotional *Reset* button in our lives. We need to start over and head in a new direction. Admitting to God, to others, and to ourselves that we have blown it helps us make a clear delineation between the past and the future. Our acknowledgment of failure serves as a marker for the beginning of our second act. Whenever we're haunted by guilt over our failure or we're tempted to repeat the same mistake, we can say, "Since that is part of my past and not part of my future, I'm not going there again."

#### 4. Admitting Failure Allows Us to Learn from Mistakes

If we are unwilling to label an episode in our lives as a failure, we will never be free to learn from our mistake. For example, Thomas Edison is often quoted as saying that he had learned 1,100 ways *not* to make a light bulb.

But inside that humorous quip is a serious, but simple truth: until we're willing to admit our failure, we cannot profit from our failure.

My grandfather was financially astute. To my knowledge he never borrowed any money. I can still hear him saying, "Robert, interest can either be your greatest friend or your greatest enemy. It either works for you or against you."

The same can be said about mistakes.

The first step in making your mistakes work for you rather than against you is to admit that you've made a mistake. Remember, God is willing to forgive your mistake...if you are willing to ask.

(Adapted from *Second Chance, Second Act* by Robert Jeffress, Waterbrook Press, 2007)



May I share a secret with you? God already knows about your failures. He's aware of...

- your addiction,
- your bankruptcy,
- your divorce,
- your immorality,
- your squandered opportunities.

But He can't forgive you as long as you're trying to forgive yourself by excusing, denying, or blaming others for your failures. Aren't you ready to take off those ill-fitting fig leaves and ask God to cover your failures with His forgiveness?

#### 2. Admitting Failure Renews Our Emotional and Physical Vitality

Nothing can sap your emotional and physical strength more than lingering guilt over unconfessed mistakes.

King David experienced the physical and emotional downside of denial after his moral failure with Bathsheba. As David reflected on the months he spent covering over his failure, he wrote:

*"When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away  
Through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;  
My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer" (Psalm 32:3-4).*

However, once David admitted his failure, he experienced immediate relief:

*"I acknowledged my sin to You,  
And my iniquity I did not hide;  
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD';  
And You forgave the guilt of my sin...  
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice you righteous ones,  
And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart" (Psalm 32:5,11).*

Are you physically and emotionally exhausted from trying to hide your mistakes? Are you tired of worrying day and night what will happen when others discover your failure? Nothing compares to the relief that comes from the belief that your mistake has been forgiven.

#### 3. Admitting Failure Encourages Us to Move On

One morning recently I stepped out of the shower ready to dry my hair.

# ► June 2025

## Sunday Schedule:

9:30 AM Worship Service

\*Communion Service is the 1st Sunday of the month.

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:45 AM Sunday School for ALL ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 VBS 5-7:30 PM	2 VBS 5-7:30 PM	3 VBS 5-7:30 PM	4 VBS 5-7:30 PM	5 VBS 5-7:30 PM	6	7
8 Communion Sunday	9	10 FCS Board Mtg 5:15 PM Trustees mtg 6:30 PM Council Mtg 7 PM	11 FLY 6:45 PM Bible Study 7 PM Kids 4 Christ 7 PM	12	13	14 Zion Hilde Baby Shower
15 Father's Day	16	17	18 FLY 6:45 PM Bible Study 7 PM Kids 4 Christ 7 PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 FLY 6:45 PM Bible Study 7 PM Kids 4 Christ 7 PM	26	27	28
29	30 <i>The heavens tell of the glory of God; And their expanse declares the work of His hands. Psalm 19:1</i>					