

Jesus: The Revival that Never Ends

“Revival’s Fire”

John 14:15-25

The fiery passion of a disciple of Jesus: Love for Jesus.

The love for Jesus compels a disciple to ...

A life of obedience, v. 15,

An embrace of, and passion for, the mission of Jesus to seek and to save the lost, v. 12.

A passion to know, obey, and guard His commandments, vv. 21-24.

A person’s response to the Word of God shows his true response to God the Father and Jesus, vv. 23-24.

The empowering resource of the disciple’s fiery passion: The Holy Spirit.

Jesus and God the Father give the Holy Spirit to permanently indwell every disciple of Jesus, v. 16.

The Holy Spirit as God, is all that God is, dwelling in the disciple, v. 16.

The Holy Spirit shares God the Father’s passion that a disciple might know, love, and have Jesus in this life.

The Holy Spirit is the One who enables a disciple to know and become like Jesus.

He is always present, vv. 16, 18.

His presence enables the continuous connection of the disciple with Jesus and God the Father, v. 20.

The Holy Spirit’s main resource to a disciple is the Word of God which He authored and teaches, vv. 25-26.

The Holy Spirit brings to mind the truth learned to apply it to life’s situations, v. 26.

Join us next weekend as Pastor Byron continues his series, *Jesus: The Revival that Never Ends*, with his sermon, “The Work of the Holy Spirit.” Please read John 16:5-16 to prepare.



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Welcome | to Rolling Hills Covenant Church



February 12-13, 2011

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Pastor Byron MacDonald

Thank you for turning off your pagers and cell phones during services.

Following each worship service, members of the prayer team will be available in front of the platform to pray with you and minister to your spiritual needs.

Receivers for the hearing impaired are available from our ushers.

SERVICE TIMES:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Worship Center, Contemporary Worship Music

Saturday, 6:45 p.m., the 290s, Education Bldg., Contemporary Worship Music

Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m., Worship Center, Blended Contemporary and Traditional Music

Sunday, Chapel Option, 10:45 a.m., North Campus Chapel, Video Message, Contemporary Music

Sunday, Canvas, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m., the 290s, Education Bldg., a Contemporary Worship Option

Sunday, 10:00 a.m., RHCC Community Center, Life on The Hill Outreach Service

Welcome to Rolling Hills Covenant Church — a caring community of people who believe the Bible is the Word of God and choose to live by its truth.

We endeavor to know Jesus intimately and to share His love and truth passionately. We encourage you to celebrate new life in Him at our worship services, connect in fellowship through small groups, and contribute your time and talents to sharing the love of Christ with others.

We are so happy you have joined us for worship today!



Starting Point is a 4-week orientation to RHCC and our purpose for ministry. Gain insight into God, the Bible, and our beliefs. The seminar meets in the library on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. to noon every other month. Our meets March 6 through 27. For more information, visit the Welcome Center.

Are you struggling? The pastoral staff at RHCC is available to help you with your marriage, finances, parenting, emotional issues, or if you are in need of prayer. We can also provide recommendations for Christian counseling services in the South Bay. Contact Nate Aanderud at 310.521.2565 or naanderud@rhcc.net.

Here are some highlights of what's coming up at RHCC. For more information about all of our ministries, pick up the latest issue of *Connections* magazine.

Hands of Mercy

Join us in our parking lot Saturday, March 5 to help build three loft-style homes for people in Mexico. Then join us March 18-20 as we drive to Mexico to assemble the homes. Get more information and sign up with Mark DiBacco at 310.901.1549 or dibaccoclan@msn.com.

Makeup Artists Needed

Makeup artists are needed to do body makeup for *Pageant*. Some art background preferred. Assistants also needed to wash sponges and trays during presentations. Call Jackie Toubes at 310.901.4643 or Jodine Tamble at 310.328.3732.

Operation Timothy Begins February 13

Operation Timothy is a simple, effective method Paul used with Timothy to teach him Bible basics to pass on to others. Topics include: assurance of salvation, how to be set free from sin, how to effectively communicate your faith, and more. There are two sessions to choose from, Sundays at 9 or 10:45 a.m. Contact Chris Davidson at 310.486.5497.

Missions Celebration

Join us the last week of February as we celebrate missions!

- During services the weekend of February 26/27, Pastor Nate Aanderud will speak about being a missionary in Costa Rica.
- On Saturday, February 26 at 11 a.m. in the Worship Center we will show the film "More than Dreams" about how Jesus is using dreams to bring His message of salvation to the world. There will also be a dynamic discussion led by Dr. J.P. Moreland.
- We will have guest speakers on Sunday, Monday and Thursday evenings speaking. More information will come next week.

Prayer Ministry

Homegoing: Pray for the family and friends of Frank Acevedo, Jr. on his homegoing; the family and friends of Renee Blitz on her homegoing.

Prayer Chain: Peggy Snell at 310.539.0391 or Annette Johnson at 310.530.3292.

Giving Report (as of 2/6)

Giving goal (6/1/10-5/31/11):	\$6,600,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$4,665,014
Received YTD:	\$4,750,714
Over/Under YTD:	\$85,700
Needed last week:	\$115,945
Received last week:	\$122,828

One of my favorite moments in the Bible is when Joshua, as the new leader for Israel, is facing his first big challenge. The walled city of Jericho needed to be conquered, yet as a walled city there was no real way for Joshua to militarily take the city. They could shut the gates, and all Joshua could do is lay siege to the city. As Joshua is out wondering what to do, he has an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Joshua 5:13-15 describes the encounter; *"When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, 'Are you for us, or for our adversaries?'" And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so."*

Can you imagine standing before Jesus about to face battle and asking if Jesus is for you or against you and He says no? Why did Jesus say "No"? Joshua was asking the wrong question. The question isn't whether the Lord is on our side or not, the question is, are we on the Lord's side? You see this wasn't Joshua's battle he was seeking the Lord's help in winning, it was the Lord's battle that He was going to use Joshua to lead. Once Joshua was on his face in worship and seeking God's plan, the rest was remarkable. Jesus gave him the victory plan. March around the city silently for six days with the Ark of the Covenant leading. On the seventh day, march around seven times. At the end of the seventh time shout and the walls will fall down. How long do you think it would have taken Joshua to figure out that plan? He never would have come to that plan. When Joshua was surrendered in will, humbled before the Lord in worship, and listening – Jesus then could lead him in the victorious plans He had.

The same is true for our lives as well. This weekend we look at the wonder that, in Jesus, the Holy Spirit of God comes to live inside us. He has come to help us to know Jesus, grow in His word, and He will lead us and empower us in doing God's will. Isn't that amazing that we each personally have God, the Holy Spirit, living in us? Maybe you are like Joshua right now, facing many challenges in life, and you are not sure what to do. I believe no one wants you to know God's will and to live in God's power more than God does. Here is how Paul describes it in Romans 8:14-17, *"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*" Isn't that an amazing truth that the Spirit of God lives in us both to lead, and also to teach us that we are God's beloved children who have a special relationship with God as our Father?

If you are in a Joshua season in your life, in which you are seeking God's leading for the battles of your life, take the Joshua position. Knowing the Holy Spirit lives in you, knowing He speaks to us mainly through the Bible, humble yourself before Him and ask, "Lord, what do you want me to do, what is the plan?" I believe God will make Himself real to you as you do, and He will lead you to the plan He has for your life. A plan in which we are described to be, later in Romans 8, "more than conquerors." "The more you humble yourself, worship, and seek to hear the Spirit's voice and leading, the more you will have it. Sometimes, times of troubles and crisis become breakthrough moments not only in victory in the situation, but also growing deeper in your relationship with Jesus by the Holy Spirit.