

## MAN OF GOD

It was good to have Travis Thomas and his family with us Sunday to preach and teach Bible class Sunday morning and offer the invitation Sunday evening. He did a very good job.

The text that Travis used was I Kings 13, the prophet who believed a lie. It caused me to think about the title this young man had. He is referred to several times in these verses as “man of God.” You think about that reference and think about your own life. Would I be referred to as a man of God or a woman of God? What a great way to refer to someone who is a faithful servant of God. Moses is referred to as a “man of God” on numerous occasions (Deuteronomy 33:1). David is referred to as a “man of God” as well (Nehemiah 12:24). There are many references to Elisha as the man of God. There are two references in the New Testament to the “man of God.” Paul said to Timothy, *“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness”* (I Timothy 6:11). Paul would later say that the individual who realizes the importance of God’s word in their life and follows it, *“man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”* (II Tim. 3:17). What a great reference to a faithful servant! L. Cole

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## CAN YOU GO THE EXTRA MILE?

At the heart of the Sermon on the Mount, while Jesus was talking about Old Testament laws and sins and the taking and performing of oaths, he submitted this challenge – “If anyone wants to sue you, and take away your shirt, give him your coat also. If someone compels you to go one mile with him, go with him two” (Matthew 5:40-41). We are familiar with this passage because it is the classic “turn the other cheek” text. It is obvious that our Lord was advising against retaliation and, instead, insisting on a kind heart and an attitude of sacrifice.

But what did Jesus really mean by going the extra mile? Was he talking about going for a walk with someone for another fifteen minutes? The phrase “compel you to go one mile” in the original language means to “hear a burden.” It implies that we have been summoned to the side of a friend who needs for us to understand what is going on in their world. This involves the idea of “walking in someone else’s shoes.” We are being asked to empathize with someone – to feel what they are feeling. Jesus is telling us that when people ask us to share a burden with them that we are supposed to hang in there for twice as long as we have been asked to come along.

It is my humble opinion that there are few people in the world that want to go the extra mile these days. We want to like social media posts and send a short email or text and say that we have done our part to encourage someone who is having a bad day. But who sits all day at the hospital with a friend whose spouse is having surgery? Who drives a neighbor to a doctor’s appointment out of town? Who gets up and takes their friend who is going through a divorce to breakfast every morning just so they can have someone to talk to? Who gives up an entire weekend to help a co-worker move away?

I think the answer to those questions is, “People who are like Jesus.” Jesus could ask us to go the extra mile because he did that for us. The Hebrew writer said about Christ, *“For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a faithful High Priest in things*

*pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted” (Hebrews. 2:16-18).*

I am so thankful for the fact that Jesus walked for miles and miles on this earth. It seems that the majority—if not all—of those miles were extra miles, compassionate second miles with people who needed for Him to listen and to care. Those miles for Jesus came at great cost. All extra miles come with some sacrifice. For Jesus it meant leaving a throne, taking on humanity, experiencing persecution, and hanging from a cross. But it didn't keep Him from walking them.

How much are you willing give up to go the extra mile? It all depends on how much love you have.

“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” – 1 John 2:6

*—Jeremiah Tatum, Legacy of Faith, 05/22/18*

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# GOSPEL MEETING

MONTROSE CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

**JUNE 17-21st 2018**

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 7:00 PM

**SPEAKER:**

**WAYNE LANKFORD**

from East Main church of Christ,  
Murfreesboro, TN

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**JUNE 03, 2018**

Coordinator . . . . . Mitchell Brooks

Announcements . . . . . Jacky Carver Sr.

Scripture Reading. I Cor. 15:24-26 John Leonard  
Song Leader . . . . . Glen Reece  
Opening Prayer. . . . . Steve Anderson  
Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett  
    Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,  
    Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin  
Closing Prayer.....Brian Smith  
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell  
Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne  
Count Offering. . . . . Dallas Eddie  
    . . . . . Kaleb Bush  
AM Sermon—Final Triumph of the Church  
PM Sermon—Things God Wants Us to Know

**WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements . . . . . Jacky Carver Sr.  
Song Leader. . . . . Glen Reece  
Scripture Reading, I Tim. 2:4 John Leonard  
Opening Prayer . . . . . George Clay  
Lord's Supper . . . . . Mitchell Brooks  
    . . . . . Dallas Eddie  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Justin Draper

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcements . . . . . Jacky Carver Sr.  
Song Leader . . . . . Glen Reece  
First Prayer. . . . . Roger Draper  
Opening Prayer . . . . . George Clay  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **JUNE**  
Vicki R & Dianna D.

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,  
Kasel Dillehay—Overton Co. Nursing Home

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
Rabelle Cole, Diana Preston  
Susanne Tisdale, Billy Halliburton  
Tim Smith, Larry Hendrix,

## **OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

05/27/18

Wednesday. . . . .	38
Worship Sunday AM . . . . .	94
Bible Study Sunday AM . . . . .	74
Daily Bible Readers . . . . .	33
Worship Sunday PM . . . . .	59

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**June 3rd.** . Men's Business Meeting

**June 17-21st.** Gospel Meeting

**June 17th.** Meal at the Barn.

Congratulations to Turner Harville who was baptized last Monday (5/21) at Adam's Ave.

### **BIBLE READING FOR JUNE**

01 Ps 18-20	11 Ps	21 Ps 84-86
02 Ps 21-23	52-54	22 Ps 87-89
03 Ps 24-28	12 Ps	23 Ps 90-92
04 Ps 29-31	55-57	24 Ps 93-97
05 Ps 32-34	13 Ps	25 Ps 98-100
06 Ps 35-37	58-60	26 Ps 101-103
07 Ps 38-40	14 Ps	27 Ps 104-106
08 Ps 41-43	61-63	28 Ps 107-109
09 Ps 44-46	15 Ps	29 Ps 110-112
10 Ps 47-51	64-66	30 Ps 113-115