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## "Come And See"

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*"Come and see" Philip answered." John 1:46b*

Sunday, August 15, 2021 – probably one of the saddest days for America since the ending of the Vietnam War (1975) and the tragic events of 9/11 (2001). After 10 days of sweeping through Afghanistan with little or no resistance, the Taliban, one of the most brutal, evil, and radical Islamic groups in the world, stormed into the capital of Kabul and took complete control of Afghanistan. After 20 years of American involvement through diplomatic channels, trillions in financial cost, military equipment and personnel support, Afghanistan fell like a house of cards.

The next morning, I turned on the TV to catch up on the national news. Fox News were showing videos of the chaos and confusion at the Kabul airport, as thousands of Afghan people (and other nationalities) were rushing to obtain safe passage out of Afghanistan. One video showed a C-17 "Globemaster" III aircraft taxiing down to get into take-off position, while many people were running beside the aircraft or even climbing ON TO the aircraft while it was moving! Later, we would learn that a few people who had climbed on the aircraft plunged to their deaths once the C-17 got airborne. Unbelievable footage showing the desperation of people willing to do anything to leave Afghanistan and get to safety.

Three instances came to my mind while watching the videos on Fox News. First, I thought about Noah and the Ark (Genesis 6-8). These Afghan and other souls were running to get inside or on their "ark" – the C-17 – their lifeline out of a horrendous situation. But it was too late – the doors had closed – the invasion (flood) had started. There was not a second chance. Second, I thought about us Christians. As believers, we know who gives us the lifeline we need to escape eternal damnation – Jesus Christ! Jesus is our "ark"; He rescues us from sin once we believe in Him through the Gospel and turn over our lives to Him. As our Lord, Christ's righteousness endures forever (Psalm 111:3; 112:3; Romans 10:4). We have our "ark"; we have our "lifeline" – JESUS!

Finally, the Holy Spirit's conviction fell upon me – what am I doing to share the Gospel to point people to Jesus; the ultimate "ark", the ultimate "lifeline"? Honestly, I'm not doing enough, so, Lord Jesus, please forgive me! Each day, I'm surrounded by lost souls – people in dire need to hear about Jesus and His Gospel. Are we fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19-20) to the best of our abilities? Do we have a broken heart towards people who don't know Jesus? We have people around us each day, people searching and seeking answers to life's questions, and we Christians have THE answer – the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ (John 14:6). Once a person dies, and they don't know Jesus, the ark door is closed to them – FOREVER! No more chances, no more opportunities. You can help change a person's life (and eternal destination) by being like the Apostle Philip when he told Nathanael "Come and see" (John 1:46b). Remember, successful evangelism is simply sharing the Gospel.

This week, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you reach out to a friend, a coworker, a family member, a neighbor, and share Jesus with them. Be a Philip – "Come and See".

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### Fall Wednesday Night Kickoff

Let's kick off our Wednesday night activities this fall with a big celebration! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm around the Shades Pavilion and South Parking lot for food, games, activities, and fellowship as we re-launch our Wednesday night schedule. Stay tuned for more details.

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### Man Church

Our next Man Church is Sunday, August 29, and our guest speaker will be Dr. Robert, Smith, Jr. Dr. Smith is the Charles T. Carter Chair of Divinity at Samford's Beeson Divinity School. Dr. Smith pastored in Cincinnati for 20 years, and currently teaches preaching at Beeson. He has spoken at over 135 universities, colleges and seminaries across the globe. Mark your calendar and come hear a message of challenge and inspiration from Dr. Robert Smith, Jr. at Man Church on August 29 at 6:00pm.

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