

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST

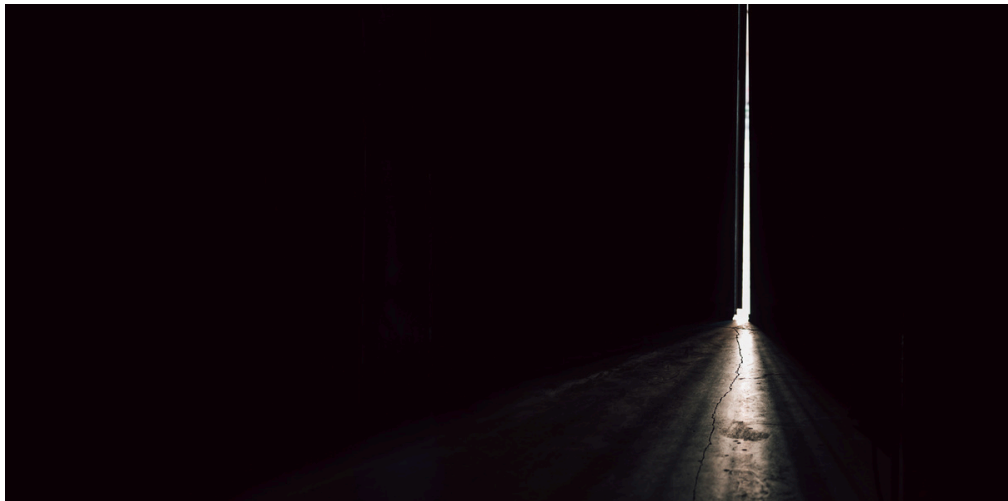


June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## God Pause Devotional

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### Matthew 10:24-28

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

### This Week at OSLC

#### Thursday, June 18th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out  
10:00-Noon / The Common Cup Coffee Hour  
5:30 / Nineveh Juneteenth Service and Potluck in Radford

#### Friday, June 19th

8:00-9:00am / Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

#### Sunday, June 21st

8:45am / Adult Sunday School  
10:00am / Worship with Eucharist  
11:15am / Fellowship After Worship

#### Tuesday, June 23rd

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out

#### Wednesday, June 24th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out  
10:30-12:00pm / Weekly Bible Study

#### Thursday, June 25th

9:00-12:00pm / Parents' Morning Out  
10:00-Noon / The Common Cup Coffee Hour  
1:00-6:00pm / Red Cross Blood Drive

#### Friday, June 26th

8:00-9:00am / Men's Bible Study (Zoom)  
8:00am - 5:00 / Preacher's 'Tiquers

#### Sunday, June 28th

8:45am / Adult Sunday School  
10:00am / Worship with Eucharist  
11:15am / After Worship Fellowship - Hess's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration

## Devotion:

Fear is natural when we feel exposed or vulnerable. We often protect ourselves by hiding parts of our lives—our doubts, struggles, even our faith. But Jesus points to a deeper truth: “Nothing is covered up ... that will not become known” (26). This is not a threat, but a promise. What is rooted in God will come to light.

I was reminded of the Johari Window from a workshop on Emotional Intelligence and Human Relations. It describes a “hidden area” of what we keep to ourselves and an “open area” of what is shared and known.

Jesus invites movement from hidden to open: “What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light.”

In a culture that often keeps faith private, Jesus calls us to live openly and courageously. Because we are fully known and fully loved by God, we can live more honestly with God, ourselves, and one another—moving from hiddenness into light, not for shame, but for freedom.

## Prayer:

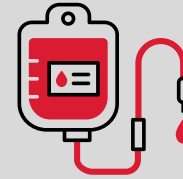
Gracious God, you know us completely and love us fully. Where we are afraid, give us courage. Where we hide, draw us into your light. Help us to live our faith openly and faithfully. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## OSLC Ministry Corner



The Hess’s 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
When: During Fellowship on June 28th

From the Hess’s, “We celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary and thank you for being part of our life journey. We look forward to your sharing stories and celebrations.”



Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> / 1:00-6:00pm

Come donate and help care for your neighbors right here in the NRV. You can sign up to donate at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or talk with Jan Jackson for help registering. Walk-ups are welcome.



“God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.”  
-Martin Luther

## For Life’s Ups and Downs

*“But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.”*

*Psalm 69:13-14*

We, in need of help, reach out to the Lord.  
Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love.

Love that will turn all of creation upside down.  
Brokenness, healed.

War, brought to peace.

Sin and Death, destroyed by true life

Our God does this in due time and is with us until  
the end of this age into eternity.

Our prayer; Come Lord Jesus, Come Quickly.

-PJ

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