

Welcome to
ORONAZ
OROVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

WELCOME

Sunday, August 14, 2022

IF YOU'RE NEW TO ORONAZ or have just recently joined us, please fill out a Connection Card (in the seat back or on the Church Center app) & drop it in the offering bag. Visit us at the Meet & Greet table in the Foyer. We have a gift for you & would like to get to know you!

NEW HERE?
WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!

SEE US IN THE FOYER
ON YOUR WAY OUT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS: You can give your tithes & offerings **in person** (Sunday morning offering, or mail/drop-off at the church office), on our **website** (OroNaz.org/give), or through the **mobile app**, Church Center (download in your mobile app store).

Join the

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TECH TEAM

OroNaz.org/Worship

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING: 8am in Meet & Greet room, open to all.

PURE DESIRE GROUP for men who know they need to exchange lust for purity, meets **Mondays** at 6:30-8pm in the Pastor's Conference room.

ORONAZ YOUTH GROUP meets **Tuesdays**, 6-8pm at OroNaz. (Youth Group meets at The Axiom on the first Tuesday each month for Hensis)

SERENITY 12-STEP RECOVERY is **Wednesdays**, 6-7:30pm, in Fellowship Hall.

CAME TO BELIEVE RECOVERY is **Thursdays**, 6-7:30pm, in Fellowship Hall.



YOU CAN STILL JOIN US TODAY! Family Blast is every Sunday in August from 4-6pm with dinner to follow. Family Blast is a time for kids & families to have a BLAST together with music, skits, Bible adventures, hands on experiments, games & more! We had a wonderful time during our first week with almost 100 kids, adults and volunteers spending together. Who could you invite to join us? Neighbors, friends, cousins and classmates; all are welcome to come. Learn more and register today at OroNaz.org/kids or through the Church Center app Signups.



LIFEGROUPS BEGIN WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11! Lifegroups gather in homes to know and care for one another, grow as followers of Jesus, and encourage one another toward a life of mission in our church, workplace and community. If you haven't connected with a lifegroup yet, you can view a current list of lifegroups at OroNaz.org/lifegroups. You'll be hearing more over the next number of weeks.

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2022-2023 CHURCH BOARD

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FINANCE TEAM

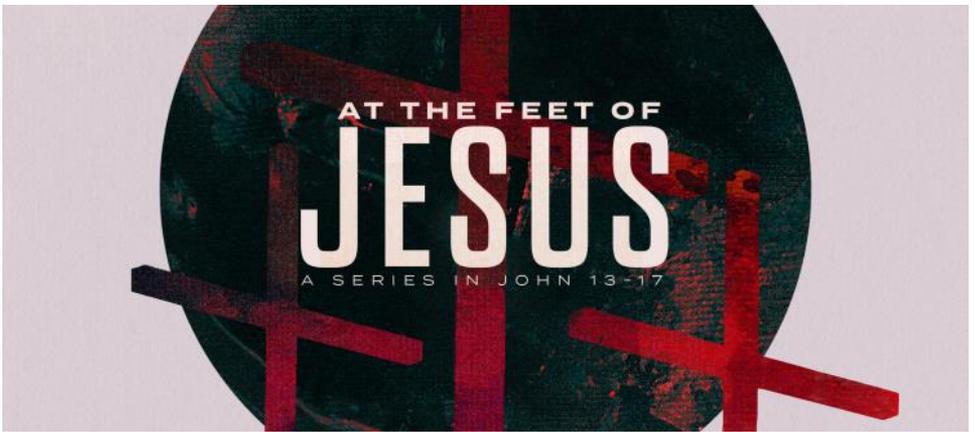
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Church Office Hours: Mon – Thurs, 8:30am – 12:30pm, 1-4:30pm

Closed Fridays



Abide

John 15: 3-11 (ESV)

Pastor Travis Marshall

August 14, 2022

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ...

... ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Jesus wants you to abide because he wants you.

The Priority of Abiding

⁴ *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.* ⁵ *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

A lot of what we typically think of as fruit isn't, because a lot of what we think of as fruit doesn't require Jesus.

⁶ *If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.*

Jesus is always exposing our version of grace which is cheap and costs us little by revealing his costly grace that cost Jesus his life.

The Process of Abiding

⁷ *If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.* ⁸ *By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.* ⁹ *As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.* ¹⁰ *If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.*

Three Ways to Abide:

1. Seek the Words of Jesus

⁷ *If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,*

The point is that his "words" abiding in you is HIM abiding in you. So much of our struggle with the lack of God's voice speaking to us is our neglect of his Word.

2. Speak the Words of Jesus

⁷ *If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ...ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

Those who abide in his Word will ask in alignment to Jesus' Words. Those who seek his Word and internalize his Word, his Word becomes what informs us what to ask for.

"Prayer is speaking God's Word to God."

(Brother Lawrence – Practicing the Presence of God)

3. Keep the Words of Jesus

¹⁰ *If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, ...*

God is discovered and enjoyed within the bounds of obedience to Him!

The Pleasure of Abiding

¹¹ *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

Joy has a name, and that name is Jesus. Our deepest longing and desire is for the JOY which abiding in Jesus can only satisfy.

***"You make known to me the path of life;
In your presence there is fullness of joy; ..." (Psalm 16:11)***



To catch up on previous sermons, visit OroNaz.org/Stream

FINANCIAL CONNECTION

It is the goal of the OroNaz Finance Team to keep this church family updated on our financial blessing and challenges. Through this expanded Financial Connection we will share biblical teachings that direct the decisions made by the CLT and we hope you can find application to your life as well.

This month we'll focus on *God the Provider*.

After the Israelites escaped Egypt, they found themselves in the desert. Exodus 16:2 reads, *"In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron."* There wasn't much to eat or drink but the Lord provided manna, quail, and water for the Israelites. Everyday, the whole camp would gather manna in the morning and quail in the evening. If the Israelites gathered more than just the day's provision, the food would spoil. Only in preparation for the Sabbath were the Israelites able to gather food for two days. This was not the menu some had hoped for as they escaped Egypt, but it was life sustaining until they reached the Promised Land...forty years later. This day-to-day dependence on God is further explained in Exodus 16:4, *"In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions."*

In the same way, Christians are called to have this same daily dependence on *God the Provider*. God has given, or will give, you everything you need to be the person He has called you to be. However, what are we supposed to do when we don't receive something we *think we need*?

In a recent Podcast, Pastor Craig Groeschel said, "I would say that, yes, God often guides by what He provides. I would also suggest to you that God also guides by what He withholds. God often may withhold something that you think that you want to help you see something that you would not see otherwise."

When we combine the passage in Exodus with Pastor Groeschel's words and a financial lens, what are we to think? Just as the Israelites could not gather more than a day's provisions, we cannot rely too much on ourselves because we fall short or our efforts are spoiled. In the desert the Israelites developed a

sense of daily dependence on *God's provision*; we, too, need to remember that *God provides* in the day-to-day happenings (not just the BIG events). If you find yourself in a season of withholding or trying to gather more than just the day's provision; lean into prayer and ask the Heavenly Father for clarity, direction, and surrender to *his provision*.

The finance team at OroNaz has tried to be as transparent as possible in recent years when it comes to how we steward God's finances. At the close of July finances, we are roughly \$44,000 below what we planned for the year to date. At times, it seems like the desert; a season of withholding. However, this passage came to mind and the reason revealed itself. *"In this way I will test them and see whether they follow my instructions."* Exodus 16:4.

The instructions are simple, know that *God provides* everything you need, every single day. Steward that which has been given to you and trust in *God's provision* and plan for your life.

As Paul writes, "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ". Please pray and/or give as God leads.

July is the 5th month of the annual budget year that runs March 2022 to February 2023. Thank you for your continued financial commitment; it is a testament to what God is doing in and through us.

Our Pastor, CLT, Treasurer (Joey McCoy) and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at finance@oronaz.org to start a conversation.

Projected budget March 2022-February 2023:	\$775,714
Needed for Month –July 2022	\$64,642
Giving for July 2022	\$58,752
Expenses paid in July 2022	\$57,476
Needed Year to Date	\$323,210
Giving Year to Date	\$279,334
Expenses Paid Year to Date	\$310,118
Shares for Others Paid Year to Date	
World Evangelism Fund	\$13,823
Pensions & Benefits	\$6,013
Education	\$6,013
District Ministries	\$10,690