

THE FINAL HURDLE

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

- **PRAYERLINE is every Monday – Friday at 6am on phone: 757-665-8090.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

40 days of Prayer and Fasting

- Beginning September 23-November 1 [End with Prayer on the Park]
- Theme: Sharp Discernment
- Get off social media, no YouTube, Keep communion if you so will.
 - Week 1: None during the fast
 - Week 2: None 12am-6pm
 - Rest of the Way: None.
- 12am-12pm (Prayer at 12am, 6am, 12pm)

• **TWO SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY**

- **9am and 11am**
- **How to help: Pray, invite people, share the gospel, be nice in parking lot.**

• **LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WITH BISHOP**

- **MISSIONS TEAM SPEAK TO CHURCH – Sherri and Kierra**
- **PRAY FOR PUERTO RICO**

THANKSGIVING AND COVENANT SEED / TITHE & OFFERING

LAST week: I WILL HELP YOU

TODAY’S MESSAGE: THE FINAL HURDLE

- I have observed as we go to 2 services, in my own life, and from general observation that the battle is fiercest at the final hurdle.
- Most people capitulate when they are closest to victory.
- Sports analogy: Great pre-season but terrible season, or great season but no playoffs
- Business analogy: Great ideas but no plan, or plan but no execution, or execute but stop at the last decision.

TRUTHFULLY, THE FINAL HURDLE TO YOUR NEXT LEVEL IS MOST DIFFICULT.

MANY ARE AT THE FINAL HURDLE, KNOCKING ON THE DOOR OF WHAT GOD HAS BEEN PREPARING YOU FOR...AND ARE STUCK.

HEBREWS 12:1-3

- Jesus waited 30 years to begin His ministry, in 3 years built a global ministry.
- He survived assassination at birth, and several death threats on His life.
- He faced opposition from the Pharisees, Sadducees, and from His own disciple.
- Jesus' Final Days:
 - Garden of Gethsemane: Not my will but your will be done.
 - Judas betrays Him with a kiss
 - Jesus arrested by His own people and falsely accused.
 - Peter, one of the inner team, denies Him 3 times.
 - Brought before Pilate and Herod and accused.
 - Whipped, spat on, public humiliation, crucifixion.

THE MOST IMPORTANT HURDLE WAS YET TO COME:

- **LUKE 23:34**
- You have endured painful battles and decisions to get here. You are at the Final Hurdle.
- Willingness to obey God is not enough, now you must follow through and obey God!

EXODUS 7:15-16

- Israel survived slavery in Egypt, and the plagues of Egypt.
- Broke through the Red Sea
- Had supernatural Mount Sinai encounters with God.
- Even Balak and Balaam could not curse them.
- Then: **NUMBERS 13:26-33**
- **DEUTERONOMY 2:14**

- ✓ Next week we are taking the bold step of 2 services. 9am and 11am.
- ✓ Pursuing completion of Parking Lot.
- ✓ Completely rearranging organizational chart.
- ✓ There are things in my personal life that have stayed in incubation for way too long

UNWILLINGNESS TO MOVE PAST YOUR FINAL HURDLE CAN COST 38 YEARS OR ABORT THE MISSION.

Prayer: Lord, Help Me.

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