



UPPING OUR GAME

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THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE!

We are a family of believers that cling tightly to the Word of Scripture and enjoy the heritage of a faith centered upon the majesty of Jesus Christ and His work upon the Cross. If you love the words of Scripture, worship Jesus Christ, and prefer Truth spoken with thunderous straightforwardness, then you will probably enjoy it here.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS + SCHEDULE:

- **Wednesday Night Prayer** – 7:00pm

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:

- The Alumni returning home
- The Fall graduates returning home

UPPING OUR GAME

WE MUST UPGRADE OR GO OBSOLETE

And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

Ezekiel 47:8-9

THE COMPUTER THAT REFUSES TO UPGRADE IS . . .

- Embattled
- Non-functional
- Unable to perform as it ought
- Unready to supply help
- Pathetic in time of need
- Slowly creeping toward paper weight status

UPPING

- To increase
- To stoke
- To better
- To enlarge
- To sharpen
- To refine
- To move higher
- To move onward

THE ENDLESS FRONTIER

always “upping” the game

THE RIVER OF LIFE

always “upping” the game

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side. And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist. Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river. When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other. Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

Ezekiel 47:1-9

UPPING MY WAKE-UP ROUTINE

because okay is not good; good is not great; and great is not sensational

MY LONG-PRACTICED WAKE-UP TRADITION

- move without hesitation and put my feet on the floor
- “Good morning, Lord!”
- start walking
- start declaring the realities of my soul
- defy the oppressions

MY NEW “UPPED” WAKE-UP TRADITION

- **Enthusiastically** move without hesitation and put my feet on the floor
- **Exuberantly rejoice, even “shout for joy” in my inner man**
- **Exult in my Savior’s victory and excitedly** declare “Good morning!” to my Lord
- Start walking, **but inwardly hold my fist triumphantly in the air**
- Declare the realities of my soul **with extreme cheer and resolute conviction**
- **Laugh at** the oppressions **and hold them in derision**

THE WORLD IS OUR OYSTER PRISON CELL

- therefore, we do not fear arrest
- therefore, we do not fear being “found out”
- therefore, we do not fear losing civil liberties
- therefore, we are full time in prison ministry

SINGING IN OUR PRISON CELL

And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; "and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

Acts 16:20-26

UPPING OUR GAME

because okay is not good; good is not great; and great is not sensational

- how are we waking up and greeting our day?
- how are we greeting our living room challenges?
- how are we greeting our office challenges?

- how are we greeting our sidewalk challenges?
- how are we greeting our governmental challenges?
- how are we greeting our oppressions?
- how are we greeting our diminishments?
- how are we greeting our accusations?
- how are we greeting our condemnations?
- how are we greeting our forebodings?

UPPING THE WATER

stepping forward in the Life

Again he measured one thousand (cubits) and brought me through.

Ezekiel 47:4

THE SECRET OF BEING “DEAD” TO START OUT THE DAY

for “dead men” do not fear dying; “prisoners” do not fear imprisonment

. . . why do we stand in jeopardy every hour? I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

1 Corinthians 15:30-31

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