



February 20, 2022

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

² for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

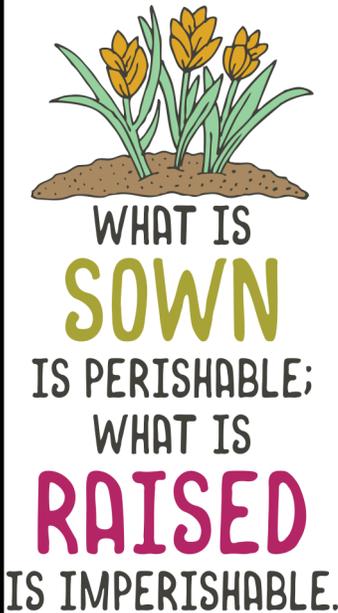
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and rescues them;

he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.



1 Corinthians 15:42

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship
regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Vanderbilt! We rejoice that you are here to worship God with us. Children are important members of our faith community and are welcome in worship. Nursery ministry is also available. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the service. The asterisk (*) in the bulletin indicates that the congregation is asked to stand as able. We use responsive or unison readings and prayers at different times. The leader will read the words in *italics*. The congregation reads the words in **bold print**.

Announcements

Prelude: "Basse et Dessus de Trompette"

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

* Call to Worship

Come near to one another and to our God.

Be still before the one who fulfills our hearts' desires.

This is a time for meeting and greeting.

This is the hour for quieting life's stresses and worries.

Wait patiently, for God will be revealed to us.

God is our refuge in whom we trust.

We believe God is here and will be known by us.

Our faith nourishes us as we rest in God's care.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #478: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

LAUDA ANIMA

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him:
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Kind God, we have sinned against you. We have judged and condemned those whose actions offend us. We hesitate to forgive our enemies or make allowances for the behavior of those less fortunate than ourselves. We confess that we do not pray regularly for our friends, much less for our enemies. Our giving is motivated by self-interest as much as by thankfulness and compassion. We admit our failures and ask once more for pardon and renewal, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** Gloria Patri**

Henry Greatorex

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

We invite children to gather up front for a special children's message. After we sing "Jesus Loves Me," children and youth ages PreK-3 through High School may go study, serve, pray and play together during Sunday school.

**Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

Prayer of Illumination

The First Reading

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: Love Never Ends: *Being the Body of Christ*

"Raised in Glory"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "This We Pray"

Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

When at dawn the glow of morning light brings a new and wondrous day, then we see Your spirit everywhere. Help us know You, Lord, this we pray. When at night a songbird sings a tune from a hill so far away, then we hear Your spirit everywhere. Lord, show us now Your strength and understanding, Your power and compassion and Your might. And may Your love impart a kindness in our heart, that we may always do what's true and right. When the wind is whistling through the trees and the sky is dark and gray, then we feel Your spirit everywhere. Help us know You, Lord, this we pray.

Offering

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Affirmation of faith

from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Hymn #361: "How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

1. **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
2. **"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."**
3. **"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."**
4. **"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."**

* Commission and Blessing

*God will raise you up to new life.
Be still before God and wait patiently each day.*
**God is our refuge and our salvation.
We recommit our ways to God.**
Alleluia.
Amen.

*** Benediction Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, children all are we; Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace, eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude: "Dialogue in D Minor "

Pierre Du Mage
(1674-1751)

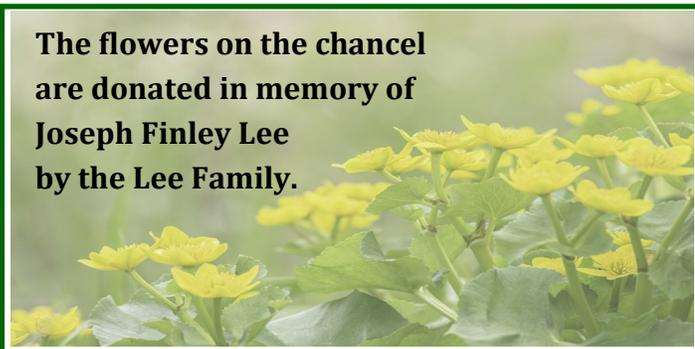
Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Mary Lynn Myers, *Virtual worship Liturgist*
Karen Chappler, *Sunday worship Liturgist*
Dr. James Cochran, *Director of Music*, playing the
Richard & Patricia Fors Organ given to the
glory of God and in honor of James Cochran,
Organist.
Heather Mikes, *Director of Christian Education*
for virtual worship
Katherine Baron, *Children's Ministry Assistant*
for Sunday worship

Michele Byrd, *Soprano for virtual worship*
The Chancel Choir, *for Sunday worship*
Julie Carver, *Pianist for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Ruth Felipe
Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Bill & Geri Payne, Linda & Ron
Addaman, Gwen Salyer
Soundboard Operators: Jim Hart & Victoria
Bonavita

The flowers on the chancel
are donated in memory of
Joseph Finley Lee
by the Lee Family.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

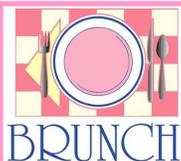
February 27: Transfiguration Sunday

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Sermon Series: Love Never Ends:

Being the Body of Christ - Sermon: "Seeing the Glory"



Special thanks to the
Stewardship Team for sponsoring
our celebration brunch today.

VPC NEWS

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US! TODAY, following the 10am service, we will have a brunch in Fellowship Hall to thank you for your generosity during our annual stewardship drive.

THE SUNDAY SEMINAR: "LOST SCRIPTURES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT" This season's class is examining several early scriptures that were once contenders for a place in the emerging New Testament. Plan to join the conversation as discuss some of these recently recovered "lost scriptures" and ask why they were not included and what they reveal about early Christianity. **Sunday at 11:15am**, Harp Hall led by Dr. John Braun.

THE VPC BOOK CLUB will meet in person outside on the patio on **Monday, February 21 at 1:30pm**. We will discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towels. Questions? Email Peggy Landon at mlandon711@gmail.com.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE! Beginning, **Monday, February 21**, R.D. Johnson Construction will begin corrective and enhancement work on the West walkway entrance to the Student Center. For the 3-4 week duration of this process, access to the church will not be available in this location. Thank you for your understanding as we upgrade our walkway.

AN EDUCATION OFFERING FOR MEN: Journey with Matthew from the Birth to the Death of Jesus, The Messiah. A class for men on **Tuesdays at 9am** in Harp Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS IS SET TO GLOW! Children and youth groups (ages pre-k-3 through high school) will resume on **February 23** with **GLOW NIGHT**. Wear your brightest neon colors and get ready to shine your lights! Check out our new dates and themes! We will meet on Wednesdays every two weeks (Feb. 23, March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18). **Dinner begins in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm**, followed by lessons and play 6-7pm.

CHICKS WITH STICKS will meet on **Thursday, February 24 at 1:30pm** in the Conference Room. Bring your sticks, crochet hook and your latest project. We'll talk about an exciting new partnership with Westminster Presbyterian in Springfield, Illinois. Questions? Contact Molly Cochran at (757)292-4034 or Mollyknits53@yahoo.com.

MINISTERING TO THOSE EXPERIENCING GRIEF AND DEPRESSION: Continue to pray for our Stephen Minister trainees. This week they're exploring one of the more frequent situations in which they may provide care, "Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief." They'll learn about the different stages of grief, along with practical ways they can care at each stage. Our Stephen Minister trainees are also studying the topic of "Caring for Those with Depression: The Stephen Minister's Role". They'll learn the signs of mild, moderate, and severe depression; how to care appropriately for someone with mild or moderate depression; and when and how to make a referral to a mental health professional. Continue to pray for our trainees as they grow in their ability to bring Christ's love and care to people as a ministry of our congregation.

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? Please join Pastor Rob for an informative conversation to answer your questions about being a member of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. **Sunday, February 27** immediately after the worship service (11:15am) in Schock Chapel. Call the church office to register at 597-5410.

OUR NEXT CONCERT IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 2PM: Dexter Kennedy will perform Part II of his César Franck Bicentennial Celebration of the Complete Works for Organ. Come hear the Lively Fulcher Organ resound with the beautiful music of Franck at the talented fingers and feet of this rising star.

HELP VLC CELEBRATE READING! Read Across America is **February 28 through March 4**. We invite you to visit our VLC classrooms to read a short story between the hours of 9-11:30am. To reserve a time, select a book or ask questions, please email Jackie Elmer at jelmer@vpcnaples.org.

JOIN THE WHOLISTIC HEALTH TEAM IN THE WALK TO JERUSALEM: The Walk to Jerusalem is an imaginary walk that encourages walkers, and those who choose other forms of exercise to increase physical activity during Lent. Look in the "Week-at-a-Glance" email on Monday, February 21 for more information on how to sign up and log your miles. This is a perfect opportunity to get EVERYONE involved, children, youth, adults...the entire VPC family! Let's "walk" to Jerusalem!!

ANNUAL MEETING: At its January 24 meeting your Session approved **March 6, 2022** as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting will be held in-person immediately following the 10am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the next class of VPC officers (Elder, Deacon), members of the Congregational Nominations Committee, and Directors of the VPC Endowment Trust Board, approve the 2022 Terms of the Pastoral Call, and to receive the 2021 Annual Report.

THANK YOU

- ◆ **THANKS FOR COMING TO CHALK THE LOT!** It truly was a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Children, adults and families gathered for food, fun and fellowship in the parking lot on Saturday. Sunshine and smiles all around...until it rained overnight, but you can check out pictures of our artful inspirations with God at the center. Visit the Kids and Families YouTube page for more. <https://youtu.be/XF68QcE8CDg>
- ◆ **WE WOOF YOU VERY MUCH!** Thank you for helping celebrate Pet Week at VLC. Our church and preschool families provided amazing donations to the Humane Society of Naples. What a wonderful way to teach our children about caring for God's creatures, the benefits of pet adoption and giving back to our community.
- ◆ **THANK YOU FOR TACKLING HUNGER WITH US!** VPC/VLC children and youth collected \$801 and carts full of food for the Souper Bowl of Caring on last weekend. Thank you for your generous gifts to help care for those in our community struggling with food and housing insecurities. We will continue collection of monetary gifts and/or non-perishable food items through **February 28, 2021**. Please send checks via mail to the church office or donate online, indicating "Souper Bowl" in the memo. Food donations can be dropped off at the church office.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ **COLLIER HARVEST: Monday, February 21 at 5pm** Collier Harvest will have a packing event at 4451 Mercantile Ave. Email Cherie Baines for more information at ctfl.baines@gmail.com.
- ◆ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Every Wednesday morning**, men and women meet in the VPC parking lot at 7:30am to go to Immokalee to build homes, returning to VPC by 3pm. No special skills or tools are required, just bring a bag lunch. Questions? Call Karen Chappler at 592-6434 or John Paalman at 818-642-2976.
- ◆ **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** The next "Fruit Blessing" will be **Friday, February 25 at 9:15am** at Leitner Park, 26274 Nomad Drive, Bonita Springs. All donations of fruit is welcomed and appreciated. Please drop off fruit at the park, at VPC on Thursday by 3pm, or contact Cherie Baines to pick up fruit. More info? elizanevin@comcast.net.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND



	December	YTD	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$159,475	\$1,291,533*	\$1,044,400
Expenses	\$106,888	\$1,180,881	\$1,190,800
Deo Mortgage Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 232,002		

*This includes \$125,700 Grant from the Payroll Protection Program.

Without this one-time grant, our Year-to-Date income would be \$1,165,833.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

If you have a relative or friend in the military, please let the church have their name/address. We think it is important to keep in contact with those who serve our country. Thank you.

ENSIGN Francis Alvares

US Navy, Pensacola, FL
(Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)

MSgt Kristopher Chesslo

USAF
(Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)

LTJG Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

LCDR Adam Endrelunas

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines' son-in-law)

MAJ Allen Fujinaka

US Army
(LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)

CPTN Jennifer Giles

USMC, Philippines
(Mary Giles' granddaughter)

CPTN Jeremy Giles

US Army Special Forces,
Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles' grandson)

LT Col. Jessica D. Grassetti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC

LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy

Camp Pendleton, CA
(Bob Gruber son & daughter-in-law)

E-3 Jacob Guzman

US Army—USA
(Cesar Guzman's son)

Lt. Devon Hennessey

Just returned to Texas from Afghanistan
(Toni Hubbard)

Nolan Kelly

US Army - Private First Class
Fort Sill, OK

Christian Kurz

US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)

LT Kevin McCormick

US Army - USA
(Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)

Austin Schwartz

USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA
(Patricia Schwartz's grandson)

MAJ Matthew Smith,

USMC, Kuwait
(Son of Linda Smith)

1st LT Andrew P. Vadyak

USMC
Okinawa, Japan
Hadley Vadyak
USNA
Class of 2020

Happy Birthday!

*Jan Conrad 2/20
 Peggy Leonard 2/20
 Clive Ozard 2/21
 John Miles 2/22
 *Andrea Daggett 2/23
 Thomas Loughran 2/23
 *Dave Windley 2/23
 *Emily Beynon 2/24
 Yvonne Van Rooyen 2/24
 Mauricio Aguilar 2/26
 *Shirley Blanchard 2/26



Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.



*Birthday Club Members

Interested in joining the Club? Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day. The VPC Endowment Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

*Joyce Geary 2/26
 Mary Ann Koppelkam 2/26
 *Terry Mountford 2/26

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know. They are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or friend of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please note that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

Cynthia Arnold	Jim & Wealtha Flick	Mark Madden
Gordon Black	Jim Fligg	Judy Malone
Adriana Caruso	Jim Folliard	Bridgette Negri
John Ciampi	Dr. Steve Harrington	Joseph Negri
Mason & Pat Colby	Mary Hart	Marciadee Newman
Dick Creviston	Cherry & Phil Jacobus	Abby Renie
Ron Davis	Sandra Johnson	Harold Soule
The Davison & Rodino Families	Keira Krumbine	Bill Schwessinger
Bob Diederich	The Lee Family	Margaret Waters
Marlene Everson	Emily Little	Geraldine Wearsch
	The Lloyd Family	

We are saddened to announce the death of Joseph Finley Lee, Jr. on February 13, 2022. Finley and his wife, Jean, have been members of VPC for over five years. Finley served on the Budget & Finance Team as well as the Stewardship Team. Memorial services will be private.

If you wish to send a card to Jean:
 28571 Calabria Court Unit 202
 Naples, FL 34110

VPC MISSION

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live like Christ in a broken world.
 To Proclaim the Gospel
 To Glorify God in worship and deed
 To Equip our congregation for ministry
 To Serve others in Christ's name.

VPC VISION

A congregation...
 ...so grounded in scripture and sustained by prayer,
 ...so committed to spiritual growth and faithful discipleship,
 ...so inviting, welcoming and inclusive,
 ...so nurturing and healing,
 ...so mission-minded,
 ...so vibrant, energetic and open to opportunities to share the Gospel that lives are transformed by the love of Christ.



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