

NO OTHER NAME

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” —Acts 4:12

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A name tells us a lot about a person. The name we use to address someone reveals the level of intimacy we have with that person and the authority that they hold. A name can reveal an aspect of someone’s character or tell a story of their past exploits.

The Bible uses different names for God to convey His authority and reveal His character and the intimacy that we are invited to have with Him. The most commonly used names for God in the Old Testament – Elohim (El -) and Yahweh (Jehovah) - intrinsically inform us that there is only one true God who is eternal and almighty. The variations of these names throughout the Old Testament reveal the different aspects of Gods character and the nature of the relationship that we are invited to have with Him.

In Jesus we see all the aspects of God’s eternal character and authority revealed in one man. He is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-18) and the exact representation of His being (Hebrews 1:3). He was born of a virgin so He did not inherit the sin nature of an earthly Father. Jesus was born of God, revealing the perfect nature of our Heavenly Father.

Salvation is found in no one else because no other God has come to earth to reveal His perfect nature to us or exercise His authority to save us. **Therefore, there is no other name, other than the name of Jesus, that can save us from sin and invite us into a relationship of intimacy with God.**

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Even though we can’t meet together physically in this season, there are still many opportunities for us to stay connected and involved.

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Watch past episodes of KTV and download resources for your kids at: gatewaybaptist.com.au/kids

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YAHWEH YIREH: THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Genesis 22:1-18; Mark 6:30-44; Philippians 4:19

God promised Abraham that He would bless every nation on earth through his offspring. It was impossible for Abraham to comprehend how God would do this given the immediate obstacles that he faced. By faith Abraham trusted God to provide all of his needs as he left home not knowing where he was going and with no children of his own.

Years later, when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac, we know it was a test of Abraham's faith (22:1). Abraham had to trust that God would provide a sacrifice in place of his only child. And God did just that. **God provided Abraham with a ram in the thicket as a substitute for his son, so Abraham called that place "the Lord will provide"**. As promised, God blessed all of Abraham's children by giving His one and only Son as a sacrifice for all our sins.

We have a God who provides for all our needs (Philippians 4:19). When Jesus was on a mountain teaching his followers and they had nothing to eat, He took what people had to give, multiplied it, and asked His followers to feed the hungry. We have a God who provides for the spiritually and physically hungry as people put their faith in Him.

Notes:

My key takeaway from Sunday's message is...

Life Group Discussion

1. Think of an example in your life when God provided for your needs? Share with the group.
2. Read Genesis 22:1–18. What stands out to you about this event?
3. What does this passage teach us about the character of God?
4. How do you see this demonstrated in the life of Jesus? (Read Mark 6:30–44)
5. What can we learn from this passage that would guide the way we live and make decisions?

Pray

Share your needs and pray for God's provision for each other. You may prefer to break into pairs or triplets to pray. Commit to continuing to pray until your next meeting.

Put it into practice

Pray, "God, how can You use me to provide for someone this week?" It may be to cook a meal, mow the lawn, or give a financial gift.

YAHWEH RAAH: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Psalm 23; John 10:10

The Lord is our Good Shepherd, we shall not want. He has everything we need in every situation. He leads us with wisdom. He restores our soul. He feeds us to strengthen us for the battles we face. He is always present with us and His heart is always for us.

“The Lord” points to God’s deity and “my shepherd” points to His humanity. Jesus is God in human form, prophesied in the Old Testament and revealed in the New Testament. **He is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His people so that we can know Him intimately and know life in all its fullness.**

As sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd and are saved from danger, we must listen to the words of Jesus and be saved. The Lord is our Good Shepherd.

Life Group Discussion

1. Have you ever had a coach, mentor or leader who has been a significant influence in your life? Share your experience.
2. Read Psalm 23. What stands out to you about this passage?
3. What can we learn about the character of God from this Psalm?
4. How do you see this demonstrated in the life of Jesus? (Read John 10:1-18)
5. What can we learn from this passage that would guide the way we live and make decisions?

Prayer

Share your prayer requests and pray for one another. You may prefer to break into pairs or triplets to pray. Commit to continuing to pray until your next meeting.

Put it into practice

Pray, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” Spend time in prayer, listening to God’s voice. What is God saying to you in this season? Write it in your journal or share it with a trusted friend.

Notes:

My key takeaway from Sunday’s message is...

YAHWEH RAPHA: THE LORD HEALS

Exodus 15:26; Leviticus 13:1-8; Luke 4:18; John 9:1-12

God understands our need for healing and He promises to restore every broken piece of our lives. When Israel were rescued from Egypt, God gave them clear instructions in the law to protect them from plagues and disease. In an age before any understanding of microbiology, God knew how to keep his people healthy. Our God is a God who heals.

When Jesus announces His mission, He declares that He has come to give sight to the blind and to heal the broken hearted. As Jesus is walking along the road He meets a man born blind from birth and heals him by rubbing mud in his eyes. There is misunderstanding around why this man was blind; how he was healed and who Jesus really was, but one thing was certain – he was blind but now he could see.

We have a God who heals medically and miraculously. We can wash our hands to keep germs away and walk by faith to see miracles abound.

Life Group Discussion

1. Have you ever experienced or witnessed God’s healing power? Share your experience with the group.
2. Read Exodus 15:22–27. What stands out to you about this event?
3. What does this passage teach us about the character of God?
4. How do you see this demonstrated in the life of Jesus? (Read John 9:1–12)
5. What can we learn from this passage that would guide the way we live and make decisions?

Notes:

My key takeaway from Sunday’s message is...

Pray

Share your prayer requests with one another. If any of you are sick, pray for God to heal them. You may prefer to break into pairs or triplets to pray. Commit to continuing to pray until your next meeting.

Put it into practice

Write a list of people you know who are sick and commit to pray for their healing. You may wish to send them a message and let them know you are praying or call them and pray for them over the phone.