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This Sunday Aug 11

SUNDAY SERMON PREVIEW

What Do You Collect?



Dear Nelly,

In his memoir, *The Good Times*, the former New York Times correspondent Russell Baker remembers his mother who died many years ago. He said though his mother has been gone for years she still roams free in his head and wakes him in the early morning before daybreak. "If there's one thing I can't stand, Russell, it's a quitter," she says. He protests, "But mother, I'm not a child anymore. I have made something of myself. I'm entitled to sleep late." "Russell," she responds, "You've got no more gumption than a bump on a log. Don't you want to amount to something?"

Baker remembers when he was assigned to cover the White House-as close to heaven as correspondent could get. At twenty-nine, he was puffed up with pride and went to see his mother, relishing the prospect of her approval and delight. He should have known better.

"Well, Russ," she said, "if you work hard at this White House job you might be able to make something of yourself" "Make something of yourself." "Amount to

Solo Quartet Rehearsal
9:45 am

Adult Bible Study
10 am

Children's Sunday School
10 am

Sunday Morning Prayer
Group
10:30 am

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
11 am
Rev. Dr. Glenn
Carson, Guest Preacher

Kid's Church
11 am

Lifeline Gathering
6 pm

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something." "Be a success." What does it mean? How can I achieve it? How do I know when I am there?

Success is the great American obsession. It is without a doubt our greatest preoccupation.

Jesus had something to say about the measure of success. He said, "Beware! Watch out! Be on guard against greed! For one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

He told a story about a farmer who seemingly was successful in every way. Jesus said this farmer found himself in a dilemma and his dilemma did not stem from crop failure, but his dilemma stemmed from an over-abundant crop. Jesus said he was a big farmer with a big crop and big harvest and big barns, but Jesus said he was a big fool!

Jesus said that when his crops came in he had more corn than he had space in his barns. And here is what I will do the man said, I will tear down my small barns and I will expand my barns and then after storing his goods in his barns, Jesus said he turned to himself and said to himself, "soul, you've got enough stuff stashed away to last you for a long time. Now soul, I tell you what you do, sit down soul and wine yourself and dine and recline and shine...take it easy.

When he said that to himself... take it easy, wine, dine, recline and shine, that night Jesus said, God inventoried not his wheat but his soul and he was called him a fool not because he was a big farmer with big barns, but he called him a fool because all of his investments were in short range stock.

And so I want to raise the question of what do you collect?

For Jesus in telling this story challenges us to rethink our definition of success. And so I would like on Sunday to throw out a new definition of success and a few tips as a kind of recommendation for long range soul investment.

The readings for Sunday: [Hebrews 11:1-6](#), [Luke 12:13-21](#)

See you at *The Park!*



Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson

EVERY SUNDAY, 10:30 AM, Back of the Sanctuary

Sunday Morning Prayer Group

Quote of the Week

Upcoming Events

Service and Witness

* The [Saturday Community Lunch](#) program welcomes volunteers every Saturday. Contact [Rev. Luis-Alfredo](#) to participate.

* For information on free food and assistance programs throughout the five boroughs, visit the [New York City Coalition Against Hunger](#).

[Visit the church's volunteer webpage for more opportunities](#)



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We invite you to join us in the back of the sanctuary for a time of prayer for our church community, our city and the world.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 11 & 18, 1-3:00 PM

Summer Holy Conversations on the 2020 Vision



God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Vision

We dare to SEE a faithful, growing healthy congregation of thousands over the next ten years that seeks to demonstrate true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

Values

We dare to BE a church that embraces the divinity and dignity of difference by actively seeking and welcoming all people regardless of race, age, culture, economic circumstance, sexual/gender orientation, physical or mental condition. We dare to be a church that lives to serve others.

Mission

We dare to DO ministry in such a way that reaches and impacts the upper east side, the city of New York and beyond with the radical claims of the gospel of Jesus Christ through our worship and our witness as we strive to build and model the beloved community of God.

Sunday,

Fund
Stewardship Campaign
Building Fund
Sanctuary Book Fund

short cuts

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**August 11,
1:00 pm-3:30 PM
Holy Conversation**

Calling all the Congregational members of *The Park!* Join us for the third Holy Conversation on the future of our church. A light lunch will be served. To attend, please RSVP to Nelly x110 or Kim x102 in the church office.

**Sunday,
August 18, 1:00-3:00 pm
Holy Conversation**

Calling All XY'ers and singles! Pastor Jackson and Ms. Tina invite all XY'ers of the church (20-30 year olds) to join them for a gathering at the Manse and a Holy Conversation on the future of our church. All XY'ers whether you are new to the group or have been there for years, no matter if you are a regular or just one that pops in and out.

A light lunch will be served.

To attend, please RSVP to Nelly x110 or Kim x102 in the church office.

Quote of the Week

It's never too late to get on with it. . . We have permission to amend life at any time, whether we're 35, 45, or 75. . . Faith is always going to be demanding something of you. It is not a cold compress or a warm foot bath or a cup of tea. Faith is always stretching your "is" against your "ought." It is a consolation- it strengthens you to do what you must do-but it is also a provocation, a stimulus to become the person you really want to be.

--Peter Gomes

Upcoming Events

Sundays, July-Aug - Summer Choir, Sanctuary

Join the summer choir in leading worship. All are welcome to sing with us. Simply arrive at 9:45 a.m. and join in rehearsal at the front of the Sanctuary.

Sunday Aug 25 - A Called Congregational Meeting, After Worship, Sanctuary

Topic is based on the 2020 Vision and the future of the church.

**Did you know that there are scores of events -- bible study, concerts,
committee, common interest, and self-help meetings -- happening every month
at 1010 Park Avenue and around the city?**

[Visit our website calendar](#) to find an activity that calls to you!

EVERY SATURDAY - Saturday Community Lunch Program

For over 20 years, *The Park* and its partnering congregations serve lunch to approximately 200 guests. [Contact Rev. Luis-Alfredo to volunteer.](#)

EVERY SUNDAY - [Lifeline](#), 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Lifeline is a spiritual gathering for people recovering from all kinds of addiction, affected family and friends, and others who seek the promise of healing and restoration that only God can provide. Beginning at 6 pm, there is an hour of meditative music, prayers and speaker who shares his or her experience about addiction, recovery and spirituality. Fellowship and food afterwards.

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