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MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Response Card

NAME:

E-MAIL:

PHONE: () -

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I am a returning guest.
- I am a regular attendee/member.

MY DECISION TODAY:

- I want to know more about the Gospel.
- I am committing my life to Christ.
- I am renewing my commitment to Christ.
- I want to join a small group.
- I would like to serve on a team.

COMMENTS/PRAYER NEEDS:

- For Prayer Team
- For Pastor

Day by Day by Grace
(March 22nd)

More on the Resurrection and Sanctification

*I also count all things loss for **the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings.** ([Philippians 3:8, 10](#))*

Sanctification is that process whereby the redeemed are increasingly set apart for the purposes, use, and glory of God. The **resurrection** of Christ and the **power** of that **resurrection** are **interwoven** into that **entire process**. Our present passage offers additional insight into this sublime truth.

The **power** of the resurrection is again in view. However, the context involves **more** than heavenly empowerment: *"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection."* The primary context is **getting to know the Lord**. *"I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."* Paul's passion was to know His Lord, to become more intimately acquainted with Him. He refers to this blessed goal as the greatest value available in all of creation. *"I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ."* Paul was ready to lose anything in order to gain more intimacy with the Lord. To him, such a knowing of Christ was **"the excellence"** (which could be translated, "the excellent value").

Our relationship with the Lord began in **"the power of His resurrection."** We were dead in our sins, and the Lord raised us to new life, as we believed upon Him. What a wonderful way to start out our acquaintanceship with God! A season of joy and gratitude accompanied this personal resurrection. His resurrection power gave us such a great appreciation of who our Lord actually is, a **God of might and power**.

As time marched along, we discovered that there are other ways to get to know our Lord more fully: namely, **"the fellowship of His sufferings."** Many of us who follow Christ were startled when, after believing in Jesus, we encountered some personal suffering. In our early joyous days with Jesus, we maybe assumed that trials would never come our way. Eventually, we began to suffer as Jesus did (for doing the right things, for righteousness sake). *"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps"* ([1 Peter 2:21](#)). How much deeper did our relationship with Him grow in those trials. We learned more of the **difficult** path **He** walked here on earth. We found out how **faithful** and **compassionate** He was when we called upon Him in our need. Once more, our love for Him grew.

Dear Lord of power and compassion, I magnify You for Your resurrection power. I extol You for Your matchless compassion. You have allowed me to experience these that I might grow in knowing You. Unleash Your power in my weakness. Pour out Your compassion in my sufferings. Let me know You more, through Christ I pray, Amen.

Lunch offering can be placed in the offering box in the multi-purpose room.

For church members, offering can be dropped in the offering box in the EM room or sent to **NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116.**

(Offering is mainly for our church members and regular attendees. If you are visiting us today, just fill in the response card and place it in the offering box.)



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NVCCC English Ministry

March 22, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICE

Praise*
Prayer*
Scripture reading

Hebrews 12:15
Ephesians 4:26-27 & 31-32
Colossians 3:13

Message
The Freedom of Forgiveness or the Bondage of Bitterness, Part 2
Speaker

Pastor Erik Evenson
Response Card and Offerings
Response song*
Announcements
Doxology*
Benediction/Closing prayer
Pastor Erik Evenson

UPCOMING

April 3rd — Good Friday Service

April 5th — Easter

Thank you for being with us today. For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website.

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JOIN US THIS WEEK

Sunday 10AM - Worship service

After Sunday worship service, we have a time of fellowship with refreshments. You are welcome to join!

Friday 8PM - Small group

The online link for small group meetings will be found in our weekly email announcement. Any questions? Send an email to: nvcccem@gmail.com

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:15

¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Ephesians 4:26-27

²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:31-32

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS OR THE BONDAGE OF BITTERNESS

Notes

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- () I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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