

August 24,25 2019

“The Silver Chair”

Deuteronomy 6, II Kings 6

Message by Steve Fowler

Worship led by Laura Scharer

Music:

This I Believe	O Praise The Name	Before the Throne
Build My Life		

Sermon:

Remember the signs

“Stand still. In a moment I will blow. But first, remember, remember, remember the signs. Say them to yourself when you wake in the morning and when you lie down at night, and when you wake in the middle of the night. And whatever strange things may happen to you, let nothing turn your mind from following the signs.

Aslan

And secondly, I give you a warning. Here on the mountain I have spoken to you clearly: I will not often do so down in Narnia. Here on the mountain, the air is clear and your mind is clear; as you drop down into Narnia, the air will thicken. Take great care that it does not confuse your mind. And the signs which you have learned here will not look at all as you expect them to look, when you meet them there. That is why it is so important to know them by heart, and pay no attention to appearances. Remember the signs and believe the signs. Nothing else matters.”

Aslan

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Remember the mission

Remember there's more

So I won't deny any of what you said. But there's one more thing to be said, even so. Suppose we have only dreamed, or made up, all those things-trees and grass and sun and moon and stars and Aslan himself. Suppose we have. Then all I can say is that, in that case, the made-up things seem a good deal more important than the real ones. Suppose this black pit of a kingdom of yours is the only world. Well, it strikes me as a pretty poor one. And that's a funny thing, when you come to think of it. We're just babies making up a game, if you're right. But four babies playing a game can make a play-world which licks your real world hollow. That's why I'm going to stand by the play world. I'm on Aslan's side even if there isn't any Aslan to lead it. I'm going to live as like a Narnian as I can even if there isn't any Narnia. So, thanking you kindly for our supper, if these two gentlemen and the young lady are ready, we're leaving your court at once and setting out in the dark to spend our lives looking for Overland. Not that our lives will be very long, I should think; but that's a small loss if the world's as dull a place as you say.”
Puddleglum

I bless you with a renewed delight for reading and remembering scripture. As you read, may your mind and your imagination be quickened by the Holy Spirit to hear, see, and remember all that Jesus says and reveals to you. May you be like a beautiful, flourishing fruit tree planted by streams of water. May your roots go deep. May you drink deeply even in times of drought.

I bless you with a renewed passion for the mission of Christ. May you use the gifts he has given you for His cause. May you be filled with courage to love like and speak of Jesus. And, may you experience the thrill of freeing captives and know the joy of helping them come out from under the spell of the serpent.

I bless you with eyes of faith. There's more to this world than what you can see. May Jesus open the eyes of your heart to see with your eyes of faith. Many today have given up hope and cannot see. I bless you with the words that Elisha spoke to his servant. “O Lord, open their eyes and let them see!” May you look up and rejoice that the hillsides around you are filled with horses and chariots of fire. May the presence of Jesus fill you, sustain you and carry you as you keep your faith-filled eyes on Him.