

# The Year Of Following Jesus #22 Unanswered Prayer

May 28, 2022

*Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today*

**May 28 & 29, 2022**

Blessed Be Your Name

**Welcome**

God of Wonders

Rescue

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Waymaker

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #22 -**

**What's the Deal With Unanswered Prayer? -**

**Pastor Ed**



## **Good Stuff To Know**

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs -** Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



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### First Time Visitors

**The Lord's Supper (Communion)**  
 This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Summer Youth Help Sign Up
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Kitchen Help
- ➔ Hiking Group
- ➔ VBS Sign Up

**Need To Talk?...**  
 The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.  
 Ed - 907.306.2823, [ednjude@gmail.com](mailto:ednjude@gmail.com)  
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 Website: [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### Riverside Happenings

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, June 11th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Hiking Group** - Did you know Riverside has a Facebook hiking group? We hope to post a hike twice a month. Search for "Riverside Eagle River Hiking." Text Melissa with questions: 907-632-5499.

**Kitchen Help** - Want to lend a hand? Help set up or clean up the kitchen for weekend services. See Aniela for details.

**Summer Ignite/Rev Volunteers Needed** - The 4th-8th grade youth group needs adult helpers. Events will be scheduled one per month, based on volunteer availability. Please sign up in the lobby and include your #.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)

**VBS Sign Ups** - June 13-16 from 6:30-8pm. See Janet or Aniela.

**JAM Camp Registration** - JAM Camp is July 10-14. Registration is open online at <https://www.lavernegriffincamp.org/camps> This camp is an annual tradition for Riverside students entering 5th-12th grade. The cost is \$225 per student. Scholarships are available. See Ed or Aniela.

**Write to our missionaries** - There is a mailbox hanging under the missions bulletin board in the greeting area. Please pick up a communications pamphlet prior to writing a letter, then place letters unsealed (we have to review them for security phrasing) in the mailbox. If you have any questions, please text Melissa: 9076325499

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, Date TBD, 6:00 - 7:30**  
 Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.  
 For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?  
 See Tayler or Aniela.

**Thursday, June 1st, 6:00 - 8:00**  
 9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.  
 Questions? Like to help?  
 See Liz & Kyle, Tayler, or Aniela.

To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:  
 "IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

# The Year Of <sup>Following</sup> Jesus #22

## What's The Deal With Unanswered Prayer?

*I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works... You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it... Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!*

*—John 14:12-14 (NLT)*

### 4 Kinds Of Unanswered Prayers:

#### 1. No.

- *Three different times I begged God to make me well again. Each time he said, "No. But I am with you; that is all you need. My power shows up best in weak people." Now I am glad to boast about how weak I am; I am glad to be a living demonstration of Christ's power, instead of showing off my own power and abilities... for when I am weak, then I am strong.*

—2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (TLB)

- *She said, "Promise that one of my sons will sit at your right side and the other will sit at your left side in your kingdom." But Jesus said, "You don't understand what you are asking."*

—Matthew 20:21-22 (NCV)

- *When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, "Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up."*

—Luke 9:54 (NLT)

## **2. Slow.**

- *These things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.*

—Habakuk 2:3 (NLT)

- *But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.*

—2 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT)

## **3. Grow.**

- *Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.*  
—Isaiah 40:30-31 (NLT)
- *Listen! The Lord's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.*  
—Isaiah 59:1-2 (NLT)
- *Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need.*  
—Proverbs 21:13 (NLT)
- *But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.*  
—Mark 11:25 (NLT)

#### **4. I Don't Know.**

- *When a believing person prays, great things happen.*  
—James 5:16 (NCV)
- *He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."*  
—Matthew 26:39 (NLT)
- *At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli,[a] lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"*  
—Matthew 27:46 (NLT)
- *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate*

*us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*—Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)*

## **Follow Through Step #22:**

**Reflect on any prayer blockers that might be getting in the way of your prayers. What can you do to get past them?**

## **Riverside Info Texting System**

At Riverside we aren't terribly organized- in fact we're sort of the poster church for "disorganized religion". So we use a "text for information" system where how much info you get is controlled by you. You will never have someone call you without asking for a call. If you can't find the info you need or have more questions or need some help reach out to one of the pastors directly- if we don't answer try texting or emailing us and we may get your message sooner.

**Pastor Ed - 907.306.2823, ednjude@gmail.com**

**Aniela (kids/teens ministries) - 907.748.1556,  
anielawhah@gmail.com**

**Nate (worship ministry)- 907.360.4825  
nrsandback@gmail.com**

**Tayler Gongliewski (youth intern) - 907.230.3242  
tgongliewski8@yahoo.com**

For info on any of the following areas simply text the keyword to 907-312-2662. You'll get a text in return with a link to the info you asked for.

Frequently Asked Questions About Riverside- keyword= FAQs

Communion Info- keyword= Communion

New To Riverside? keyword= Guest

Want news and updates periodically? keyword= Loop

Want more info about following Jesus? keyword= Shine

Want info on baptism at Riverside? keyword= Baptism

Youth Programs At Riverside:

Want info on 4-5 grade programs? keyword= Ignite

Want info on 6-8 grade programs? keyword= Rev

Want info on high school programs? keyword= Thrive