

# Oak Grove Church of Christ Newsletter - 2023.06.25

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**Speaker-AM:** Jamie Rinehart

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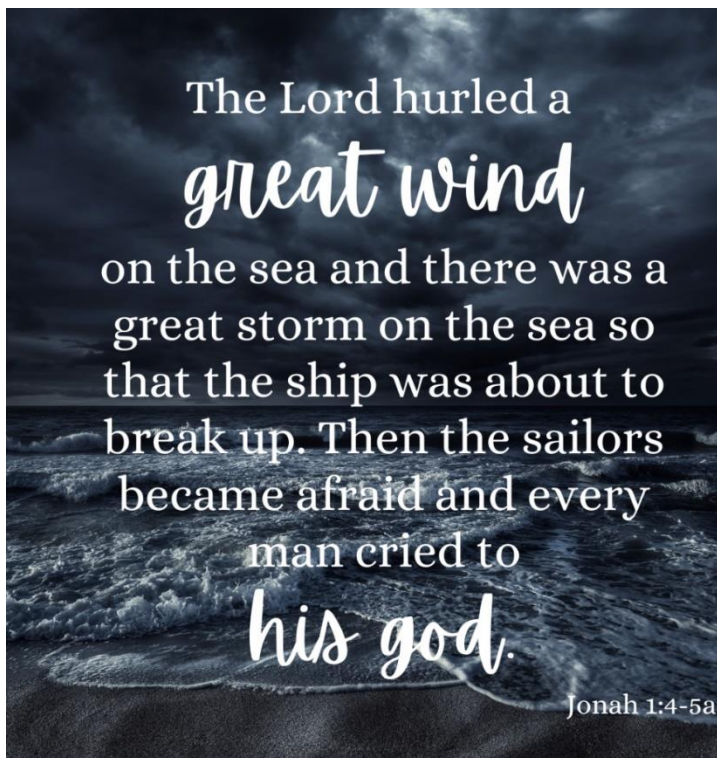
[tinyurl.com/JamieSailors](https://tinyurl.com/JamieSailors)

**Speaker-PM:** Tyler Glidden

**Title:** Gentleness

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## Articles

### Your Speech Shows It, This Is One Of Them 6/20/2023 by Terry Wane Benton

"As Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and \*said, "You also were with Jesus the Nazarene." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he went out onto the porch, and a rooster crowed. The servant-girl saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, "This is one of them!" But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean too." But he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!" Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he began to weep" (Mark 14:66-72).

To those venomous unbelieving Jews in Jerusalem, gathered that early morning around the fire, it seemed to be a strong inference that Peter was associated with Jesus. His speech was Galilean in style and enunciation, and Jesus was Galilean. Who among Galileans would be up and present here at this hour? Thus, an inference is that "this is one of them" (troublers) and "your speech shows it!"

I wonder if being a disciple of Jesus was a crime, would there be enough evidence to convict us? Would our speech show it? Is our speech so unlike the world? Holy? Non-vulgar? Never any profanity or coarse jesting? Never any taking of the Lord's name in vain? Do you talk about moral issues and righteousness a lot? Does your speech avoid gossip, and contain a lot of thanksgiving? Does your speech show faith, hope, and love? Do you speak of Bible knowledge and love for Jesus? Does your speech show that you are a real disciple of Jesus? Or, does your speech hide the light? Does it fit with the world? Or does it fit with Jesus? What does your speech make others conclude about you? More importantly, what does God know about you? Serious reflection now can do us eternal good!



## **Burdens 6/23/2023 by Johnathan Perz**

Struggles, infirmities, and adversities are a part of life. We all face them. Paul describes a struggle he brought before God on three occasions, seeking that God remove it from him. Instead of removing the burden, God let Paul bear it, admonishing him with the words, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Some burdens are self-inflicted, and we bear them because of our own folly (though God’s mercy often prevails despite our follies). God allows and gives other burdens so that we may grow stronger through absolute reliance upon Him. Paul accepted his burden by learning to most gladly boast in it that the power of Christ would rest upon him. Let us learn to bear our burdens with joy, knowing God’s grace is perfecting us and that He is working in us and through us. He hasn’t abandoned us to our burdens. He is empowering us to carry them in ways we could never on our own!

“And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (II Corinthians 12:7-10).