

JACOB'S WELL



Sunday Paper

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LIFE CYCLES—NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

Last week we explored the role of giving birth and letting go of what we created. This week we'll explore what happens when you are the one released - when you discover it's your turn to navigate life. This isn't just a kid-become-adult thing, but the perpetual life cycle of being called to step up to the plate, take the baton, fill the shoes. Erin McGillivray, who has done her own "My turn now" discoveries and walked 100's of Peace Corp volunteers into their turns as changemakers, is joining Greg in leading this conversation we all need to have today.



What to expect today (it's pretty simple)

We're glad you're here. Have some coffee, find a chair.

Music—sing along!

Welcome

Message—"Life Cycles-Now it's Your Turn"

~Greg Meyer, along with Erin McGillivray

Offering—Thank You

Songs & Closing

Go and be Jacob's Well!

Also today...



We're glad you're here! There is a lot to notice, enjoy and wonder about with your friends and family in our gathering today. Find the kids table with stuff just for you. *Maker Fun Factory* continues today for kids from preschool through High School! At Maker Fun Factory kids discover they are an amazing piece of God's creation. Like gears in a machine, every part of Maker Fun Factory helps us to learn more about each other, ourselves and God to produce experiences that help connect God's stories to our everyday lives. Start at the check-in table, then head to the gym to find your crew!

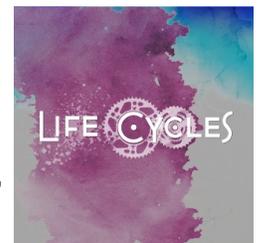


Give Blood TODAY! Why give blood? Here's a reason... Donating blood takes about one hour, including a mini-physical and health interview. Actual donation time is typically only 10 minutes. And within about 10 days, your blood will have helped saved lives in your community. Walk-ins are welcome...visit the Memorial Blood Center table!

Coming Up and More...

Next Sunday: LIFE CYCLES—MORE THAN REMEMBERING

We talked about giving birth and letting go, we explored life when it's our turn. Today it is Memorial Day and we are looking at what's there when it's over. The answer isn't The Afterlife... the question is about what we leave behind, and for those of us left to carry on when others are gone, what we hold on to. Whether you are mourning a death, the loss of a job, or kids who left your orbit when they became adults, what is more than remembering, and does it count? See you next week!



Bustin' Awesome!

The ways you choose to be Jacob's Well help bust through some of the toughest stuff of life. Together, we are bustin' awesome. Let's celebrate each other!

When: Sunday, June 4, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM

Where: Field parking lot (or the gym if it rains)

Festivities: Bounce House, Nerf Gun battles, Slime, Photo Booth, & Refreshments

Women of Jacob's Well!

Let's go to the Boundary Waters! Join us June 15-18 for a fun and relaxing camping trip in God's Great North Woods. Contact Maia, mdalager687@gmail.com, for questions or if you want to attend.



LIFE CYCLES

Now It's Your Turn

HEAR THE PODCAST



YOUR TURN happens when you have the opportunity or obligation to step onto a new stage of life; big or small, prominent or unnoticed.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR TURN COMES?

Sometimes you are OVER CONFIDENT. You aren't as ready as you think!

Don't focus on the freedom FROM restrictions, and miss the freedom FOR your role.

For you were called to freedom...only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence.
Galatians 5.13

Sometimes you are UNDER CONFIDENT. You aren't as unprepared as you think!

Don't focus on your FEAR OF FAILING, and miss the OPPORTUNITY to try.

God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1.7

You were born into this world to be a CO-CREATOR.

You are neither a Superhero nor a Bystander.

HOW DO YOU TAKE YOUR TURN?

Avoid the expectation to BE SOMETHING, measured by OUTWARD CHARACTERISTICS.

- Impatience, this is supposed to be immediate to prove you're not a fraud.
- Skills, Expertise, Look the Part, Have Answers and Certainty

Seek the opportunity to BECOME SOMEONE, based on INWARD CAPACITIES.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12.2

- Patience, it's a process and takes time. Authenticity is in the reason for the pursuit.
- Resilience, Self-Forgiveness, Compassion for Others, Tolerance for Public Learning, Instinct to assess in order to understand instead of to judge in order to categorize, Integrity, Breathe, Self-Awareness.

Your Turn has WHO you become LEADING WHAT you learn to do.

Inner Work

Outer Work



THE BIG PICTURE OF YOUR TURN (that's your 'Wa') MEANS HOLDING PARADOXICAL TRUTHS

- You discover your Wa by looking WITHIN you & BEYOND you (not OUTSIDE you).
- The Inner Work can only be done BY YOU, & you can't do the Inner Work ALONE.
- Your Turn will require CONFIDENCE & HUMILITY.
- You must decide what is worthy of your LIFETIME & what you will do TODAY.

Homework practice... Step up your Inner Work by reminding

yourself that nothing worth doing can be accomplished in one

lifetime. Then spend 10 minutes a day considering, writing, talking

about what delights you, what is necessary, what distracts you.

If you are new, welcome!

Thanks for being Jacob's Well today. We'd love to meet you and share some chocolate.

Find the table with this question mark...



The freedom of *Your Turn* is easily misused and often squandered, but we always get second chances. There was a letter written about this. Check out the end of it in Galatians 5 and 6.

Find more ways to dig into the Bible and this conversation...

Check out our Leftovers page at jacobs-well.net/leftovers.



Love Somalia and partners have organized the largest Feed My Starving Children

MobilePack™ event to pack 6 million meals. 61 Jacob's Wellers have already signed up to pack meals on June 4, from 3:15 to 5:30 in St Paul. Join us!
jacobs-well.net/love-somalia

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