

FALL 2024 | Heartland College Camp

GENERAL MESSAGE |

**MAN AS A
VESSEL FOR THE
FILLFULMENT
OF GOD'S
ETERNAL PLAN**

NOVEMBER 8-10 2024
PARKVILLE MO



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Schedule

FRIDAY	7:00pm	Arrival
	8:00PM	MESSAGE #1
	9:30pm	Light Snack
	10:30pm	Cabin Time
	11:00pm	Lights Out
SATURDAY	7:00am	Rise & Personal Morning Revival
	8:00AM	MORNING FELLOWSHIP & REVIVAL TIME
	8:30am	Breakfast
	9:30AM	MESSAGE #2
	11:00am	Break
	11:15AM	BREAKOUT SESSION / MISCELLANEOUS
	12:30pm	Lunch
	1:30pm	Pictures
	1:45pm	Rest
	2:45pm	Recreation
	4:15PM	BREAKOUT SESSION / MISCELLANEOUS
	5:30pm	Dinner
	6:30PM	MESSAGE #3
	8:00pm	Prep for campfire
	8:30pm	Campfire time
	9:30pm	Snack
	10:30pm	Cabin Time
11:00pm	Lights Out	
LORD'S DAY	7:00am	Rise & Personal Morning Revival
	8:00AM	MORNING FELLOWSHIP & REVIVAL TIME
	8:30am	Breakfast
	9:30AM	MESSAGE #4
	11:00am	Break
	11:15AM	BREAKOUT SESSION / MISCELLANEOUS
	12:30pm	Lunch

Man Made as a Vessel to Contain God

- I. We should consider what the meaning of our human life is.
 - A. The world is a system of distraction, leading us away from God towards other things. It ensnares us in the anxieties of life (Luke 21:33-34) and works to constantly occupy our time (Eph. 5:15-17)
 - B. The world seeks to diminish the meaning of human life. Without Christ the human life is temporary and fleeting (James 4:4).
 - C. Although man is fragile, God sees us in a vastly different light. Man is a vessel to Contain God (2 Corinthians 4:7). The value of the vessel is in what it contains (Matthew 6:21).
- II. God values the human life deeply
 - A. Created all things for the human life. The progression of creation reveals God's thoughtfulness in creation, building up to and leading to the creation of man (Gen 1:1-31).
 - B. The human life is the highest life among all of God's creation – the highest consciousness and highest likeness to God (Gen 1:26-27). God places the importance of man on the same plane as the universe, as the centerpiece of creation (Zechariah 12:1).
 - C. God considers His people a personal treasure (Exodus 19:5).
- III. God created man as a counterpart – someone to match Him, express Him, and exercise dominion as His representative (Gen 1:27, Exodus 19:6).
- IV. God's creation is focused on matters of life and the items related to life. God's focus is not on good and evil.
 - A. God's ultimate concern is of life and death, not of good and evil (Gen 2:9, 16-17).
 - B. God created all man in Adam (Gen 1:26), and realized the multiplication by creating Eve, and commanding man to multiply (Gen 1:18). His covenant with Abraham was solely focused on life and the seed of life (Gen 17:7-8).
- V. Satan subtly usurps man to distract him from God, from obtaining God's life, and from accomplishing God's purpose
 - A. God explicitly warned Adam and Eve about the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Gen 2:17)
 - B. Satan subtly uses the distraction of good and evil to convince man that he can be like God, knowing good and evil, and turn away from God as the only true source of Life (Gen. 3:1,4-5).
- VI. The world today has convinced all mankind, including Christians, that good and evil are the highest and most important concern. This causes us to question many things that happen in the world and are designed by Satan for Christians to lose faith in God.
 - A. If we see that we are vessels, made to contain God's life, to express Him, and exercise dominion to accomplish His will, we will find the greatest satisfaction and joy.
- VII. The purpose of creating man as a vessel is to have man express God (Gen. 1:26-27)
 - A. With the image of God inwardly
 1. Christ is the image of the invisible God. God is invisible; yet He has an image. (2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15; John 1:18; 1 Cor. 15:6; Heb. 1:3)

2. Since man was created in the image of God and the image of God is Christ, man was created in the image of Christ. (Gen. 1:26-27)
 3. Adam, the first man, was a type, a figure of Christ, a picture of Christ (Rom. 5:14). As a photograph is the expression of a certain image, so man was made to be the expression of the image of God which is Christ. (Rom. 5:14, 9:21, 23, 2 Cor. 4:7)
 4. Christ was made in the likeness of man (Phil. 2:6-8) that through His death and resurrection man may obtain God's life.
 5. Man can be transformed into and conformed unto the image of Christ (2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29; Phil. 2:5)
 6. Our body will be transfigured into the likeness of the glorious body of Christ (Phil. 3:21; 1 Jon. 3:2b)
- B. With the likeness of God outwardly (Gen. 18:2a; Jam. 2:23; Gen. 18:16a, 32:24, 28-30, Josh. 5:13-14, 15; Ezk. 1:5, 10; Rev. 4:6-7)
- C. Made with a specific design for a particular purpose
1. A vessel should be made in a particular shape that is suited to its contents; a glove is made according to the image of a hand, and this image enables the glove to contain the hand. When a glove does something, it is not the glove that does it but the hand that is in the glove.
 2. Man is a vessel, a container, created to contain God; if we do not have God as our content, we are empty; as long as we are empty, we are not fulfilling the purpose for which God created us
 3. Man's vessel is composed of three parts – spirit, soul, and body (1 Thes. 5:23)
 - a. God created us with a human spirit so that we can receive and contain Him. Just as our stomach is the organ that receives, [83] contains, and digests food and drink, our spirit is the organ that receives, contains, and digests God Himself
 - b. God also created us with a soul, which is composed of a mind for thinking and considering (Psa. 13:2), a will for choosing and making decisions (Job 7:15), and an emotion for experiencing and expressing feelings such as desire and love (S.S. 1:7). The function of our soul is to express and manifest what we contain in our spirit (Luke 1:46-47)
 4. What is important is that we as God's vessels now possess the Triune God as our content. We should not try to change or improve ourselves. Instead, we should seek to be filled with the Triune God.
 5. God desires to have a group of people mingled with Christ, transformed into the image of Christ, and built up together as a corporate Body to contain Christ and express Christ, which will be a living corporate Body, a living corporate city, a living corporate container to contain God in Christ through the Spirit to express the Triune God

Satan's Corrupting Man's Vessel

I. Man's entire vessel was corrupted by Satan

A. Man's soul, consisting of his mind, emotion, and will (Gen. 2:7, 1 Thes. 5:23; Heb. 4:12)

1. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other animal of the field that Jehovah God had made. And he said to the woman, Did God really say, You shall not eat of any tree of the garden? And the woman said to the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die. And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die! – Gen 3:1-4
2. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil – Gen 3:5
3. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make oneself wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate – Gen 3:6

B. Man's body

1. For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells..." Rom. 7:18a (cf. Gen 3:6)

C. Man's spirit

1. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die – Gen 2:17
2. And you, though dead in your offenses and sins... – Eph 2:1a

II. Partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil resulted in death (Gen. 2:17)

III. Today, Satan is continuing his damaging work upon man's vessel and his primary tactic is wearing out the saints

A. And he will speak things against the Most High and wear out the saints of the Most High; and his intention will be to change the times and the law; and they will be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time - Dan 7:25

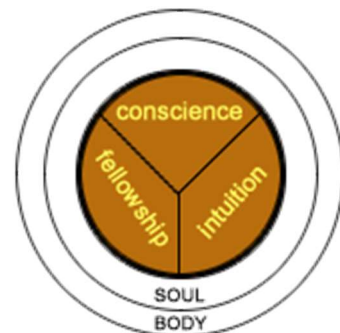
B. One way Satan seeks to wear out the saints' vessel is through the bombardment of flaming darts (cf. Eph. 6:16)

1. The average person is exposed to upwards of 10,000 advertisements per day – this is 10,000 attempts for Satan to influence you
2. The average person looks at their phone 80x per day – on average every 12 minutes
3. The fallen soul is sticky and loves to hold onto things (cf. Prov. 4:23)

Parts of the Soul



Parts of the Spirit



- C. A second way Satan seeks to wear out the saints' vessel is by deceiving them into taking things other than God for their protection (Gen 5:21), sustenance (v. 20), supply (v. 17) and enjoyment (v. 21)
 - 1. As a result, man takes countless things into his being every day which not only do not meet the intended need; they are like saltwater, creating a false sense of relief but only worsening the problem
 - 2. Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled-up houses, while this house lies waste? Now therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, Consider your ways. You have sown much, but you bring in little; you eat, but there is no satisfaction; you drink, but there is no being filled with drink; you dress yourselves, but there is no warmth in doing so; and he who earns wages, earns wages *to put them* into a bag with holes....You looked for much, and yet *it amounted* to little... – Hag 1:4-6, 9a

IV. The subjective result of the corruption of man's vessel is described in Romans 7

- A. In addition to the created life, fallen man now has the life of Satan in his flesh
 - 1. Romans 7:17 “Now then it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.”
 - 2. Romans 7:23 “But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members.”
 - 3. Matthew 16:23a “But [Jesus] turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan!”
- B. Three laws
 - 1. The law of God - the law outside of us
 - a. So then the law is holy, and the commandment holy and righteous and good....For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am fleshy, sold under sin....But if what I do not will, this I do, I agree with the law that it is good....For I delight in the law of God according to the inner man – Rom 7:12, 14, 16, 22
 - 2. The law of good - the law in our mind, in our soul
 - a. For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not....I find then the law, with me who wills to do the good, because the evil is present with me....But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members – Rom 7:18, 21, 23
 - 3. The law of sin and of death - the law in our flesh
 - a. Now then it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.....For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not....But if what I do not will, this I do, it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.....But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members – Rom 7:17, 18, 20, 23
 - 4. ...So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh, the law of sin – Rom 7:25b

Christ Coming to Restore Man's Vessel

I. What was the condition of the human vessel?

- A. We were children of wrath – Eph. 2:3
- B. Dead in sin, offenses - Eph. 2:1,5a
- C. Alienated, strangers, having no hope - Eph 2:12
- D. We were once darkness - Eph. 5:8a
- E. Darkness was on the face of the deep - Gen. 1:2a

II. Only mercy could reach us. - Eph. 2:4

III. What did God do to recover such a vessel – how did He have mercy on us?

- A. God first became a man as the first proper vessel satisfying God's hearts desire.
 - 1. The word became flesh – John 1:14a
 - 2. He became a pattern – Eph. 4:20; 1 Pet. 2:21
 - 3. He is the One in whom God delights – Matt. 3:17a
 - 4. He is God mingled with man – Col 1:19
 - 5. He only lived the Father – John 5:19 – 20
 - 6. He lived a crucified life – Matt. 3:15-16a, Luke 12:50
- B. What kind of man was He; what did this pattern look like?
 - 1. He came as a great light - Matt. 4:16, John 1:4
 - 2. He came as a physician – Matt. 9:12
 - 3. He came as a bridegroom – Matt. 9:15
 - 4. He came as an unfulled cloth and a new garment - Matt. 9:16

IV. How did God clean up this vessel?

- A. Jesus was crucified on the cross – the universal great filter.
 - 1. He was made sin for us - 11 Cor 5:21
 - 2. Satan was trapped in His flesh – Heb. 2:14
 - 3. The old creation was crucified – 11 Cor. 5:17
 - 4. The self was crucified – Gal. 2:20a
 - 5. The world was destroyed – Gal 6:14
 - 6. Death was defeated – 11 Tim. 1:10b

V. God's organic salvation

- A. Romans 5:10 – For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled.
- B. 1 Peter 1:5, 9 – [we] are being guarded by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed at the last time....receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

VI. Regeneration

- A. John 3:6 – That which is born of the Spirit is spirit
- B. 1 Peter 1:3 – Regenerated through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

VII. Sanctification

- A. Positional and dispositional

Preserving our Vessel for God's Eternal Purpose

I. Knowing the difference between sin and World and Satan's use of them to damage our vessels.

- A. Adam vs Cain – Gen. 3-4
- B. Abraham vs Demas – Gen.20:1-8; 2 Tim. 4:10
- C. David vs. Lot's wife – 2 Sam. 12:17; Gen. 19:26

II. Knowing the world - in the Bible the world has three basic definitions.

- A. The world referring the material earth or universe.
 - 1. "For the invisible things of Him, both His eternal power and divine characteristics, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world..."--Rom. 1:20
 - 2. "By faith we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God..."--Heb. 11:3
- B. The world referring to the people on the earth,
 - 1. "...yet the world did not know Him" -- John 1:10b
 - 2. "The Pharisees then said...behold, the world has gone after Him."--John 12:19
- C. The world referring to the worldly affairs or arrangements (*kosmos*), the order of things, and the entire circle of worldly goods, endowments, riches, and pleasures, which—though shallow and fleeting—stir our desires and seduce us from God, thus becoming obstacles to His desire to preserve us as vessels unto honor.
 - 1. "Do not love the world nor the things in the world..."--1 John 2:15
 - 2. "For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world..."--Matt 16:26

III. The beginning of the development of the *kosmos*—as a world system aimed at usurping man's vessel away from God's eternal purpose—by fallen man trying to meet his own needs for provisions, enjoyment and protection.

- A. The first son of Lamech. Jabal, was the father of those who dwell in tents and raise cattle;—Gen. 4:20
- B. The second son, Jubal, was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.—4:21
- C. The third son, Tubal-cain, was the forger of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron;—4:22

IV. There is an ordered system, "the world" which is governed behind the scenes by a ruler, Satan.

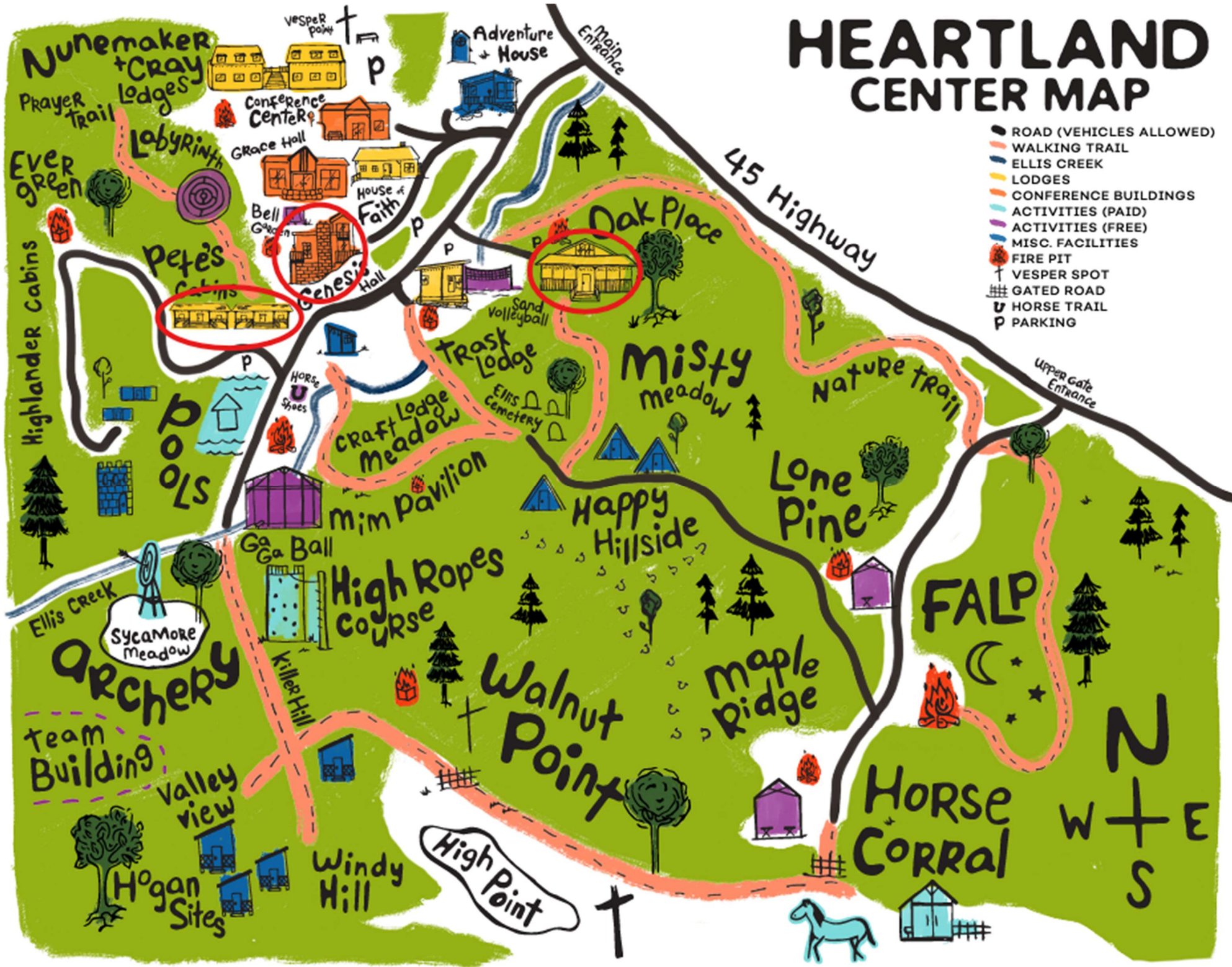
- A. John writes repeatedly that Satan is the prince or ruler of this world.
 - 1. "for the ruler of the world is coming"--14:30
 - 2. "the ruler of this world has been judged"--16:11
 - 3. And that "the whole world lies in the evil one"--1 John 5:19
 - 4. "Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out."--John 12:31
- B. Everything in the world naturally moves in a direction contrary to the will of God; Satan hides behind the things in the world to draw our vessels away from God.
 - 1. Satan being exposed when God had Moses cast down his staff.--Exo. 4:3
 - 2. Let your adorning not be the outward plaiting of hair and putting on of gold or clothing with garments, But the hidden man of the heart in the incorruptible adornment of a meek and quiet spirit, which is very costly in the sight of God.--1 Pet. 3:3-4
 - 3. Political Science, Commerce, Education, Medicine etc...

Calendar of Events

<p>Thanksgiving Conference Atlanta, GA Nov 28 – Dec 1 FREE</p>	<p>Winter Semiannual Training Anaheim, CA Dec 23 – 28 \$205</p>	<p>Chinese Speaking Conference Anaheim, CA Feb 14 – 16 FREE</p>
<p>Spring Waubonsie College Outing Waubonsie State Park, IA FREE</p>	<p>Spring Heartland Church Conference Kansas City, MO FREE</p>	<p>Spring Heartland College Conference Parkville, MO \$50</p>
<p>Memorial Day Conference Phoenix, AZ May 23 – 26 FREE</p>	<p>Summer College Training Champaign-Urbana, IL July 2025 \$300</p>	<p>Summer Semiannual Training Anaheim, CA June 30 – July 5 \$205</p>
<p>JR / SR High Summer School of Truth Oklahoma City, OK July 28 – Aug 6 \$300</p>	<p>Labor Day Conference Aug 29 – Sep 1 TBD FREE</p>	<p>Fall Waubonsie Outing Waubonsie State Park, IA FREE</p>

HEARTLAND CENTER MAP

- ROAD (VEHICLES ALLOWED)
- WALKING TRAIL
- ELLIS CREEK
- LODGES
- CONFERENCE BUILDINGS
- ACTIVITIES (PAID)
- ACTIVITIES (FREE)
- MISC. FACILITIES
- FIRE PIT
- VESPER SPOT
- GATED ROAD
- HORSE TRAIL
- PARKING



Nunemaker + Cray Lodges

Evergreen

Highlander Cabins

Pete's Cabins

POOLS

Archery

Team Building

Valley View

Hogan Sites

Windy Hill

High Point

High Ropes Course

Mim Pavilion

Craft Lodge Meadow

Trask Lodge

Happy Hillside

Walnut Point

Maple Ridge

Dak Place

Misty Meadow

Lone Pine

FALP

Horse Corral

N
W + E
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45 Highway

Upper Gate Entrance

Main Entrance

Adventure House

Conference Center

Grace Hall

Bell Garden

House of Faith

Genesis Hall

Horse Shoes

G&G Ball

Killer Hill

Sycamore Meadow

Valley View

Windy Hill

High Point

Maple Ridge

Horse Corral

High Point

Sand Volleyball

Ellis Cemetery

Happy Hillside

Maple Ridge

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