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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship
July 21, 2024
Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

# We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

### We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon: "From Hate to Love"

### We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*



For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit <u>tablelifechurch.org</u>.



There will be a congregational vote on August 4, 2024 for all active members. We will vote on a \$50,000 loan to replace the church roof.

your life needs to hear it?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444

# "From Hate to Love" Kyler Gutshall

### I. A story of impossible change:

Acts 9:1-9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." <sup>7</sup> The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

Acts 9:17-19 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

### II. Power of a Prayer: The Third Step Prayer

God, I offer myself to TheeTo build with me
and to do with me as Thou wilt.
Relieve me of the bondage of self,
that I may better do Thy will.
Take away my difficulties,
that victory over them may bear witness
to those I would help of Thy Power,
Thy Love, and Thy Way of life.
May I do Thy will always!

#### III. Some Lessons:

- The struggles along the way are only meant to shape you for your purpose
- Sometimes you need to feel the pain and sting of defeat or loss to activate the real passion and purpose that God pre-destined inside of you

### IV. Spiritual Beef Jerky

- If God has compassion for the outcasts of society, will he not care for you? The world rejects. God accepts.
- 2. If you don't heal from what hurt you, you'll bleed on people who didn't cut you.

- 3. The miracle and the power God wants you to encounter in your life today is just a glimpse of what Jesus has in store for all of us.
- 4. There is no pit so deep that God's love does not stretch further.

Big Idea: ˌ			

### Doggy Bag: Some questions to chew on

- 1. What stood out to you the most from the story of the Apostle Paul's conversion and from Kyler's testimony?
- 2. Do you look at those caught up in addiction and violence as being hopeless and far from God? Why or why not?
- 3. Why do you think Step 3 in many recovery programs involves making a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God?



Born and raised in Shippensburg, PA, our guest preacher Kyler Gutshall is a member of The Harbor Church of the Nazarene, where he is a board member and part of the leadership team for The Lighthouse Men's Recovery House. He is involved in NA and AA and has recently celebrated 6 years clean on July 3rd. He is here oday to share a bit about his story and his life, and how God has given him freedom.