

June 2024

Dr. Lawrence Lacher

I'm reading through the story of Joseph in my personal devotions right now found in Genesis 37-50. His story takes up a major portion of scripture, especially considering there is so little reference to him any place else in scripture. Yet, scripture holds him up to us as a critical model of what it means to live rightly in the sight of God and men. It is as though scripture is saying, "I have given you a lot of examples of people who got it wrong, but there is the one guy who was consistently right, even though life was not fair, just, or easy for him. This is the model of how to live as a follower of the Covenant-way."

Go back and read his story. What strikes you about brother Joe? To me, it seems like no matter how badly he was treated or how unjustly, he always did the right things in the circumstances in which he found himself. In so doing, people around him found that he could be trusted and God found that He could be trusted with His blessings. People who were around of Joe were better off for knowing him. Joseph, was a person who made his world a better place, regardless of whether that world was a shepherd's field, a governor's home, a prison, or a palace. Joseph made everything he touched better because he brought his love for and trust of God to the mix and served God wherever he was, rather than moan about his circumstances.

As I have been thinking about Joseph, it has occurred to me that there are two kinds of people in the world, basically. There are consumers and there are enhancers.

Consumers live in the world looking for what they can get out of it. They act as though everyone owes them something. They are the first to complain if something doesn't go their way, or if they have to wait too long in line, or if they are inconvenienced in any way. I stood behind one of these consumers at a hotel in Addis Ababa a few weeks ago. She was letting the hotel clerk have it because at 11:30 at night, the room she had booked was not exactly what she had expected. I felt so sorry for the exhausted clerk who was trying to find a way to make this privileged European happy.

Enhancers are people who make everything they touch a little better for their having encountered it. They improve whatever they touch. They never ask, "What's in it for me?" They are asking, "How can I make this better?" or "What can I do to help?" I'm thinking of a boy named Zach who as an eight-year-old in one of my churches, he was always greeting people at the door or picking up trash after church dinners or pushing a broom. That guy is a natural enhancer!

I think God has so much about Joseph in scripture because, after all the stories, the good, the bad, and the ugly, he wants to leave us with a model of what it means to be human—in His image. It's as though God wants to give us a model to follow as we follow that way of the Covenant. I think God is saying, "Don't be like Joseph's brothers who were consumers. That's the way the world acts. Be like my Joe. Be an enhancer. Make the world better no matter where you get knocked around to."

Now that I think of it, Joseph does show up another time in scripture, doesn't he. Joseph is the guy who God trusted to raise His own Son. Knowing how Jesus turned out, I think that Joseph must have been an enhancer as well.

You are loved,
Dr. Larry

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NM District Assembly and Conventions 2024



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The dates and times for NM District Conventions and Assembly 2024. They are as follows:

Thursday June 20 7:00 p.m.-- Mission Rally

Friday June 21 8:00-12:00— NMI Convention

Friday June 21 1:30- 5:00— NDI Convention

Friday June 21 7:00 pm— District Assembly Convenes with Worship and the report of the District Superintendent

Saturday June 22: 8-10:30— District Assembly Continues

11:00— Ordination Service

12:30— Celebration Luncheon

All Events will be held at Roswell First Church: 501 N Sycamore in Roswell, NM

See you soon,
Dr. Larry

IMPORTANT PALCON INFORMATION!



JULY 22-24, 2024

PALCON Theme: One Heart.

This is the prayer of Jesus for us. It's also an invitation—an invitation into the love of God, **One Heart...**summons us to live into and from the promise of Jesus to accompany us as, together,

Here is the **conference website** (www.palcon.org) and the dates and location for the PALCON on your field.



Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District

2024

June

Young Adult Retreat **May 31—June 2**

District Assembly and Conventions **June 20 at 7pm –Sat June 22 -12 noon**

July

District Childrens Camp **July 8-12**

District Teen Camp **July 15–19**

PALCON **July 22-25**

Family Camp **July 26—July 30**

August

Ladies Retreat **Aug 23-25**

November

Leadership Retreat **Nov 7-9**

Always check the district Calendar online: www.nmnaz.com

Our Pastors Moving off our District.



Revs. Joe and Debbie Birdsall are heading to Florida the 1st week in June.

They will be relocating closer to family. They are looking forward to seeing where God is leading them to do Kingdom work.



Gallup CON
receiving chairs
from our Moriarty



Roswell 1st Celebrated their 100 years of being a lighthouse of God's presence in Roswell!!!

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TEEN CAMP 2024

And Yet...

JULY 15-19, 2024

\$230 @ Bonita Park
with Eden Avalos

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE: www.nmnaz.com!!!!



Farmington Cross Roads Community

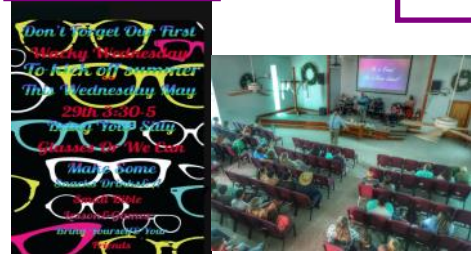


Feliz día del niño!!!
 Hoy lo celebramos xq por fin están todos lo niños juntos
 Gracias a Dios celebramos con unas alabanzas y un buen servicio 😊
 en el menú había carnitas, hot dogs, nachos, frijoles charros, arroz, flan,
 y nieve para los niños!!!
 Y si que se divertieron en el trampolín jaja
Pajarito Mesa CON

Our congregation from Carlsbad Church Street were actors for the filming of 1 episode or so!!



Portales CON



Roswell 1st



KIDS CAMP 2024 July 8—12, 2024

Hello my NM District Family... Sign up your children for this Amazing event. I will be the Camp speaker, I will be Challenging, Encouraging, and Reminding our Kiddos that they have a Purpose in Jesus Christ. Blessings.
 Pastor Johnny Pacheco



New Mexico District Family Camp

85 Years and Generations to Come

Friday July 26 – Tuesday July 30, 2024



Rev. Vicki Copp
Speaker



Mackenzie Wood
Musician



Deuteronomy
6:4-7

Join us for
fellowship, fun,
worship,
activities,
delicious food
& more!



Josh Herndon
Missionary

Contact us today to make a reservation at
575-336-4404 or info@bonitapark.com.

bonita park

District Women's Retreat

Come sit in the SHADE* of the Father

*Safe Haven Amongst Daughters of
the Eternal God

Rest and Renew



Online Registration starts May 15 at nmnaz.com

August 23-25, 2024

Bonita Park Campgrounds

**Come and Rest and Renew with us!
Hear our special speakers as they bring a
message from God!**

Rebekah Bienhoff
Pastor's Wife
Music Ministry Director
Roswell First COTN
Grandma to 3 (BeBe)



Rebekah
Guardiola-Landry
Youth Director
Resident Services Director
Resource Center Director
Sandia Main Campus

Each person attending is asked to bring a
new gift (\$5-15) and their favorite snack
to share together.

Each Church is asked to bring a gift
basket for our silent auction to benefit
The District Women's Ministry

Cost: \$165 Fri - Sun (whether you are in camp
housing or your own)

\$105 leaving Sat afternoon before supper
If bringing an RV - site fees are additional cost.