

New Song News

John 1:1–5, 14, 16 (ESV) ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

James 4:6–10 (ESV) ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Today

- ✓ First-time guests, fill out a blue Welcome Card & drop it in the offering plate. We invite you to take one of Pastor Herb’s books as a welcome gift
- ✓ Please join NS Kids Coin Drive for The City Mission. Total to date is \$130.00

This Week

- ✓ Wednesday, 10:00am, Women’s Bible Study.
- ✓ Thursday, 7:00pm, **Learning Community**, in person and Zoom.
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women’s Bible Study.
- ✓ Friday, 1:00pm, **Learning Community**, in person and Zoom.
- ✓ Sunday, 9am, toddler & elementary Sunday school, **Learning Community**.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ April 12, Men’s Monthly Iron Sharpening Iron Group.
- ✓ April 12, All-Church Spring Clean-Up Day, 9:30a-2:30p.
- ✓ April 13-20, Week of Prayer with Fasting.
- ✓ **Recycle your aluminum cans** – Proceeds support Children of Promise. Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of the front door.
- ✓ Submit Prayer Requests: email or text newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com
- ✓ New Song FB Live: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh>
- ✓ Sunday sermons, outlines & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access



Gen. Offering	Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise	Building Fund	
3/16/2025	\$ 2,151.00	\$ 4,006.23	3/16/2025 \$ 30.00	3/16/2025 \$ 22.00	3/16/2025 \$ 210.00
To Date	\$ 52,301.37	\$ 44,068.54	Balance: \$ 2,844.97	Month Total \$ 35.00	To Date \$ 725.00

Please print name and amount on offering envelope to receive credit.

The Cunning of Compromise

March 23, 2025

Matthew 11:28–30 ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” **Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV)**

- ➔ How am I compromising in ways I am aware?
- ➔ How am I compromising in ways I am unaware?
- ➔ What price am I paying now... and will pay in the future?
- ➔ What price are others paying and will pay in the future?

Compromise: come to agreement by mutual concession (Merriam-Webster)

Compromise in biblical teachings is deviating from or making modifications to God’s commands which results in misalignment, ultimately disconnection

- ➔ It’s all about the yoke! **Matthew 11:28–30**
 - ✓ Taking Jesus’ yoke means surrendering control to obey *entirely*
 - ✓ There is no room for negotiations, for compromise
- ➔ “Don’t settle for Ishmael; wait for Isaac!”
 - ✓ Ishmael = settling for less than God’s best; Isaac = God’s best
We settle *through compromise* far more than we realize
 - ✓ Life is a fight, spiritual war whether we want it to be or not.
We are all in it, fighting for God or against.

Fighting compromise to live in Jesus’ yoke

1. Abraham’s Story.

- ➔ God gets Abraham out of pagan culture. **Genesis 12:1–4**
 - ➔ God works to get the culture out of Abraham. **Genesis 12-15**
 - ➔ Abraham compromises in spite of God’s work. **Genesis 16:1–4a (ESV)** (pew Bible page 11)

- ➔ Abraham reaps the consequences of compromise.
Proverbs 14:29 (CEB) Patience leads to abundant understanding, but impatience leads to stupid mistakes.

Genesis 16:4b–5 (ESV) (pew Bible page 11)

Genesis 21:9–10 (ESV) (pew Bible page 15)

2. Our Story.

James 4:1–10 (ESV) (pew Bible page 1012)

- ↓ Realities of compromise
 - is tempting – believe we are making things easier
 - stupid, bad and sad.
 - starts small
 - is loving myself most; obedience is loving God & others
 - others...

- ↓ Results of compromise:
 - makes us blind
 - has ripples we cannot know in advance
 - others...

- ↓ Refusing compromise is really, really hard.

What do we do with this?

Opening questions...

- What stuck out to you?
- What is God saying about what stuck out?
- What do you need to do in response?



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Walking in step with Jesus with His Presence, Love and Power

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