New Song Notes,

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

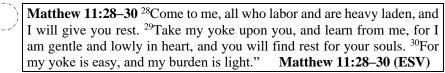
- ✓ April 12, Men's Monthly Iron Sharpening Iron Group.
- ✓ April 12, All-Church Spring Clean-Up Day, 9:30a-2:30p.
- ✓ April 13-20, Week of Prayer with Fasting.
- ✓ **Recycle your aluminum cans** Proceeds support Children of Promise. Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of 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		<u>Budget</u>	Family Assistance		Children of Promise		<u>Building Fund</u>	
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



- → 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?

<u>Compromise</u>: come to agreement by mutual concession (Merriam-Webster)

<u>Compromise in biblical teachings</u> 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

◆ Results of compromise:

others...

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?





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

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)