

## The Cloud

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THE JOURNEY  
CHURCH

### SCRIPTURE:

Colossians 3:1-4

### SERMON NOTES:

Lessons from Baxter:

1. Prioritize conversion
2. Focus on “Being” before “Doing”
3. Cultivate Humility
4. Pursue Holiness
5. Minister to individuals
6. Learn to suffer well
7. Keep your heart in heaven

### REVIEW:

- ❖ Read Colossians 3:1-4
- ❖ What does Paul mean by “you have been raised with Christ” in verse 1?
- ❖ How do we set our minds on things above?
- ❖ What does Paul mean by “For you died”?
- ❖ How is Christ our life? (Read the following Scriptures: John 11:25, 14:6, 20:31, 2 Timothy 1:1, 1 John 1:1, 5:12)

### REFLECT:

- ❖ Do you think of yourself as being raised with Christ right now? Why or why not?
- ❖ What are things that keep your mind from focusing on things above?

### RESPOND:

- ❖ Is Christ your life? Do you depend on Him daily or do you seek strength in other things?

### MEDITATE:

- ❖ Colossians 3:1 - *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

### MEMORIZE:

- ❖ Galatians 2:20 - *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

## PRAYER FOCUS:

- ❖ Directional Elder - **Scott Marlow**
- ❖ Ministry - **Foster & Adoption Ministry**
- ❖ **Pray for our long-term families:**
  - The Wilsons
  - The Grays
  - The Starks (departing in October)
- ❖ **Pray for our mid-term sent ones:**
  - Kaesi (gap year - departing in August)
- ❖ **Pray for our short-term teams:**
  - Central Asia team departs in September
- ❖ **Pray for the lost - Unreached People Group (UPG): Talavia Dubla in India**
  - **Population in country:** 347,000
  - **Global population:** 347,000
  - **Christian Adherent:** 0.04%
  - **Evangelical:** 0.00%
  - **Primary Religion:** Hinduism
  - **Primary Language:** Dubli
  - **Summary:** The Dubla tribes have 20 subgroups. Among them are the Talavia, and this subgroup has the highest prestige of all Dubla groups. The Talavia Dubla live in Gujarat, a state in western India that borders Pakistan. They live in one room huts made of mud and work as sharecroppers, servants and day laborers.
  - **Prayer Focus:** Pray for the Lord to give the gift of healing to Talavia Dubla Christian believers and send them out to show the Lord's power to those who don't believe. Pray for the Lord to thrust out loving, messengers filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray for this people group to taste and see that the Lord is good. May they put their faith in Christ's ability to heal them physically and spiritually.
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