

## FUUF invites visitors to discuss 'knowing thyself'

On Sunday, Jan. 8, from 10 until 11 a.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the worship service will be led by Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller. The title of her message is "Know Thyself: Why Understanding Who We Are and How We Function Matters."

"As Unitarian-Universalists we are committed to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning," she said. "The ancient guideline 'Know Thyself' has many layers of meaning, all of which are relevant to us today."

Miller will peel through those layers and show how important it is to stop, observe, and begin to understand why people do what they do, think and see the world the way we see it.

The UU Fellowship is at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and is wheelchair accessible.

Each service concludes with refreshments and dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

Call 541-997-2840 with any questions or concerns.



As believers in Jesus Christ, we are joint heirs with Him. This means that everything that is His also belongs to us, and every promise God gives in His Word is for us (Romans 8:17). But I've learned that it's one thing to take God's promises by faith and another to actually experience them.

The story of the Israelites in the wilderness is a good example for us regarding this principle. They were slaves in Egypt when God sent Moses to deliver them from Pharaoh and lead them to the Promised Land He had for them. They had to go through a wilderness to get there, and Deuteronomy 1:2 (AMPC) says, "It is [only] eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea [on Canaan's border; yet Israel took forty years to get beyond it]."

It's tragic that it took the Israelites 40 long, miserable, painful years to reach their destination, and even sadder that in the end, only a small number entered in to the land, along with Joshua and Caleb.

It's easy to shake our heads and wonder how it could have

## You Can Get to the Promised Land God Has for You

taken them so long to get to their desired destination. But the truth is many of us have wandered around in our own wilderness, going around the same mountains over and over for far too long.

Just like the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, we were slaves to sin before we accepted Christ as our Savior. And just like the Israelites were stuck in the wilderness after they were delivered from slavery, many Christians are still living as if they've not been delivered from their sin, even though Christ has done everything that was needed to set them free from it once and for all (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

Now the Israelites had enemies — the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and the Jebusites — and they thought they were the problem. But we see in Scripture that in reality, it was not the Israelites' enemies that kept them from the Promised Land because God was on their side. If God is for us, who can be against us? (See Romans 8:31-39.)

The problem was their wrong mindsets and attitudes. They were often negative and complained, and they focused on their circumstances instead of God. The same principle is true for us. We can't have victory over sin while we think we are still in bondage to it.

No matter what our "bondage" may be — an addiction, insecurity, fear, overeating, etc. — Jesus' blood cleanses us and sets us free from it all. That doesn't mean we won't have to walk through a process to experience total deliverance sometimes, but it does mean that in Christ, we have everything we need to do our part to walk it out.

Romans 6:2 says, "How can we who died to sin live in it any longer?" This verse is talking about how through faith in Christ, we become dead to sin and alive to God's righteousness. The key to this process is found in Romans 6:11, which says, "Consider yourselves also dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus." I love that this says "consider," because this term indicates a process of your mind.

We must see ourselves as dead to sin and believe it, not because of what we've done or can do but because of who Jesus is and what He has done for us!

We tend to be afraid of sin or just think that it's too hard to overcome it, so we stay trapped in it. But through Christ, we CAN control our thinking and shake off the "wilderness mindsets" that hold us back from the promised land God has for us.

Start by taking an inventory of your thoughts. Think about what you're thinking about, because where the mind goes, the man follows (Proverbs 23:7). Pray and ask God to help you identify thoughts that don't line up with His Word. Then study scriptures that will refute them and renew your mind with Truth.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God..."

And Romans 12:2 says we are "transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of [our] mind..."

The battle to live the life God created you to live is fought in your mind, through arguments, reasonings and theories that don't agree with Him.

But if you will be a diligent student of God's Word, studying and meditating on the Truth it reveals, you'll begin to think a completely different way. And you'll make progress little by little each day that gets you closer to your Promised Land.

For more information, go to [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

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The social and outer forms of different religions vary due to the circumstances at the time that they were founded. Other differences in doctrine and belief can be attributed to later accretions, after the death of the founder.

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

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