



Complacency

Amos 6, p.640

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The Lord continues to roar like a lion (Amos 1:2 and 3:8), warning His people of the dangers ahead. The message of Amos 6 begins with a "woe" (a warning of impending trouble, disaster or suffering) directed at the nation of Israel, the people of God. The roar is something like, "Lookout!" There is a complacency about life that has placed His people (the nation) in danger. It's a complacency that doubts whether God is really just or not; whether He really cares or not. What does this national complacency look like?

1. We are satisfied with the status quo (Amos 6:1-3).

2. We are pre-occupied with ourselves (Amos 6:4-6).

3. We are unaware of our arrogance (Amos 6:7-10).

4. We are unmoved by declining moral values (Amos 6:11-14).

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Amos 5:24 and Hebrews 4:12.
- Identify what issues make you grieve.
- Pray for our nation and vote.
- Treat each other according to Matthew 5:43-48.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? How can we help? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time?
2. Read Job 40:1-14 together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life?
(Aim for a specific: "I will..." next step.)
5. Who will you share with before we meet again?
*(Name a specific person you want to **share with.**)*

If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with marcus@oakwoodnow.org



OAKWOOD ONLINE BULLETIN

OCTOBER 25

SUNDAY

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 AM ONLINE WELCOME

9:30 AM ONLINE & ON-SITE SERVICES BEGIN

- ▶ We're worshipping indoors at Oakwood. Read these [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#) about worshipping inside at Oakwood.
- ▶ Offering boxes are located on-site. If you're worshipping at home, check out the [MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO OAKWOOD](#) including online and text giving.
- ▶ Find our online worship service each Sunday morning on the Oakwood [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#).

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ **Guests, we're so glad you're joining us!** We'd love to connect with you and answer your questions! Click on the button above to get started.
- ▶ We ask all participants to stay connected and submit prayer requests through the [CONNECTION CARD](#)!
- ▶ Scroll to page 2 to find the **Message Notes**.

FAMILIES

SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM | GATHERING PLACE

- ▶ Family-focused programming is available for families with children in preschool and elementary school. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

CHILDREN

▶ [MESSAGE-BASED KIDS BULLETIN](#)

SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM

Print this at home or pick one up Sunday morning. Plan to bring your own crayons or markers!

HIGH SCHOOL

▶ **YOUTH GROUP**

6-7:30 PM | FIRE PIT OR HIGH SCHOOL ROOM

Lesson, small group discussion, games and more!

STAY CONNECTED DURING THE WEEK

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-8 PM

FIRE PIT OR MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM

Lesson, small group discussion, games and more!

HIGH SCHOOL

WORSHIP & DEVOS

WEDNESDAYS | 8-9 PM

FIRE PIT OR HIGH SCHOOL ROOM

Worship and small groups in a conversational setting.

SECONDS: DODGEBALL & OPEN GYM

NOV. 8 | 6-7:30 PM

OAKWOOD CHURCH | WORSHIP CENTER

Join us for this once-a-month event to have fun in a safe environment.

GROUPS

[FIND A GROUP](#) to connect with at Oakwood! With more than 20 options, there's something for everyone. It's not too late to join!

MISSIONS

BUD & NANCY | WORLD MINISTRIES

The World Ministry leaders in India need our prayers. Pray for protection, blessing and guidance as they navigate these difficult times.

LACE UP 5K RUN/WALK VIRTUAL EVENT

ANYTIME BETWEEN NOV. 1-7

There's still time to register for the race! [CLICK HERE](#)

[TO REGISTER](#). You can also support the mission by [PURCHASING LACE UP APPAREL](#), becoming a business sponsor, or simply [MAKING A DONATION](#). [LEARN MORE HERE](#).

SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of Nate, Kristin, Elyse and Aubrey as well as Stacia and Dana Stenholtz, we would like to express a HUGE thank you to the Oakwood church family for your tremendous outpouring of love, prayers and support during this difficult time. We are eternally thankful for each one of you! - Nate

ALL CHURCH

ADVENT CONSPIRACY 2020

Experience the true meaning of Christmas as we collect donations each month for one of our [COMMUNITY PARTNERS](#). Sunday, Oct. 25 is the last Sunday to bring donations for the Waukesha Food Pantry. In November, we'll collect items for Milwaukee House of Prayer. Read more about [ADVENT CONSPIRACY](#), pray about how to give, and drop off donations at Oakwood Sunday mornings or during the week.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NOW THROUGH NOV. 8

Every fall, Oakwood participates in *Operation Christmas Child*—a tangible way to provide God's love to children in need around the world, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Grab a shoebox from one of our lobbies, fill the box, and return it to Oakwood by Nov. 8. Please pray that we can fill all of our boxes and that they bless the children who receive them. Questions? Contact [BECCI TERRILL](#).

ORPHAN SUNDAY | NOV. 8 | 9:30 AM

Join us as guest speaker Bishop W.C. Martin shares his foster care testimony and leads us in how we can *Be the Light* for orphans and vulnerable children around the globe. He will also lead a discussion during an early lunch after the message. More info and registration [HERE](#).

OCTOBER IS PASTORAL STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

You may not always see it, but your pastors and church staff work tirelessly to bless others. Now let's bless them! [CLICK HERE FOR IDEAS](#).

NOMINATIONS

We are currently seeking nominations for individuals who could serve here at Oakwood in the positions of Financial Secretary and Asst. Financial Secretary. For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact elder [WAYNE STEFFEN](#).

FAITHFULLY PRAY

The best way to help your pastor is to faithfully and regularly pray for:

- Intimacy with God
- Marital love and unity
- Spiritual protection
- Divine guidance
- Emotional and physical well-being
- Parenting skills
- Genuine friendships
- Financial provisions
- Daily wisdom
- Personal encouragement
- Helpful mentors
- Effective ministry
- Time management
- Quality study and prayer times
- Helpful training and books
- Leadership skills

FONDNESS

- Let the pastor know how God is specifically using them to bless, help and teach you to follow God.
- Remember your pastor's birthday and anniversary with a card, gift or social media post.
- Show appreciation for your pastor's strengths and give grace in their weaknesses.

FREEDOM

- Give your pastor's spouse the freedom to be themselves and to find their own niche at the church.
- Let your pastor's children "be kids," care about them, and pray for them.

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

- Prepare a meal or baked goods for them (ask about favorite meals or certain foods to avoid).
- Give your pastor a gift card for restaurants, fast food or coffee shops.

- Give your pastor food from your garden, orchard, hunting or fishing trips.
- Invite your pastor and family to your home or a restaurant for a meal.
- Invite your pastor and family to go fishing, sailing, camping, hunting, to the gym, concerts, plays or sporting events. Offer to cover some or all of the costs.
- Offer your pastor's family sports, concert or event tickets.
- If you have a vacation home, timeshare, recreational vehicle or camping gear, offer to let your pastor use it.
- Share frequent flyer miles that can be used for conferences, vacation, mission trips or holiday travel.
- Offer your pastor the use of your dependable vehicle, SUV or minivan for a holiday family trip or vacation.

FREELY SHARE

Share your skills and time to help with any of the following items:

- Babysitting
- Auto maintenance and repair
- Home repairs, maintenance and projects
- Decorating, painting and wallpapering
- Haircuts and beauty treatments
- Medical, dental and chiropractic care
- Lawn and garden upkeep
- Legal, estate and financial services
- Tutoring or lessons for children

If needed, communicate in advance if there are any out-of-pocket costs the pastor will need to cover (e.g., parts for a car repair or materials for home repair).

FINANCES

Faithfully give to your church, so your pastor can be properly compensated. Beyond the pastor's church salary, the Lord may prompt certain individuals to provide personal funding to help with any of the following items:

- Bless Your Pastor offering
- Marriage conference or retreat costs
- Christian camp fees
- Back to school fees, clothing or supplies
- Children's college tuition
- Mission trips
- Lessons or tutoring
- Family or couple's vacation or getaway
- Pastor's conference, seminar or training
- Seminary courses or sabbatical
- Student loan debt
- Retirement savings
- Medical expenses

PAY IT FORWARD

Most people have heard about "paying it forward." Do you know you can also pay it forward by passing along possessions you no longer use or need? Possible items could include appliances, furniture, musical equipment, clothing, sports equipment or electronics. Ask if the items you may have available are actually needed and wanted by the pastor's family. Also, be sure they are in good condition and will not need costly repairs.

Note: Please be prepared to graciously allow your pastor to decline anything that you offer. Also note that most items mentioned here are not normally tax-deductible to the giver, but are to be given out of gratefulness to God for what he has given to you to Bless Your Pastor.