

## A TIME FOR REFLECTION – [Pastor Gene Henderson]

*"It's all about Him – God!"* God has a plan greater than we could ever have imagined. But God's plan is all about partnership. So, ironically, we could just as correctly summarize God's bestselling book with, *"It's all about you!"*

Great advice! – **don't be consumed with yourself.** Find your purpose and live it out. God models that advice. He isn't consumed with Himself – **He's consumed with us!** Read on.

You're born. You run around the world for eight or nine decades. You die. Doesn't sound like much, does it? Solomon, the so-called wisest man who ever lived said: *"I have seen everything that is done under the sun. Look at it! It's all pointless, like trying to catch the wind."* (Ecclesiastes 1:14 GW) Some-times we're so busy living our lives, so focused on getting through this week, planning the next vacation, trying to get the bills paid, hoping the kids did their homework, stressing over our to do list or the next deadline that we don't have the time to stop and ask the really big questions. Like, *"Who am I?" "Where did I come from?" "What am I doing here?" "Where am I going?"* If we did stop to consider those questions, we might agree with Solomon, because often our jobs don't address those questions. Which leads us to the next paragraph.

Without faith in God, without the conviction that there really is an Almighty Who has our ultimate destiny in mind, **we really are chasing the wind.** We're mere mortals with a short window of existence on an ancient planet. *Why should the universe or our world ever know or care that we were even here?* It doesn't. But God – if we believe in Him – does.

Which is why we're in church this morning – reaching out to the One Who reached out to us, Who believes in us, Whose faith in us becomes the promise, the premise, and inspiration for our faith in Him.

Solomon can say – clearly not one of his better days – that this mortal life is a meaningless chasing after the wind, but God does not agree. God stakes **everything** on His conviction that these **"mere mortals"** (that's us) out here a spinning blue planet tucked away on one of the arms of the Milky Way galaxy have something to contribute to the cosmos. So convinced is He of our worth that He's engaged to our future. **He's committed to marry our destiny to His own.**

That's why we gather every week, in small country chapels and in huge mega-churches, in ornate cathedrals and in simple structures. And we sing. Great choral anthems. Thought-provoking hymns. Simple songs of the heart. Rousing contemporary productions. Whatever the genre, all the lyrics from all the songs and all the teachings from all the pastors (1) exalt God's greatness, (2) express our wonder and (3) invite His presence, and answer our greatest questions. (See paragraph one.)

# Welcome!

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*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity In Prayer: 6:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Kid's Club & Youth

Prayer ½ hour before services

## SERMON NOTES

### IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sunday Evening Prayer** – our hour of prayer at 6:00 PM. Join us as we ask God for direction and revival.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – Romans and Kid's Club

**Snacks For Children** – There is a basket in the foyer for donations of snacks for Children's Church and Wednesday night Kid's Club.

**Ladies Bible Study** – this Thursday morning at 10:00 and in the evening at 7:00. The study will be on "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst. Come and learn while fellowshiping.

**Missionary Letters** – there are new missionary letters on our bulletin boards in the foyer.

**Special Missionary Service** – July 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Mattocks, missionaries to Colombia.

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**TEXT:** Psalm 4:3; Isaiah 43:7; John 3:30

The most important \_\_\_\_\_ to my spiritual life, must be, "God \_\_\_\_\_!"

Man was \_\_\_\_\_ for God, short and simple. Genesis 1:26-29  
God desire was to have someone He could take \_\_\_\_\_ of. Genesis 2:18-20

I. \_\_\_\_\_

Sin \_\_\_\_\_ our relationship with God. Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:12

In Jesus, God has \_\_\_\_\_ this lost relationship. Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18; 20-21

Man would have relegated him to \_\_\_\_\_ status, but the father restores him to his \_\_\_\_\_ position.

II. \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible says that Jesus is my \_\_\_\_\_, my representative. Isaiah 53:12; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25

In fact, we only need to give Him \_\_\_\_\_ and He will do everything for us. Nehemiah 4:20; Exodus 14:13-14; 2 Chronicles 20:17

III. \_\_\_\_\_

He wants us to have \_\_\_\_\_ He has for us now.

All is ours provided we are \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill the requirements. He has great things in store for us in the \_\_\_\_\_. John 14:18

He has promised that nothing on earth or anywhere can \_\_\_\_\_ us from Him: Romans 8:38

He has promised us \_\_\_\_\_: Romans 8:37

He has promised us \_\_\_\_\_: John 14:1-3