

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

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We struggle to understand why God doesn't answer our prayers. If we put it in contemporary speak, we would ask why God can't get on our page. And that is not to trivialize the issue. There are enough places in the Bible that encourage us to trust God, to believe He will answer our prayers, that it becomes cognitive disconnect when it doesn't happen. That's a fancy way of saying **it challenges our faith.**

And there are no satisfying answers. Don't misunderstand. There are answers. **They just don't satisfy us.** And that becomes the issue.

It's mentally taxing trying to fit our little lives into the larger scheme of God's plans. And if we believe in God, then we know – **we know** – **He has to be a planner.** Why can't He just share it with us so we could understand? Until we go a step deeper and realize that there's a possibility – okay, a small possibility – **that God's infinite plan might not compute in our finite human minds.** Cognitively we get that. Personally, emotionally, not so much.

And that's where faith starts. Not a pleasant reality. And that's saying it kindly. By definition, **faith begins where our mental comprehension ends.** But mental comprehension is not as big a barrier as personal identity and emotion reactions. When in our souls we don't **"get it,"** that's different than when in our minds we don't get it.

Trust is such a small word. But it's all through the Bible. And some of the greatest personalities in those pages built their entire lives on that word. And not because they wanted to or because they comprehended, even at the deep soul level.

Think about that. And know that they didn't understand any more than we do. Psalm 33:4: **For the Word of the Lord is right; and all His work is done in faithfulness.**

# Welcome

September 11, 2022



*"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 – 7:00 PM  
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;  
Youth & Kid's Club  
Prayer ½ hour before services

*THEOLOGICAL SEED*

*Habakkuk 1:5; 2:3 (NLT)*

The LORD replied, "Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*



**Sunday Evening Prayer** – 6 to 7 PM.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid's Club & Youth in the basement, learning about the Lord.

**Special Prayer Request** – we are believing God for the finances for a new air conditioning and heating until for the sanctuary. The cost has been estimated at \$14,000. Please help us pray that God will provide.

**VBS** – special thanks to all those who helped and made our ministry a great success. God bless all!

**Flagging Practice** – Each Wednesday from 6 to 7 PM.

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**A NEW DIET – WHAT IS IT?**

**TEXT:** Joshua 5:9-12

All that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, I am going to roll all that away.

That which the enemy had designed for my \_\_\_\_\_ had to keep on going because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Lamb Jesus!

Numbers 11:4-8; Exodus 16:14-15; Psalm 34:8; Matthew 6:11; Deuteronomy 33:25

Whatever we have \_\_\_\_\_ of that is what "manna" becomes when we take it in as God \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 22:14; Judges 6:24; Exodus 15:26

He is the God on \_\_\_\_\_ supply, yesterday, today and forever!

**I. A NEW \_\_\_\_\_ IN MY HEART**

My walk with God will be and must be based more on desire than it is on need. John 6:2; Psalm 42:7

**II. A NEW \_\_\_\_\_ ON MY FAITH**

God want us to enter into a realm where the \_\_\_\_\_ will become ordinary and the \_\_\_\_\_ will be extraordinary.

**III. A NEW \_\_\_\_\_ IN MY MOUTH**

**A. In Egypt it was the diet of \_\_\_\_\_.** Exodus 16:3

**B. The diet of \_\_\_\_\_.**

On its best day, "manna" is \_\_\_\_\_ food. James 1:17

**C. A diet of \_\_\_\_\_.**

God has \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of us, \_\_\_\_\_ for us by His Word and for those He has poured out the diet of His Holy Ghost to take us into the next \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 100:3; Zechariah 4:6; Haggai 2:9; Habakkuk 1:5; 2:3