

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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It has to make sense.

Life. We **need** it to make sense. The human brain constantly, 24/7/365, seeks to make sense of the world around it. When it cannot, when it loses the ability to process its environment and determine how to operate safely within it, the brain gets lost. **We end up confused and afraid.**

And that's the problem: there's too much we cannot process; we cannot make sense of. Not because of the **quantity** of information, but because of the **quality**. Our brains get hung up when bad things crush good people. That just should not happen. Or when life randomly goes sideways without warning. Living in a random environment short-circuits our brains. Human brains have no frame of reference for life without purpose. Everything **should** have purpose. And when it doesn't, or when we can't find it, we end up in a dark place.

And let's be real for a moment. We can have a conversation with our brain and say, "**Hey, brain, life is random and everything doesn't always make sense. Get used to it.**" Your brain might surrender because it has no choice, but tell that to your soul and... well, that conversation will not go well. Your soul – your **"self"** – **demands that life make sense.**

Into this random, senseless world, steps the Son of God, Who calls Himself the Son of Man. Which He is. And there's the first contradiction in terms. He grows up normal, becomes an itinerant Rabbi, never hurts anyone, always helps people. He's surprisingly popular with the common people, but steps into a snake pit when He points out corruption in Jerusalem's power structure. Second signal that trouble is afoot. A backroom conspiracy turns into an arrest on trumped-up charges, followed by a sham trial and a very public elimination.

Senseless in every way. And yet, 2,000 years later we openly declare that the Son of Man truly **is** the Son of God. And that a senseless event in His life provides purpose in this random world and promise for the one to come. Hebrews 13:8: **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever."**

Welcome

September 25, 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

Psalm 62

We will read this responsively this morning.

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.

Flagging Practice – every Wednesday at 6 PM except October 5th.

Water Baptism Class – October 5th, 6:00 PM. All those wishing to obey the Word and be baptized in water will need to be at this class.

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TEXT: 2 Kings 7:1

I. LOST AND FOUND

- A. He _____
- B. He Seeks _____ – 2 Kings 6:5-6
- C. There's An _____ – 2 Kings 6:7

II. TRUTH AND REVELATION - 2 Kings 6:8-17

- The **truth** was, they were _____. But the **revelation** was that we have _____ with us than with them – verse 16.
 - The **truth** is the enemy is _____. But the **revelation** is _____ is on our side – Romans 8:31.
 - The **truth** is that Satan has sent out his forces to capture and _____ us. But the **revelation** is God is _____ than all – 1 John 4:4.
 - The **truth** is that everything seems to indicate that God is not in control but the **revelation** is He will never change – Hebrews 13:8.
 - The **truth** is that the _____ describes only the impossible, things will never get better. The **revelation** is _____ is impossible for God – Matthew 19:26.
 - The **truth** is that there are many _____ represented here this morning. The **revelation** is all those are _____ – Philippians 4:19.
 - The **truth** is that I feel like a _____. The **revelation** is God only chooses _____ – Romans 8:36.
 - The **truth** is that I am _____. The **revelation** is my _____ comes from God – Philippians 4:13.
- The **truth** is that all are _____ me. The **revelation** is greater will be the _____ – Psalm 91:7; Acts 20:22-24.