

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Sometimes we are so busy with the items in our schedules or the people in our families that we wonder where the time went. Some of us can remember when we were young like it was yesterday. Some of us feel much younger than our years and even at times act like it. Some of us are still young and wonder how long it will take before we reach a place of legitimacy. Wherever we are on Time's schedule, we share a common concern: *when will we ever get everything together*, when will we ever have enough to breathe?

Here's the answer: *we won't*.

How do we dare say that; *there's no hope in that statement!* Even the uber-wealthy might agree, but God doesn't. He tells us that hope is one of the top three matters to grasp – which makes sense – but that *love is greater*. What dims our hope is Time. Truthfully, in spite of our faith in eternal life, in spite of our faith that Jesus is already living that life and waiting for us, we're caught in the Time bubble. The early disciples, the ones Jesus called and trained, it took them 3+ years along with Jesus' death and resurrection to see past that bubble. When He left them, He said: "*Wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. When that day comes, go change the world.*"

Peter was first. On the Day of Pentecost, he preached to the whole city of Jerusalem and 3,000 believed. Peter and his friends caught a wave of fire that is still burning. Obviously, they learned something. When we wonder how it took them so long to discover Jesus' true destiny, His real plan, we should remember how completely their lives changed that day. They didn't just see their years to retirement. They saw Jesus returning and setting everything straight. What do we see? Isaiah 57:15 (NLT):

The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: 'I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.'

Welcome!

August 11th, 2024



"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 & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – suspended until further notice.

Save The Date! Annual VBS will be on August 19th through the 23rd, 6 – 8 P.M. We need volunteers for this vital week. We will have a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for you to indicate when you are able to help. God will richly bless you as you invest in the lives of children.

Month Of Prayer – the Assemblies of God nationwide has proclaimed August a month of prayer. Let’s join the 100’s of thousands who will be calling out on God. On the table in the foyer is a brochure to help us pray. Please take one and join in turning our nation back to God.

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TEXT: John 5:1-15

I. A MOB REACTION

II. A QUESTION

They have been sad and murmuring for so long, it has become an _____.

Those who refuse to turn to the Lord turn _____!

_____ has the potential of turning people into grumbling, self-centered _____ wallowing in _____.

She found God precious, real and always _____ through it all.

III. A SOLUTION

Jesus knew all about him! Jesus had come to him in his _____ and sorrow – and _____ was about to spring forth!

A Word of _____ hope had come to him!

This beautiful story is a true revelation of the loving _____ of God for all who _____! John 5:19-20

It was God’s _____, God’s _____ – God’s _____, to make this man completely _____. John 7:17; Psalm 18:6; 106:43-45; 107:17-21; 2 Kings 21:1-16; 2 Chronicles 33:9-10

Can God still love and _____ such a grossly wicked man? 2 Chronicles 33:12-13

_____ His Word, _____, then rise – walk with the Lord and be made _____!