

A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson edited by Pastor Pier]

Welcome Summer! Sunshine, green leaves and air-conditioning. Yeah, we have to put up with snow and cold during the Winter, but Summer is the best. The rain makes the grass and flowers grow, the wind blows away storms, and we always have sunshine and blue skies.

We didn't come to church to worship the God of Summer because not everyone gets to enjoy what we have. And not everyone near us has nice lives. In fact, if we spin out our perspective, we have to admit that life for many people on this planet is less than enjoyable. Why should the poor or the sick or the falsely imprisoned be happy? Why should they worship God today?

Some don't.

But some see past their situations, the conditions of their lives, and say, *"Thank you, Father God, for life as difficult and broken as it is. Thank you for Your promise of eternity where all the trouble is gone and we enjoy your Presence forever."* That prayer is the ultimate wake-up call to our fellow citizens. Whatever blessing we're currently enjoying cannot measure up to what those who have gone before us now experience. Is it the weather? Will we miss the turn of the seasons, and the beauty of this planet? No. But **we will be at peace with God and with each other.**

The competition and loss and instability and unfairness and weakness of our world will be changed to summer forever. We will all mow the grass in silent happiness. Deuteronomy 28:12 & 1 Corinthians 8:6 (Amplified Bible):

The Lord shall open to you His good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

Yet for us there is [only] one God, the Father, Who is the Source of all things and for Whom we [have life], and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through and by Whom are all things and through and by Whom we [ourselves exist].

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

AGAINST ALL ODDS – GOD’S ODDS – 1ST PART

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

- 1. DAVID
- 2. GIDEON – Judges 6:2-3, 6, 11-16

A. Call = _____

1. God Sees _____

2. God’s _____

a. _____ Than Ours

b. _____ Limits

B. Call = _____ – verse 14

1. What You _____

2. Power From _____

I cannot _____ to have power with God for anything until I _____ to do what God says whether I think I can or not. It is _____ about what I know, I have, or I can do, it is always about what God has _____!

C. Call = _____

1. _____ Do Not Matter – Judges 7:2-8; Isaiah 42:8

2. _____ Is At Best Odd

But with God, _____ is _____!

a. _____ – Judges 7:9-15

God uses the enemy to _____ the saints!

b. _____ – Judges 7:16-22

c. _____ – Judges 7:22-23, 28

Gideon _____ God against all odds and this allowed him to _____ God’s odds. John 3:27-30

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.

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