

My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, “Fill the water pots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. (John 2:4-7)

What we need to recognize is that God is going to ignore those things from our past. All things from our past: our thinking, language, actions, behavior, and desires of the world have fallen away. All of these things are rooted in our experiences in the world.

Heaven is now giving us new thinking, language, actions, behaviors, and desires that are in line with the new person that is emerging. He seeks for us to understand who we are to become in the Kingdom

God is only going to work in my life in the areas that are new. He will not feed the old man. PERIOD! He delights in us and sings over us regardless of our place in the process: *“The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” (Zephaniah 3:17)*

Kingdom Principle – God is A Seeker:

Jesus' calls God a seeker in the second part of this passage. He develops this theology further by laying out the case that God seeks those who will worship in the Spirit and in Truth. Then in Chapters 14 & 15 he lays out the case for the Helper – Holy Spirit to come into our lives and guide us in that process. *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to remembrance all things that I said to you.” (John 14:26)*

Kingdom Principle – God is a Gift-Giver:

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation of shadow of turning (James 1:17)

“From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.” (Luke 12:48.

How do I move from my seat on Sunday morning where I have no discomfort, to the place on the battlefield for the hearts, minds, and souls of those who are lost?

Our gifting may be great or small – the use of the gifting is what is important. God has deposited great things into us and He desires that we stir them up and begin to use them to further the Kingdom of Heaven.

“His Lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’” (Matthew 25:23)

Baptism Class

Today! // 12:45 PM // Room 101

If you would like to be baptized next Sunday, July 30th, then please make plans to attend this class! Lunch and childcare (room 102) provided.

Church Wide Baby Shower

Today! // 1-2:30 PM // Youth Room (in the foyer)

This shower is to celebrate new mamas and their families who have had babies in April-July 2017 and that are due with new little ones through October. If you would like to bring a snack then it would be appreciated, but not at all necessary. The most important thing is fellowship together and spending time in prayer over these families!

Burma Fundraiser Today!

One of our church missionaries, Matt Fetters and his family, are visiting with us today and our Missions friends are selling items in the church lobby to support missions in Burma! Please stop by their table and support this cause!

Class 101: Pizza with the Pastors

Sunday, July 30th // 12:45 PM

Join us as we fellowship together while the pastoral staff shares the vision of the church! Learn more about how our church operates as a body and find out how to become a member! Childcare and lunch are provided.

Family Sunday

Sunday, July 30th

We are super excited for this unique Sunday where we will come together as a church family for a morning filled with worship and baptism! Our children will be joining us for the service on this special day and we will be accommodating them in every aspect of the morning.

Giving this week: \$8767. Thank you!

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The Hour Is Coming And Now Is:

Gregg Heminger

Jesus said while talking to the Samaritan woman: ***“The hour is coming and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.” (John 4:23a)***

Kingdom Principles - Time:

Heaven has a much different concept of time than we operate under. We are living with the tension of the “both/and” and the “now/not yet.”

Salvation begins with a “past-present” time component – Jesus brings healing to those areas where we’ve suffered trauma.

We are also living in a “present-future” time element – Jesus is directing the steps we need to take to arrive at the destiny set aside for us from the foundation of the world. ***“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)***

As we move toward that destiny we begin to see the calling God has placed upon our lives:

“And He himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11-12)

“if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.” (Ephesians 4:21-23)

God has given us His promises. He has a plan. It may take 18 months, 2 years, or 10 years. Regardless of the time frame the promise is true.

We can either let the circumstances of our lives challenge the promises of God or we can let His promises challenge the circumstances.

God's time is not our time, His ways are not our ways. It is imperative we learn to trust Him.

Kingdom Principles – New Man Theology

Therefore, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me?”



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