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THE GRAPEVINE

“Helping believers become better disciples for Jesus Christ, in and through an intimate relationship with other believers, based on being grounded on the Bible (the Word of God).”

*“So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am always with you until the end of time”
Matthew 28:19-20*

Last month we started a study on having a “Fresh Start.” Many of us would say that we all need a “fresh start.” As we ended last month, we were talking about the Apostle Paul and look at Philippians 3:4-6 and how he viewed his relationship with the Lord. We were talking about first, **Getting Your Eternal Destiny Settled**. We realized that our salvation is not based on us, not based on our family, not based on who we know. Our salvation is based on our relationship with Jesus Christ.

2. Paul also relied on his RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION to put him into a right relationship with God. Look at Philippians 3:5—“...as touching the law, a Pharisee...” He prided himself in being a member of the strictest of the religious denominations of his day, which he was sure secured God’s approval. But he came to

understand that his religious affiliation of no value. You cannot get to heaven by your membership in a certain church. See, being in the Church of God, a Baptist, a Lutheran, or a Catholic, will not make you right with God and wash away sins, for salvation is not about denominational affiliation.

3. Third, Paul trusted in his SINCERITY to gain God’s approval—verse 6—“concerning zeal, persecuting the church...” Paul was so sincere in his religious dogma that he thought he was doing right by persecuting the early church. But he later found out that he was deluded.

There are many of us who think that as long as we are sincere, in the end, God will accept them. Have you ever heard someone say, “It doesn’t matter what you believe, so long as you’re sincere?” That’s untrue for you see, it’s possible to be sincere but be sincerely wrong.

There are people who are very sincere in their religious beliefs. But God says there’s only a certain way to Him and if you go any other way, it doesn’t matter how sincere you are—you’re going the wrong way and you’ll end up at the wrong destination and there’s only one other destination besides heaven and it’s considerably hotter there!!!!

So, the question is, which direction are you heading? Are you ready for a “fresh start?” Open your heart and accept Christ as your Savior and start your journey. Next month we’ll continue our journey to a “fresh start.” Have an awesome month.

Pastor Rob

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Orderliness



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Determined to fulfill the dream of his father, a wise young man undertook a project. His father would have liked to accomplish this task personally, but because he was a man of war he was unfit for the job. He was allowed to gather the materials necessary for the construction and did this until the end of his reign.

After his death, his son assumed leadership and resolved to fulfill the dream of his father—building the temple in Jerusalem to house the ark. This phenomenal feat would require all of his energies and organizational abilities in coordinating vast quantities of material and thousands of men of diverse nationalities and skills.

He began organizing the project, maintaining order in every aspect. First he secured stone and lumber from different countries. He made an alliance with a neighboring king to employ men skilled in woodworking. He established a rotational working program with thirty thousand men to help cut giant cedar trees of Lebanon. He

sent an additional eighty thousand masons to cut and finish stones from the hills.

After four and a half years of collecting materials, actual construction began in the spring. Seventy thousand laborers at the construction site directed by over three thousand foremen began building the temple—ninety feet long, thirty feet wide and forty-five feet high. Constructed on an expensive stone foundation, the cedar-paneled walls were beautifully decorated with hand carvings and overlaid with gold.

The quantity of materials and the scope of coordinated effort were staggering, but even more remarkable is the fact that because the leader followed the plan so precisely, neither hammer nor chisel could be heard at the site. The prefinished stones and beams were so exactly cut that they fit perfectly together. After seven years of hard work, this sacred building was completed—hundreds of years after the nation left the slavery of Egypt.

Why was it so important for Solomon to complete his father's dream? His motivation to complete the project with such precision and order is revealed in his prayer during the dedication ceremonies, "But will God indeed dwell in the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant...that Thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward this place of which Thou hast said, My name shall be there." The Lord had given his father the promise that upon completion of the temple His glory would fill it. The temple would be the scene of His presence in Israel. 1 Kings 6:1-14



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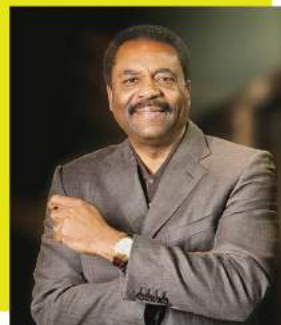
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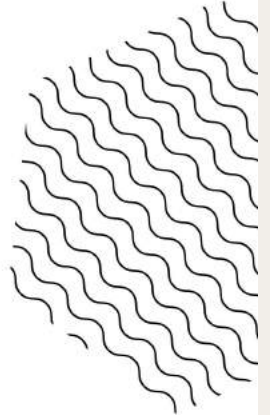
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Pastor's Ponderings

CHURCH WORK-DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. AFTER A YEAR OF NOT HAVING A WORK-DAY AT THE CHURCH, THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH. SO, LEADERSHIP TEAM HAS SET UP THE FIRST WORK-DAY FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH. LOOK FOR A LIST OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS THAT WILL BE POSTED. WE CAN USE EVERYONE'S HELP. IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THE 17TH, BUT WANT TO HELP OUT AT ANOTHER TIME, PLEASE CONTACT PAM CORNELL TO SET UP THAT TIME AND ORGANIZE A PROJECT. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP.



Life is filled with disappointments. It is impossible to escape sorrows, disappointments, and problems that are the common lot of mankind. We must accept them and try to make the most of them.

Life's pathway is littered with people who started out with lofty goals, but somewhere along the way they encountered obstacles and buckled under. Any person is doomed if he gives up just because of a few disappointments. Maybe the stars do fall now and then, and perhaps the light does grow dim. Is that a reason to give up?

Two business men suffered economic defeat. One became bitter and nursed his grudge while his business withered to nothing. The other accepted his defeat, forgave those who caused it, and set to work to rebuild it. One man's disappointment became a stumbling block; the other's, became a stepping stone.

A little boy was leading his sister up a hill. She complained, "This is no path at all. It's all rocky and bumpy." Her brother replied, "Sure, the bumps are what you climb on."

When you face disappointment, it is time to reaffirm your dependence upon God and draw strength from Him to keep pressing on. God has promised, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Corinthians 12:9. The person who relies upon God for everything has a conquering power that others do not have. This is true for the individual it is also true for a congregation.