



Timing Is Everything (Esther 7)

Sunday, August 16, 2020 AVBC

- God _____ time.

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God...For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it passes by, or as a watch in the night. (Ps.90:1-2,4)

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1. BE _____ IN THE PRESENT

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work... (Ex 20:8-10a)

If you set a trap for others, you will get caught in it yourself. If you roll a boulder down on others, it will crush you instead. (Proverbs 26;27) (NLT)

2. BE _____ KNOWING GOD WILL UNPACK THE PAST

Trust God _____; understand _____

3. BE _____ FOR THE FUTURE.

And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books ...And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:11-12,15)

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:11-13)

TODAY is the day of salvation!

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What consumes you most; regret about the past or fear of the future?

Q2: Study Philippians 3:12-14. What does God's Word say about the past and the future?

Q3: What do you think of C.S. Lewis' concept; that all we really have is the present which is simply the interface of the past and the future?

Q4: A sign in on a manager's desk read- "*Yesterday ended last night*". Do those words impact you in light of a situation you might be facing? How?

Q5: Have you ever experienced a time when not being present in the present was creating problems in your life? If so, explain.

Q6: Can you think of some biblical characters that had to trust God and later discovered via hind-site that God's will and way were best?

Q7: Read and reflect on the following verses: Romans 5:6, Galatians 4:4; 6:9, Ephesians 5:16, 1 Peter 5:6. Which verse in particular is an encouragement or challenge to you? Why?

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:13)