

Sermon Outline

Sermon Title: Living in the Past

Big Idea: Living in the past instead of persevering in the present with hope for the future

Scripture: Exodus 16:1- 15 and Numbers 11:1-6

Message Outline:

- The Bible teaches perseverance is a key component to spiritual growth and maturity
- This is the first in a series of messages by Pastor Ralph inspired by the book "The Land Between" by Pastor Jeff Manion who challenges us to explore the question, "Is it possible to possess a vital faith that prompts you to be at your best when things are at their worst?"
- Key statement from Pastor Jeff: "Our response to God is what will determine whether our journey through this desert will result in deep positive growth or spiritual decline."
- What did the Israelites experience?
 - The Israelites were miraculously freed from slavery by God
 - The Israelites were miraculously provided food and water by God
- What was their response?
 - Very quickly it became murmurs of complaint and then outright grumbling!
- God had a purpose in His testing His Chosen People, which was to prepare them for His future.
- What about you and me? It is no different. God has a purpose in His testing of you and me, which is to prepare us for His future.



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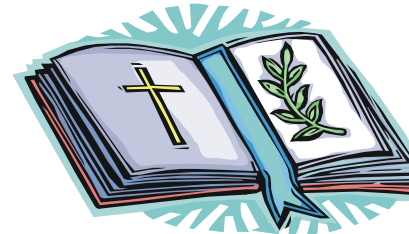
Walk in His Way

Unite in His Truth

Share His Life

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"Living in ...



... the Past."

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Sunday, October 29, 2017 Service

We are reinstating prayertime before the morning English service from 10:15 AM and ending 10:45 AM.

Welcome & Call to Worship

"Like a River Glorious" #494

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #26

"Be Exalted, O God" #5

Announcements & Prayer

"No Longer Slaves"

Offering

Junior Church Send Off Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 16: 1 – 15; Numbers 11: 1 – 6

With Ben

Song Before Sermon:

"How Great Is Our God"

Sermon:

"Living in the Past."

With Pastor Ralph Hardy

Closing Hymn

"What a Beautiful Name"

(Hillsong)

Benediction

Weekly Happenings

Sunday Worship:

English: 11:00 AM

Japanese: 9:30 AM

Korean: 12:30 PM

Prayer and Weekly Studies:

Wed. Night Study: Book of Isaiah

1st & 3rd Sat. 9 am, Japanese

Community Outreach:

Monday Night ESL: All Welcome.

We shall be here from about 5 PM.

(May still be from 7 PM to 9 PM).

Prayer Focus:

Pray for Joey G. as she recovers from fall and pray for Lawrence too.

Church Family:

Church of the Week: **Abbotsford EFC**

Pray for the ESL program. Pray for Japanese & Korean language groups.

Birthdays and Anniversaries of the Month:

October 30, Norkiko Suzuki;

November 4, Carmel M (Sal's daughter); November 10, Roy U;

November 11, Michael G; and, Saori O, too.

Upcoming Events to Note:

Church AGM and election of officers to happen Sunday, November 26 at

1:00 PM.