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CHURCH

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# REVELATION

A RENEWED IMAGINATION

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# Reflections

O all ye who pass by, behold and see;  
Man stole the fruit, but I must climb the tree;  
The tree of life to all, but only me:  
Was ever grief like mine?  
Lo, here I hang, charged with a world of sin,  
The greater world o' th' two; for that came in  
By words, but this by sorrow I must win.  
Was ever grief like mine?

George Herbert, *The Sacrifice*

Anger is not something that comes upon us when an offense is committed. Anger is already in us. In its embryonic form we call it desire. Something stands between us and that which we desire. We want something, and we aren't getting it. Anger is in us. It just takes the right occasion to bring it out. When you are angry, it is because you are angry. This is the hardest thing to learn about anger. You are the problem.

Ed Welch, *A Small Book about a Big Problem*

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# Sermon

*The River of Life*  
Rankin Wilbourne

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# Scripture

Revelation 21:22-22:7, 17, 20-21

<sup>21:22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.  
<sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup> “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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## Events & News

### **Pacific Crossroads Worship Night, August 30th, 7:30 - 9:30 PM**

Join us for a night of extended worship at the Lodge Room in Highland Park! Doors open at 7:30 PM, music begins at 8:00 PM. Free admission, all ages welcome, and plenty of parking available.

### **Serve Pacific Crossroads Youth Ministry, Today, 4:30 - 6:30 PM**

Our Youth Ministry is growing at a rapid pace. This year, nearly 100 teens and pre-teens will come to PCC on a weekly basis, and we need dozens of new volunteers to serve, mentor, or even just hang out with them.

If you're at all curious about volunteering with our Youth Ministry, come to our interest meeting this afternoon at the Pacific Crossroads office. Dinner provided.

*View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, [PacificCrossroads.org/Events](https://PacificCrossroads.org/Events), or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.*

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## Ministry Resources

### **Pastoral Care**

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email [pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org) or call our office at 310.551.0081.

### **Celebrate Recovery**

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit [PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery](https://PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery).