



# ZECHARIAH

*Return to me, and I will return to you*

## Fasting to Feasting

*Zechariah 8*

**April 28, 2024**

Have you experienced difficulties in your life? This is the question Zechariah will address in our passage today. The reality is difficulties will happen in this life and we must have the perspective of understanding what God is doing in the midst of these trials. Today we're going to see how God promises to go from fasting to feasting!

# Order Of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

### **From Isaiah 25:6-9**

**Leader:** *On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.*

**All:** *And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever;*

**Leader:** *and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day,*

**All:** *Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.*

## Songs of Praise

**O God Our Help in Ages Past**

**Arise O God and Shine**

## Offering

## Confession of Sin

*God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by our own pride- we often see ourselves as pure when we are stained and as great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

## Song of Declaration

***Lord I Need You***

## Confession of Faith

***Heidelberg Catechism #91***

*Q. What are good works?*

*A. Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's law, and are done for God's glory; and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.*

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Sermon

***Fasting to Feasting***

*Zechariah 8*

*Pastor James Brignac*

Song of Response

***We Will Feast In The House of Zion***

Benediction

# Sermon Notes

## Promised Blessing

***How does this passage start? Where else do we see this idea?***

*Genesis 17:7, Exodus 6:7, Ezekiel 34:24, Jeremiah 31:33*

*...the whole hope of the people depended on one thing, that God remembered the covenant which he had made with them. - **John Calvin***

***What promise is reiterated in v. 3?***

*Zechariah 1:3*

***Why should the people have confidence in these promises?***

## Reasons to Believe

**What does God say He will do in v. 6?**

**What title is used for God? What does it signify?**

*Jeremiah 32:17*

**What does God state the people need to do in v. 9?**

## New Eyes

**What is the reality mentioned in v. 14?**

*...they will rejoice in their captivity...they will see the captivities of the two kingdoms not as cruel strokes from an uncaring God, but as the discipline of a loving God, angered that his people should forfeit the treasures of his love for the worthlessness of pagan idols and unjust gain. - Thomas McComiskey*

## ***What will lead to the future prosperity promised?***

*God comes to change her despair to delight, her suffering for singing, her poverty for plenty, her ruin for restoration, her abandonment for his abiding presence. - **Elizabeth Achtemeier***

How should we view the  **blessings**  from God?

# Announcements



May 4 at 8 AM – 12 PM  
Waypoint Church



Men Eating and Talking  
May 13 at 7:00 PM



Sundays at 6:30 PM  
at Waypoint Church



Multiple small groups formed  
Contact Pastor James for info



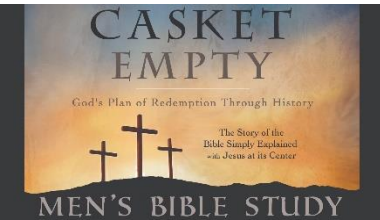
August 16-18  
Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church



Every Friday at 8:00 AM  
Contact Carl Hill for details



# Bible Studies



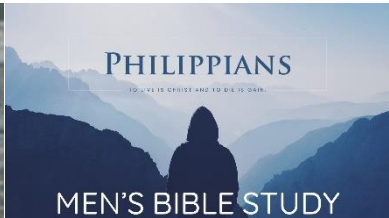
Every other Tue. At 7:00 PM  
Led by Matt Kodatt



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
Every other Wed. at 6:00 PM  
Let by Kasey Bushman



Every other Wed. at 10:00 AM  
At Valerie Thompson's home



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
Every Wed. at 10:00 AM  
Led by Steve Jacques

## Discussion Questions

1. What comes to mind when you read “thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy” v. 2?
2. Are there any promised blessings found in scripture you find it difficult to believe? Why?
3. Have you ever experienced God doing something far beyond your expectations? What happened?
4. What is God calling you to do for the kingdom today?
5. What are the spiritual blessings you see in your life today? What future blessings can we expect?
6. Why can we trust the promises of God?