



**WELCOME** When was the last time you did you something for the first time?

**WORSHIP** *Oh, Lord You're Beautiful (Live) - Keith Green*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVgPQm06g2c>

**WORD** [Isaiah 58](#); [Acts 1:7-8](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message and why?
2. Why does Pastor Bryan encourage us to pray for strength over deliverance from our circumstances?

**Read Isaiah 58 and answer the following questions:**

3. **Observe the historical context of Isaiah 58.** Who is this written for, what is happening at that time in history, and what is their expectation?
4. **"Heartfelt theatre"**—Discuss why and how the Israelites sought God through prayer and fasting. Why does God seem displeased by their efforts?
5. How can we compare this to ourselves as spiritual Israel -- our expectations and our efforts to pray/fast when seeking God?
6. "Audition in advance."—What does Pastor Bryan mean when he said this in context of the Scriptures and the vision for missions?
7. **Read Acts 1:7-8; Luke 16:10.** Who is God willing to make strong?
  - How can you apply this to your life personally-- in your family, relationships, and calling / mission, personally and as a Body?

**Reflection:** Think about all the details of your prayer life – the why, what, how, and when. Are you satisfied with it? Why or why not? After hearing the message, what important nuggets can you apply to strengthen it or course-correct, if needed?

**WITNESS** *Reflect on Acts 1:7-8 and Luke 16:10.* Pray and ask God for the insight, wisdom, and power you need to obey and be faithful to steward the lives he has placed in front of you, to include boldly sharing the Gospel as He leads you.