

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Conduits of Blessing

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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- **God has made us to be conduits & not containers. How can we grow to be conduits of God's blessings?**

Psalms 134 (NLT) *A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem.*

- ¹ Oh, praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you who serve at night in the house of the Lord.
- ² Lift your hands toward the sanctuary,
and praise the Lord.
- ³ May the Lord, who made heaven and earth,
bless you from Jerusalem.

- **Resolve to Praise God.**

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- **Recognize your God-given Purpose.**

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¹ Peter 2:9 (NIV) "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NLT) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, [a] so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

- **Remember your Posture & Purity matters.**

² Lift your hands toward the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

"Our heart will follow our habits".

- **Receive God's Promise of blessing.**

³ May the Lord, who made heaven and earth, bless you from Jerusalem.

Big Idea: Bless God & bless others because you have been blessed.

"Life will flourish wherever this water flows." Ezekial 47:9



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