## TIME OF REFLECTION

"No child of God sins to that degree as to make himself incapable of forgiveness."  $\sim$  John Bunyan

"The pursuit of God is not a part-time, weekend exercise. If it is, chances are you will experience a part-time, weekend freedom. Abiding requires a kind of staying power. The pursuit is relentless. It hungers and thirsts. It pants as the deer after the mountain brook. It takes the kingdom by storm...The pursuit of God is a pursuit of passion. Indifference will not do. To abide in the Word is to hang on tenaciously. A weak grip will soon slip away. Discipleship requires staying power. We sign up for duration. We do not graduate until heaven."

~ RC Sproul

"Laying aside weights and sins isn't a one-time thing. It's a skill acquired through constant practice. So don't be discouraged that you haven't mastered your race yet. Don't give up. Keep at it. Do it again. And again. And again."

~ Jon Bloom

"When we respond to Divine commandments with a 'But' or a series of excuses, we echo the Serpent, and treat God as our peer — or our inferior."

~ Dan Phillips

## Worship through the Word

**SERMON** – "Set Free to Serve" – *Daniel Ritchie* 

**SERMON PASSAGE** – *Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)* 

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and

perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.