

TIME OF REFLECTION

“The gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life.”

~John Calvin (1509-1564), French theologian and pastor

“The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and walk out the door and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.”

~Brennan Manning (1934-2013), American author

“My dad didn’t see me as deaf. He saw me as capable. And that was what was so beautiful about my dad.... ‘Dad, I learned so much from you. I’ll always love you. You are my hero.’”

~Troy Michael Kotsur, Oscar-winning deaf actor of the movie “CODA”

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person; he believed in me.”

~Jimmy Valvano (1946-1993), college basketball coach

“There is a perennial nobleness and even sacredness in Work. Were he never so benighted, and forgetful of his high calling, there is always hope in a man who actually and earnestly works: in Idleness alone is there perpetual despair.”

~Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881), Scottish philosopher and essayist

“Christ releases you to be truly human, and you must now learn to express your true self according to the divine pattern, not in self-assertion but in self-giving.”

~N.T. Wright, New Testament scholar

“The best way to find out whether...you really have a servant’s heart is to see what your reaction is when somebody treats you like one.... Jesus went to the cross in a total denial of Himself. He Who made the stars put Himself into the hands — the hands which He had also made — of ordinary men and was subject to their limitations and to their mockery and to their hatred and to their indifference.”

~Elisabeth Elliot (1926-2015), missionary, author, and speaker

Worship through the Word

SERMON – “Living for the Glory of God Part 4: Glory in Everyday Life” – *Pastor Don Willeman*

SERMON PASSAGE – *selected passages (ESV)*

John 17 – Jesus Praying to His Father for His Disciples

¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.... ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them.... ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.... ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Colossians 3 & 4 – St. Paul’s Instructions to the Church

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory....

¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

¹ Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

John 7

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.