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TIME OF REFLECTION

“Home is where the heart is.”

- Pliny the Elder

“When there is a tendency to compartmentalize the spiritual and make it resident in a certain type of life only, the spiritual is apt to be gradually lost.”

- Flannery O'Connor, *Mystery and Manners*

"By the mysterious operation of the Spirit in the new birth, that which is called by Peter 'the divine nature' enters the deep-in core of the believer's heart and establishes residence there...Such a one is a true Christian, and only such. Baptism, confirmation, the receiving of the sacraments, church membership - these mean nothing unless the supreme act of God in regeneration also takes place. Religious externals may have a meaning for the God-inhabited soul; for any others they are not only useless but may actually become snares, deceiving them into a false and perilous sense of security."

- A.W. Tozer, *Man: The Dwelling Place of God*

Worship through the Word

SERMON – “A Dwelling for the Lord” – *Kevin Schwartz*

SERMON PASSAGE – *Psalms 132:1-10 (ESV)*

- ¹Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,
²how he swore to the LORD
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
³“I will not enter my house
or get into my bed,
⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”
- ⁶Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
⁷“Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool!”
- ⁸Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.
⁹Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your saints shout for joy.
¹⁰For the sake of your servant David,
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.