

# Remembering Forward

1 Timothy 6:13-16 - November 27, 2022

## Seeing Christmas Light... up close and from far away.

Isaiah 6:5 type reaction

“Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”

His presence will drive our pursuits... Isaiah THEN says, here am I, send me.

## READ 1 Timothy 6:11-16

## One thing to do, three things to remember

- **Do:** live like God is watching
- **Remember:** who God was, is, and forever will be

## Look Back

You could read right past the first part... *in the sight of God who gives life to all things...*

## Live your life like God is watching...

**Pick God out of the crowd of the world.**

*Who gives life...* only God can give and only God can take away.

**Mathew 10:29** “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will.”

**Colossians 1:16-17** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

## HE is everything...

God initiated everything, gave life to everything, gave reason and purpose to everything, and for **Him** all things exist.

The reason so many people feel like a fish out of water is they are part of creation but living apart from The Creator.

***Fish out of water... not dead but dying.***

## ***ROMANS 1 – suppress the truth in unrighteousness.***

Climate repentance: worship creation rather than the creator

Climate Summit – control through fear.

## Before Christ Jesus

### Who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate

#### **What did He witness?**

**John 18:35-37** Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

**John 9:10-11** Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above."

Christ was unwavering in His mission... and we should be unwavering in our walk.

When under the threat of persecution:

***"If I recant know that I am lying from pain rather than confessing from truth."***

## **Look Down (14)**

**13. I urge you: to give direction, order, or command.**

You have the **crowd** cheering you on but then there is your **coach** telling you what to do.

**Keep it...** don't let it get stale, normal, traditional, repetitious, or religious.

**Batting practice vs. at bat**

**What Commandment?** Run from your sin and to your Savior.

**Battle of Jericho... suited up every day but didn't fight every day.**

It wasn't that the final day was the battle... **the battle was won on the first day.**

*If you won't obey in the little things, how can God lead you to bigger things?*

**Keep the commandment and keep it with consistency**

Without Spot: without criticism, blame, or disapproval.

Blameless: not open to criticism, that cannot be laid hold of, nothing sticks.

- **Without Spot = Character:** Who you are
- **Blameless = Conduct:** What you are

## Look Up (14-16)

### Until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing

1. Run your race until you see Jesus face to face!
2. You are going to see the Lord face to face!

### **Appearing:** epiphaneia = epiphany (some kind of instantaneous appearance)

1. This word was often used by the Greeks and in Greek mythology to describe that of a glorious manifestation of the gods, and emphasized their arrival to bring help or aid.
2. a "technical term relating to transcendence it refers to a visible and sudden manifestation of a hidden divinity
3. A Greek word that was used to describe when a king would arrive to battle and with him bring victory and deliverance.
4. in Paul's day, The emperor's appearance in any place was his epiphaneia.
5. When the OT was translated to Greek this was used to describe moments when the Lord intervened and brought victory, deliverance, or rescue. (The Angel)
6. It is what is used to describe the first coming of Christ...

**2 Tim. 1:10** but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

**2 Tim. 4:8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

7. It is what is used to describe the coming appearance of Christ...

**2 Peter 3:3** knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."... they say this because they have forgotten where everything came from (The Creator)

**Romans 13:11** And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.

**2 Timothy 4:1** I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

**Titus 2:13** looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**"Whatever you are looking for, is what you will end up living for."**

**Which He will manifest in His own time** (You cannot force God's hand)

**Matthew 25:13** "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

**Matthew 24:44** "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**In His own time** also means that **He can come at any time.**

It's not **just** that there will be an epiphany or an appearing, it is **who** will be appearing.

**Imagine an award show**, the cars pull up and when the right person steps out all the cameras flash and people call out... if you or I stepped out, people would be less ecstatic.

Attributes

**Blessed:** God's got it all.

**Only Potentate:** A royal officer of great authority.

**Phillip & The Chariot**

**Acts 8:27** ... And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury...

How to avoid intimidation is having the right perspective of real potentate/power

Possessing Might & Powerful (Not just strength but might)

**Potentate = Power Supreme**

**King of kings & Lord of lords:** has authority, power, and control over others.

**Who alone** (soul ownership)

*(To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?)*

**Immortality:** the state of being undying, everlasting.

8. *He himself IS everlasting and is the only source of everlasting forgiveness or an eternal pardoning of our sins.*

9. *Because he did not acquire it.. he cannot be deprived of it... we are to yield to it.*

Dwelling in (Completely covered by... living in, consumed by, surrounded by)

**Unapproachable light** (truth & knowledge, spiritual purity or brilliance.

Holiness, perfection, no wrong in any way at all, pure!!!

**1 John 1:5** This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**1 John 3:5** In Him there is no sin

**Whom no man has seen or can see (Afterglow)**

To whom be  
Honor And ***everlasting*** power

**Revelation 1:18** “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Paul and Timothy lived in a time in which Caesar was a god.

***People would say and even shout, “Caesar is lord!”***

Caesar is Lord or Jesus is Lord

***“We recognize no sovereign but God, and no king but Jesus!” – John Adams***

Remembering Forward... fight on  
Your sin is only an example of how great God really is!  
Bigger sin = takes a bigger Savior. (Splinter vs. Tumor)

***“Whatever you are looking for, is what you will end up living for.”***

When an Emperor, Caesar, or king was expected, you put things in order. (Olympics)  
The King to whom emperors will bow is coming, we ought to have things in order.

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**John 14:3** “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.