

THE JOURNEY

“Final Destination”

- Week 1: LET’s GO (take the first step)
- Week 2: ROAD TRIP (where are we going)
- Week 3: DON’T GO ALONE (we need each other)
- Week 4: BUCKLE UP (we are in a spiritual battle)
- Week 5: RUMBLE STRIPS (don’t let sin take you in the ditch)
- Week 6: DETOURS (sometimes God re-routes us for our good)
- Week 7: GPS (Trust the leading of the Holy Spirit)
- Week 8: ROAD RAGE (Grace)

TODAY: FINAL DESTINATION

“Read to the end of the book.....WE WIN”

Revelation 21:1-6 (A New Heaven and a New Earth) Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Revelation 22:1-7 (Eden Restored) Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³No longer

will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴**They will see his face,** and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵**There will be no more night.** They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. ⁶The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.” ⁷**“Look, I am coming soon!** Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

1) WHAT DO I HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO??

-NO MORE DEATH & SADNESS!!

Revelation 21:4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’

-A NEW MANSION!!

John 14:1-2 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ²**In my Father's house are many rooms;** if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

-A NEW BODY!!!

2 Corinthians 5:1-9 (Awaiting the New Body) For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ²**Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,** ³because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴**For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.** ⁵Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶**Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.** ⁷**For we live by faith, not by sight.** ⁸**We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body**

and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

-Rev 21 said no more death' or mourning or crying or pain,

No more death and Sadness.....a new mansion & A NEW BODY!

1 Corinthians 2:9 However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—

-I HAVE NEVER BEEN THERE....

.....BUT I KNOW IT IS GONNA BE AWESOME!!

2) HOW DO I SIGN UP??

John 14:1-6 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

THE HEART OF THE ENTIRE GOSPEL IS RELATIONSHIP!

John 3:16 -17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, ^[a] that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

SOUNDS AMAZING: "DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?"

3) WHEN DO WE GET TO GO????

PRETTY AMAZING DEAL! BELIEVE IN JESUS.....LIVE FOREVER!

***So simple that a child can do it!**

-We have eternal life WHEN WE BELIEVE!!

2 WAYS TO GET THERE: DEATH OR RAPTURE!

WE BELIEVE: Rapture of the church “BLESSSED HOPE”

-Rapture of the church

-varied beliefs on when and how....

.....BUT accepted amongst all major denominations.

In the Vulgate, the early Latin Bible, the word used for God's plucking us up into the sky was *rapiemur*, from which we derive the word "rapture."

The GREEK word for Rapture is “Harpazo” (to be SNATCHED AWAY)

THIS IS WHAT PAUL TALKS ABOUT IN THE NT:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.
14We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15**According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16**For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17**After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so

we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage each other with these words.

ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER WITH THESE WORDS!

-Don't know completely how this will look!! NO ONE DOES!

I grew up hearing about it ALL the time!

The word “Rapture” is seen 24 times in the New Testament.

Definition of RAPTURE: a feeling of intense pleasure or joy.

-SCARY BUT EXCITING!!!

1 Corinthians 15:50-54 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

I WISH GROWING UP....I knew RAPTURE: a feeling of intense pleasure or joy.

-Not something to be scared of....Something to live for!!

-LIKE LOOKING FORWARD TO A VACATION!

(gets ya through the hard days)

1 Corinthians 2:9 However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—

KIDS.....”Are we there yet” “How much longer”

-WE ARE CLOSER THAN THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED!!!

TODAY: Full certainty.....WE ARE CLOSER THAN EVER BEFORE!!!

WHAT DO I HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO?

-NO MORE SICKNESS AND PAIN OR SADDNESS
-A NEW BODY AND A NEW MANSION

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO???

-BELIEVE IN JESUS

WHEN DO I GET TO GO? SOON!!!

SO MY FINAL POINTHOW SHOULD THIS KNOWLEDGE EFFECT US?

*Rusty but trusty was heading to the scrap yard! (\$321)

-RUSTY'S DAYS WERE NUMBERED!

IF WE ARE TRULY LIVING IN EXPECTANCY, I BELIEVE THERE ARE 3 THINGS IT SHOULD GIVE EACH OF US:

1) Give us hope for tomorrow

-This life is filled with pain and suffering

Notice 1 Thes. 4:18.....ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER WITH THESE WORDS!

-Just when I think I've heard the worst, I turn on the news

John 16:33 “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

- There is coming a day when we will walk on streets of gold.
- there will be no sickness or pain
- there will be no tears or heart ache
- there will be no financial difficulties
- no stress!! or major decisions

Example: We can put up with a lot when we know that vacation is just around the corner.

*We can make it through anything, knowing that a permanent vacation is on the way.

2) Give us a challenge to STAY STRONG and live holy in an unholy age

Matthew 24:4-13 “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

-We need to stand firm & not let our love grow cold

1 John 4:1-4 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out

into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

-Bible Basics & CORE

-January: All church 10 week series “THE ROCK”

3) Give us a greater heart for evangelism & missions

Mark 16:15-16 Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

-IT IS A MESSAGE OF HOPE!

IF YOU KNEW YOU HAD 6 DAYS, 6 WEEKS OR 6 MONTHS TO LIVE.....HOW WOULD IT EFFECT THE WAY YOU LIVE?

- You need hope for tomorrow!
- You need to stay strong in the fight!
- You need to point other people to Jesus....the Hope of the World!

NOVEMBER IS OUR KB MIRACLE MONTH!

-Next week Justin Mac.....founder of PROJECT 42!