

☑ Zephaniah 3

☑ Religion isn't matching my Reality

- Why do we always blame God when something bad happens?

☑ Time of Inspection.

- **Has not obeyed His voice,**
 - **Has not received correction;**
 - **Has not trusted in the Lord,**
 - **Has not drawn near to God.**

☑ Start Thinking- AQ = **After Quarantine**

- You start thinking about life AQ you'll start living in Q.

☑ Vacation

- **Plan a VACATION?**
- **Maybe I'm not ready to go back to normal!**
- You can come back from vacation 2 ways. Exhausted or energized.
- There was a day when you prayed God give me a month off of work. I don't have time to do things around the house. I wish I could spend more time with my kids.

- Soon you'll be cussing in traffic. Mad you have to work Saturday. SOON you start asking- *do we have to go to church this Sunday?*

☑ **What are you packing in your suitcase?**

- Whatever is in your suitcase will tell me what kind of place you are preparing for... your preparation leads to planning.
- Either says where I'm going or where I've been.
- It's hard to leave where you lost.
 - Place Kicker...
- Same clothes. But you look at them differently.
 - **Going- have purpose. Returning- Have a smell.**
- Don't let what's behind you make you miss what's before you.
 - **Sunscreen/Aloe**
- ***What if I could go back to a different life? What if I could go back DIFFERENT?***

☑ Time of Expectation.

- **Conflict = the distance between expectation and reality.**
 - ***I have felt this HEAVY this week.***

- Acknowledging your humanity isn't denying God's divinity.
- **QUESTION that everyone is asking: "What will it (life, work, church) look like on the other side?"**
 - That's a fair question dealing with planning.
- **QUESTION that I am asking: "What are you doing right now to prepare for the other side?"**
 - That's a preparation question.
- **Plan- Detailed proposal.** But what if you don't have the details? **Prepare- Make ready for use.**
- Planning for VACA is different than Prepping...
 - Saving money is not planning. It's preparing.
- *Question: If God gave you everything you're praying for right now, would you be ready to handle it?*
- **Prep. is a decision.**
- **The decisions you make will turn around and make you. You will change!**
- **Every day of your life is preparation for the next.**
- ***By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household... Hebrews 11:7***

- **A Plan with Preparation= Salvation**
- **Build this!!!! God spoke to me 2/16/2020**
- ☑ **What do you need to Start – Stop – Continue?**
- You can plan without changing but you can't prepare without changing.
 - Life doesn't change unless you change.
- **Live outside of the now.**
- ☑ **How do I transition from where I've been to where I'm going?**
- ***16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. 17 The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." 18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly..."***
- **It's in the midst of loss that God says- I've been singing over you.**
 - Didn't sing when He created.... But in the difficult season...

- **The season you came out of was all about what you did.**

- **The season you're going to is all about what God is doing!**

- **SO FAR SO GOD**

- **God knew all about the devastation. But the remnant are going to see a restoration.**

- **When people asked Jesus for a plan He always reminded them of their purpose.**

- That's what you need to be reminded of today.

- Your situation may have changed. Your job, schedule, your finances...

- **But your purpose has NEVER changed. Dream...**

- **I know the thoughts!!**

- **THIS IS THE DAY!**

- **Wake The Dawn With Your Song**

- **This day is not a pre-determined, pre-programmed event. This day is a decision!**

- This DAY won't affect me. I'm going to affect the DAY!

- I will rejoice and be glad in it.

- This day is a decision of whether or not I'm going to walk in greater obedience to Christ.

- This day is a decision of whether or not I'm going to love my wife and kids as Christ loved the church.

- This day is a decision of whether or not I'm going to breathe life into the people around me.

- This day is a decision of whether or not I'm going to live a day worth rejoicing and being glad in.

- Today is the day to declare, "No more wasted time. No more stolen years, relationships, health or resources in my life." He will restore and rebuild the broken areas of my life.