
JESUS

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SIGHT-GIVING JESUS

WHAT WE NEED MOST IN DARK TIMES

Pastor Cary Schmidt | Sunday, October 9, 2022 | John 9:1-7

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When we face the darkness, we most need:

1. THE _____ OF JESUS LIGHTING THE DARK

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

HEBREWS 10:35-37

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

QUOTE

"Never, ever, ever, ever, ever think that God's not working, no matter how much it seems like He's absent and at the same time never, never, never, never think you're going to be able to figure out for a long time what he's up to."—Tim Keller

QUOTE

"In the gospel, our bad things turn out good, our good things can never be lost, and the best things are yet to come!"—Jonathan Edwards



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ROMANS 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose:

2. THE _____ OF JESUS REDEEMING THE DARK

JOHN 9:4-5

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

JOHN 4:34-35

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

JOHN 5:36

But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

JOHN 17:4

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

3. THE _____ OF JESUS FOR MY ASSIGNMENT IN THE DARK

JOHN 9:6

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

1 THESSALONIANS 5:24

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22

21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

1 JOHN 2:27

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you . . .

REVELATION 3:18-20

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

4. THE _____ TO OBEY JESUS THROUGH THE DARK

JOHN 9:7

And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.
