Sermon Notes – 10.31.2021

You Have a Place to Serve God that is Right in the Center of His Will for You

Jesus told us, No one takes anything out of my Father's hand

John 10:27-30 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and **no one will snatch them out of My hand**. 29 "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and **no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.** 30 "I and the Father are one."

2 Peter 3:1-2 This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which **I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember** the **words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets** and the **commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles**."

- Stir up -Wake up completely
- Mind – deep place where the Holy Spirit works
- Sincere – Pure when seen in Sunlight

Remind us to remember

- Words of the Holy Prophets – Old Testament
- Commandment of our Lord and Savior – New Testament
- Words of Your Apostles – The messengers God Sends to Us

Do we remember anything anymore? - **Einstein and his phone number**

"No, why would I memorize something I can so easily look up in a book?"

In defense of what The Word tells us to do, I'd like to answer Einstein's question.

- A forgotten phone number seldom causes an emergency
- There are deeper things that you will need in a moment – Snap of the fingers
    1. Crises
    2. Sudden opportunities
- The words and experiences stored in our deep thoughts is where the Holy Spirit works on us.
    1. Exercise & muscle memory – difficult words in a new language - It becomes easier to do
    2. "Deep calls to deep" Psalm 42:5-8
    3. Holy Spirit purging & filling the deepest parts of our heart – God creating the new you

Philippians 2:13 "…it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure."

God Has Prepared Us for a Purpose & the Spirit is Proof

2 Corinthians 5:5 "Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge. "

- **God has prepared us**
- **God has given us a purpose**
- **What we have from the Holy Spirit is a down payment**
- **We are encouraged to "earnestly seek the best gifts," there's more.**

We have an "Ambition

"Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him." **2 Corinthians 5:9**

- We seek honor so we can give it to Him
- A "Bow with a smile" – It was my honor to serve You

T**he Kind of Relationship God Wants with Us**

Hosea 2:16 "It will come about in that day," declares LORD, "That you will call Me Ishi And will no longer call Me Baali"

- My husband, not my master

God Has "Placed" You

"But now God has placed the members, each one of them,
in the body, just as He desired." 1 Corinthians 12:18

God Has Given You a Gift

1 Corinthians 12:11 "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills."

God' Great Investment in You:

- God wants you to be fully aware of what he desires to do down deep in you where your life comes from and where the Holy Spirit is weaving and working.
- He is going to work in you through what the holy prophets, Jesus Our Lord and Savior, and the messengers He sent you have said. **So Remember!**
- God is at Work in you.
- God is Preparing You.
- God has Given You a Purpose.
- God has Given You the Holy Spirit as Proof.
- The Deep things of God are Calling Out to the Deep things in You.
- God has Placed You.
- God has Gifted You.

And one last thing:

You Need to be Equipped - Jesus Wants to Equip You

Ephesians 4 says He will work through leaders – **Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.**

But – Jesus will Also Equip You Himself

"Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* **Jesus our Lord, 21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen**." **Hebrews 13:20-21**