



# genesis church

begin. believe. become.

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## JUST A LITTLE *Reminder* THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study  
At church & ZOOM

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 Worship Team Practice  
at the Church

6:30 **In Person** Youth Group  
**Meeting at the Church**  
**Snacks will be Provided**  
Contact Chris for details

### THURSDAY

**NO** Men's Small Group

### SATURDAY

8:00 Reflective Walk  
Memorial Island

# PRAYER

*changes things*

Continue to pray for  
Carl Volgarino  
Barbara Van Arman  
Karen Gupton  
Lynn Lindsey  
Jimmy Morrison


Unspoken Prayer Requests

Hope

Comfort

Love





## A Message from Pastor Derrick

### Clay in the Hands of an Angry Potter

The Potter's Wheel Prophecy: Part Two

Jeremiah 18:7-12, 18-23

#### What God's Anger/Judgment Looked Like for Israel:

(1) A giving over/granting of exactly what Israel wished for (7-12)

(a) The discipline of the Lord is a valuable tool he uses to make us not only better Christians, but better human beings. (Proverbs 3:11-12)

(b) It's also necessary to deter destruction of self. (Hebrew 12:4)

(c) Giving over is surest sign of judgment because the Presence of God is removed. When that happens only Prodigal Son behavior can remain (Luke 15:11-16).

(2) A redefinition of what was right, good, noble and true and a silencing of any voice that opposed it (18).

(a) Kings and prophets were indispensable to each other in Ancient Israel.

(b) David listened and obeyed Nathan and Israel became an example among the nations.

(c) Manasseh reinstituted paganism his father, Hezekiah, abolished. When the prophets confronted him, he killed them. What followed was a downward spiral that included shedding so much blood that it filled the streets from end to end.

(3) Repaying good with evil (19-20)

(a) Evil will never depart from the house of the one who returns evil for good (Proverbs 17:13)

(b) When you get even, you become a judge and take vengeance out of the Lord's hand and put it in your own

(c) When you walk by faith and put it in the Lord's hands instead you are essentially saying "Lord, I believe you will right every wrong."

(4) The righteous missing the mark also for not being good stewards of their anger at what they saw unfolding before their eyes (21-23).

(a) Moses wasn't. He struck a rock and couldn't enter the Promised Land.

(b) Balaam wasn't. So he kicked his donkey. When he did, he ceased to be the voice of the Lord and his donkey was instead.

(c) Jeremiah wasn't. He prayed an imprecatory prayer of judgment that he wasn't spared from himself.



## So What

(a) In whatever cause/endeavor you choose to be a part of, please do so with the understanding that any reform not aimed at changing the heart of a man will not produce lasting change or reform. You must be Gospel centered in your approach.

(b) Be good stewards of emotions given to you by God (especially anger). If you are not, you become part of the problem.



## Genesis Church Men's Program



**WILL RECONVENE in PERSON**

**June 25, 2020**

**7:00 PM at the Church**

**Call Art for further Details**



## YOUTH GROUP

6:30 Wednesday at the Church

Call Chris for Details

Snacks will be Served





## One More Thing-

### NOT IN VAIN

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

On the wall in our family room hangs an embroidered version of 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Your labor for the Lord is not in vain." It was a gift from a dear friend during the years we served as Christian teachers in Vietnam, so it means a lot to us! Today's verse is a reminder that we don't know the results of our efforts for the Lord, but in faith we can trust that obedience is never in vain. In other words, there is no real failure, properly understood, when the Lord is on our side. Our labor for Him will never come up empty.

The single most powerful evidence in support of this claim is Christ's Resurrection, and by extension, the certain hope of our own resurrection. We who were perishable and mortal-and thus unfit to inherit the kingdom of God (v. 50)-will become imperishable and immortal! How? It will happen instantaneously, "in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye" (v. 52). When? "At the last trumpet," that is, when Christ returns. Our "common destiny" (see June 1) and the just penalty for our sin-death-has been conquered by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His victory shout is a triumphant taunt: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (v. 55).

How should we respond? First, Christ's success means we're to "stand firm. Let nothing move you" (v. 58). Second, we're to be fully committed to the Lord's work. There's no such thing as halfhearted discipleship (Luke 14:25-33; Rev. 3:15-16). Biblically, then, to fail means not to stand firm or not to be fully committed to the Lord's work-that is, not to walk by faith.

Keeping God's promises front and center in our lives can help us keep a biblical view of success and failure. Consider memorizing one of this month's key verses. Or, choose a special verse to prominently display in your home or office to keep your focus on God.

### PRAY WITH US

Today, we thank God for His promises, especially for the promise of our "common destiny" in His kingdom. May He help us "stand firm" and be fully committed to His work.

--Today in the Word

Dr. Brad Baurain





We had some new  
talent in the Praise  
& Worship  
Team this morning.  
They did a  
Great Job!!