

The Rock House Church
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Today GOD IS MY
Focal Point
TO LIVE--TO LOVE--TO PRAISE HIM

TODAY'S TRUTH: "Obedience DELAYED--is not--is never--REAL obedience."

TODAY'S STATEMENT: "IF you aren't believing for something that is impossible, -----
Then----maybe----just maybe----you aren't living by faith." *From David Hakes*

TODAY IN REVIEW: 1: What is your "Substance for living?"
2: Where do you live? (John 19 end/John 20) Friday, Saturday or Sunday?
3: Do you live in or from your question? In the "WHY?" In your "HOW COME me LORD?" Or "WHAT IF, I had said this or done that?" And "NOW WHAT. I've sinned again or done it again?"
4: True or False: It's hard to recognize your New Man if you're looking for the old one.
5: How do I look with my New Creation eyes, not my old ones, to find my New Man manifesting in life?

TODAY'S QUESTIONS:

#1: Are you meant, predestined to, appointed to be FREE?

YES or NO

#2: Free from what? _____

#3: Are you free? Yes or No: How come?

#4: How do you see yourself? Are you using your eyes or are you looking through New Creation eyes?

*****HEBREWS 11:6** *And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarded of those who seek Him.*

HEBREWS 11:1 *Now faith is the assurance (or substance) of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it (**THEIR FAITH IN GOD**) the men of old gained approval.*

TODAY'S QUESTIONS: 5: Who's approval? How? Did they see the promises with their eyes?

#6: Where does Moses show up next? Deuteronomy 34; Matthew 17

#7: How come? What I mean is, if God buried him and wouldn't let him go into the promise land, how can He show up in the Promise Land?

HEBREWS 12:1-3 *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside (Let GO of) every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us,*

#8: What are you to let go of, lay aside or entangles you? (*Wonderful, Working, POWER in the Name of JESUS*) and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author, (He called us out of darkness, He started it all) and Perfecter, (finisher into His ETERNAL Light) of MY Faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God.

#9: What is Jesus doing now at the Right hand of the Father?

For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 *Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing; Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

TODAY'S QUOTE: In 1807 John Newton said: *"My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is my great Savior."*

ROMANS 12:1 *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

ROMANS 1:21 *For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.*

When God opens the eyes of our hearts, what do we see? We can see the "LOVE and HOPE" to which we are called. We're not called to despair, fear, rejection or grief; we are called to "hope in God."

When God opens our spiritual eyes we can see "HOPE" with our hearts. When we see with our hearts, we see blessing and potential tucked within loss and disappointment.

When we see with our hearts, *we focus on what we have*, not so much what we've lost. We view our situations, our whole lives, through the eyes of gratefulness, heart of thanksgiving. And grateful eyes will always see "HOPE". Seeing with our hearts doesn't mean we won't still hurt. It doesn't mean we see everything through rose-colored filters. Grief is still real, and grief still hurts. But when we ask God to open our spiritual eyes, we see beyond the loss.

Isaiah 30:21 *He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.*

TODAY'S WISDOM: "Listen to no man who fails to listen to God."...

"The God of the Bible offers us supernatural wisdom and assistance in our struggles, difficulties, and recovery from past hurts."

TODAY'S SONG: I WILL CHANGE YOUR NAME

I will change your name; No longer be called wounded, outcast, alone or afraid; I will change your name
You will be called confident, joyfulness, overcoming one, faithfulness, friend of God,
One who seeks My face.

TODAY'S OTHER QUESTION: "Is God Forgetful?" yes or no Psalm 103: 12

Our Forgetful Father by Max Lucado

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" ([Ps. 103:12](#) NIV). "You can't teach a Bible class with your background." ... "You, a missionary?" ... "How dare you ask him to come to church. What if he finds out about the time you fell away?" ... "Who are you to offer help?" The ghost spews irritated words of accusation, deafening your ears to the promises of the cross. And it flaunts your failures in your face, blocking your vision of the Son and leaving you the shadow of a doubt.

Now, honestly. Do you think God sent that ghost? Do you think God is the voice that reminds you of the failures of your past? Do you think God was teasing when he said, "I will remember your sins no more"? Was he exaggerating when he said he would cast our sins as far as the east is from the west? Do you actually believe he would make a statement like "I will not hold their iniquities against them" and then rub our noses in them whenever we ask for help?

Of course you don't. You and I just need an occasional reminder of God's nature, his forgetful nature. To love conditionally is against God's nature. Just as it's against your nature to eat trees and against mine to grow wings, it's against God's nature to remember forgiven sins.

You see, God is either the God of perfect grace ... or he is not God. Grace forgets. Period. He who is perfect love cannot hold grudges. If he does, then he isn't perfect love. And if he isn't perfect love, you might as well put this book down and go fishing because both of us are chasing fairy tales. But I believe in his loving forgetfulness. And I believe he has a graciously terrible memory. Think about this. If he didn't forget, how could we pray? How could we sing to him? How could we dare enter into his presence if the moment he saw us he remembered all our pitiful past? How could we enter his throne room wearing the rags of our selfishness and gluttony? We couldn't.

And we don't. Read this powerful passage from Paul's letter to the Galatians and watch your pulse rate. You're in for a thrill. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" ([Gal.3:27](#) RSC). You read it right. We have "put on" Christ. When God looks at us he doesn't see us; he sees Christ. We "wear" him. We are hidden in him; we are covered by him. As the song says, "Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne."

Presumptuous, you say? Sacrilegious? It would be if it were my idea. But it isn't; it's his. We are presumptuous not when we marvel at his grace, but when we reject it. And we're sacrilegious not when we claim his forgiveness, but when we allow the haunting sins of yesterday to convince us that God forgives but he doesn't forget.

Do yourself a favor. Purge your cellar. Exorcise your basement. Take the Roman nails of Calvary and board up the door.

And remember ... he forgot.

TODAY'S ENCOURAGING WORD: *"You can take this to 'the bank:' that the God of the bible gives to you supernatural wisdom and assistance in all your struggles, difficulties, and recovery from past hurts. I Am telling you the reason it works is because this is The Truth!! Christ, My Son, at My appointed time in history, had the Power to overcome death and the grave and now YOU have access to that same kind of supernatural Power to cope with the difficulties that you face from day to day. The Bible, My Word to you is revelation knowledge and contains all kinds of practical and effective help that are unmatched by any human wisdom or thinking. Check it out for yourself.*

I Breath into you today a new hunger 1)to know Me better, 2) to understand My purposes and 3) to see and hear very clearly My direction for your life. Receive My Breath of Life."

TODAY'S CALL: Taken from article by James Goll: **"WATCHMAN"** The Greek word for watch is grégoreó, which means to be awake or vigilant. Dictionaries bring us a variety of definitions, including "keeping awake in order to guard," "a close observation," "to be on the alert," and "to be alert." Jesus taught His disciples to "watch and pray."

What did Jesus say about how to live in the last days? *Watch!* (See Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.) Wherever we are on God's timeline, we, as Jesus' disciples, have His command to watch with Him. The beloved Apostle Paul echoed Jesus' mandate: [Colossians 4:2](#) "*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful*". One key in this *is to walk* in a sustained state of *watching with prayer*, even in the late-night shifts. Do it with thanksgiving and now add a little bit of praise and worship.

[\(VBO\) 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18](#) *Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing; Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. A Watchman on the Walls!*

Rochester as a "Portal of God's Glory," God is strategically calling His people to prayer watches as never before. God is choosing and appointing watchmen to make history before the throne of Almighty God. So let us hear God's call and become a prayer warrior, seizing your appointment. Decide today that you will enlist—or possibly reenlist—as a spiritual watchman for the purposes of God in your generation. Pray For: Self; Family; Church; Nation; Leaders; What a destiny and high calling: Your Calling

TODAY'S PROPHECY S: Lana Vawser

It's a Major Spring Clean for the Spring Forward. Keep Praying! I am Breaking the Spirit of False Accusation Over the Nation Yet, as God's people continued to pray, I saw *pillars of truth* being established all across the nation and the fire of God sweeping through the nation like a wildfire. As the fire of God swept all across the nation, I heard the Lord saying, "Where the nation of the United States has lived, held and influenced by a *spirit of accusation*, I now decree the United States the nation of *purity!*"

I heard the Lord saying, "I am bringing *truth back to the roots*," and again I saw "hidden things" in the foundation and roots of the nation that the Lord was targeting with His truth and bringing transformation, change and shift.

There is a Revival of Courage Being Released in the United States. The Lord was removing "lids," "ceilings" and "containments" in the United States and there was a whole new level of creative strategy, wisdom, witty inventions and strategists rising up, there will be a major increase in this season of the dreamers and pioneers—especially in areas of influence coming to know Jesus—which is going to release a rapid wind of acceleration of the Spirit into the United States to see the Kingdom of God extended and the glory of God revealed.

People of God in the United States of America, the nation is being *shaken*, but more and more ground is being *taken*. **Don't leave your post.** (Watchman Post) Stand strong, keep praying, it has started to *rain!*

GRAHAM COOKE: ON OBSTACLES---"Given the right mindset, everything that occurs to us in life today is an opportunity to enjoy God's Loving Provision and His Faithfulness."

TODAY'S HUMOR: A woman went into a hardware store to purchase a bale of peat moss. She gave a personal check in payment and said to the clerk, "I suppose you will want some identification." He replied, without hesitation, "No ma'am, that won't be necessary." "How come?" asked the woman. "Crooks don't usually buy peat moss," answered the clerk

PRAYER: *Heavenly Father, thank You for choosing me to be Your child. I am not going to question the "whys" of my life or the "how comes" of Today, but today I choose to believe, I am who, I am the person You say that I am —Your holy, dearly loved child ... equipped to do---by You, empowered to be---by the Holy Spirit and called to live---in Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving and all Praise---I Bless the Name of Jesus my Redeemer today. In Jesus' Name, Amen*