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Times of Refreshing

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Eric Susberry
Pastor

Now that I have been blessed by the Lord with 62 years, I can truly say that the “Fountain of Life” for me has not been a vacation away from the challenges and rigors of living. Rather, it has been times when God has refreshed me! In the Book of Acts, it states that as believers, we can expect a refreshing of soul and spirit while going through the trials, disappointments and delays that this life can often bring.

One passage from the bible that has increased my hope and joys during uncomfortable times, is found in the book of Isaiah. Isaiah 40:29-31: “He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he gives increased strength...but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.” This passage by Isaiah tells us essentially that journeying through life isn’t for the faint of heart. Jesus, in John 16:33 said, “In this world ye shall have tribulations, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world”. So, the question becomes,

“How do you and I overcome the world?” which tries each day to wear us down to give up. One of the ways is through times of refreshing.

It doesn’t matter who you are, things can make you spiritually drained. There will be times when you will feel like you just can’t go on. If you live long enough, you will fall down, stumble along the way, get hurt, feel bad, feel alone, feel misunderstood, feel rejected, and feel like giving up. Those feelings are normal for every person on the ~continued to page 2

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The Joys and Sorrows of Pastoring



Caren Susberry
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When Father God draws people into the church, the hope is that they become a part of our church family. We are so excited to get to know them; to find out what brought them, and how we can help them get closer to God. Our prayer is that they are ministered to and that they get the most out of their experience at Victory.

It is a joy getting to know different ones, seeing them grow in the things of God, to watch the Lord change them into the image of His dear Son. Helping them discover who they are in the Kingdom of God is our joy.

For some of you at Victory, God has handpicked you and deposited you here that you might fulfill your God-given assignment to help the ministry grow and to grow in the process. What a joy to receive the help in ministry and to witness what God is doing in and through you. It is a joy to see your family and

friends come into the church as a direct answer to your prayer and fight of faith for them. It is a joy to see you praying, serving, and investing into the kingdom of God. I know as you do what you do, as unto the Lord, your reward will be great!

On the other hand, the hardest thing for me about pastoring is to lose someone you have grown to love, someone you have nurtured in the things of God, and has become a part of the church. By losing them I mean one of three things: ~Continued to page 2

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"He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isa 40:29-31 (NKJV).



"Helping them discover who they are in the Kingdom of God is our joy."



Times of Refreshing...cont.

planet, including Believers. Elijah was so worn out from his fight with Jezebel that he wanted to die (1 Kings 19:1-8). But, the beautiful thing is, as believers in Jesus Christ, we can get the help, personal strength, and refreshing we need from God to get up and go on! Isaiah gave us the answer for refreshing or renewed strength: waiting on the Lord.

Waiting on the Lord is not easy. It's difficult because it goes against

human nature. Our human nature is full of the weeds of pride, selfishness, anger, and **impatience**. (Galatians 5:19-21). These things and more keep us from waiting on the Lord, often resulting in devastation.

Let me share 3 key ways to wait on the Lord:

- 1) Prayer - Don't start out trying to fix it, pray first!
- 2) Keep your eye on the rewards that will result in your waiting.
- 3) While you're waiting, create a climate of gratitude and thanks-

giving.

4) Don't watch the clock. Watch the promises.

Yes, life can get difficult, however, by waiting on God through prayer, focusing on the rewards, having an attitude of gratitude, and not watching the clock, God will come and refresh you with new confidence, and strength to live with new grace to go on in Victory! Do you need a refreshing? Then wait on God with the right perspective to come and renew your strength.

The Joys and Sorrows...cont.

1) When they come in and before they can grow up fully, they are offended and instead of letting God work them through it they let the enemy convince them to leave. This is hard to watch because it is an open door to the enemy and they usually go from church to church, not being established in their faith and end up forsaking their God given assignment.

2) When they come in with a heart to know and love God and His church

but the love of this world has a stronger pull on them. When they fail to let go of this world so much ground is lost and they end up in a state of regrets and dreads.

3) When sickness takes their life. When we as the church body stood in faith, fought, and did everything we knew to do to see them healed. But God decides to bring them home because of their suffering or for another reason we are not aware of. But we are not ready to

let them go! Though there is a sweet consolation when you know they are heaven bound and that you will see them again.

However, I have resolved in the joys and sorrows of pastoring to keep my eyes on Jesus and to trust in Him always. He is the sovereign God! He is good, He is just, and He is love - to name a very few of His superior qualities.

And as you go through things in this life, may you also remember these things.

Jehovah Tsidkenu, The Lord My Righteousness ~Diane Tripp-Bufferd

For the month of May, I rendered the Tuesday night exhortation on Jehovah Tsidkenu, The Lord My Righteousness. Jehovah Tsidkenu was first mentioned in the bible by the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer 23:5-6).

Tsidkenu (or Tsedek), being the Hebrew word for righteousness means stiff,

straight, quality of being right and just. The word "righteousness," appears 302 times in the bible and the word "righteous" is recorded 238 times in 225 verses. I believe that God wanted us to really understand righteousness! And yet, what does that look like?

First, we must under-

stand that righteousness, i.e., being right and just, is not earned; it is obtained from God through faith in Jesus Christ, when we are born again (Romans 10:9,10). Man's righteousness is confidence in one's own ability to do good. It's things we do to try and
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Jehovah Tsidkenu ~Continued

make us right with God. It looks great outwardly and people notice it, but the heart is defiled.

God's righteousness is the character of God, It is who He is in thought, word, and deed. We cannot walk the path of God's righteousness unless we acknowledge, who and what God is.

He is Jehovah, the incommunicable name of God, denoting his eternity and self-existence. All our righteousness has it's being from Him, and by Him only. That means, in order to walk in righteousness, we as

believers are to operate in His communicable qualities: goodness, justice, knowledge, love, mercy, speech, truthfulness, and wisdom. All of these qualities of God are seen throughout the Bible, Jesus himself left us over 50 commandments to live by and practice in our Christian walk.

And the rewards of righteousness are enumerable! "He who follows righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness, and honor," Prov 21:21. Our pursuit of righteousness and sanctification rewards us

with many earthly benefits and heavenly treasures waiting to be claimed: love, long life, joy, good health and prosperity. Matt 22:37-39, 25:21, 1 Pet 1:8, Matt 6:32-33, Prov 10:22.

We can live a righteous life, with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in our Christian walk—especially if we keep our eyes on God's righteousness and not our own. The Lord wants to reward us here on earth, for obeying His commandments, for serving and for making disciples of men. So, let God be Jehovah Tsidkenu for you today!

Spotlight: Prime Timers



Prime Timers went to Chicago Ridge Nursing Home on 106th and Southwest Highway May 23rd. We sang an ice-breaker song "If You're Happy and You Know it Clap Your Hands"! They loved it! They also requested hymns to sing. We prayed with the residents and passed out gifts! It was a wonderful time of ministry! Prime Timers really enjoyed it! Making plans to go back!!

Coming up!

Young Adult Ministry

Men's Fellowship
Sunday, August 25, 2019
at Noon
(Immediately after Worship Service)
All men are invited to join us for:
Food,
Fellowship &
an Anointed Word
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White Sox Outing
Sept 7th at 6:00pm

YOU'RE INVITED!
TOGETHER
NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
Sept 15 at 10AM
VICTORY IN CHRIST KINGDOM CHURCH

Message from our Pastor:

Our Facebook component of Outreach Social is up and running! Victory has an exciting new way to reach out to our community, connect, and start conversations with our unchurched friends- and you can easily play a part. In fact, you are important to our success—and it doesn't involve any extra time, awkward conversations, or even donations. It's as easy as posting to Facebook.

We've recently implemented Outreach Social which automatically posts beautiful, inspirational graphics on our Facebook page every day. There are Bible verses, inspirational sayings, and quotes, as well as conversation starters. All we need you to do is "like," "comment," and "share" them with your friends.

That's it-see I told you it was easy!

So, here are your next steps:

- Follow us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/ElmChristianChurch>

- "Like" and "Comment" on our daily graphics to build our engagement

- When you see posts you like, "share" them with your friends.

Oh and one more thing: if you take pictures at church events, please post them on the church's Facebook page. This will help show people how great our church family is! Thanks! I look forward to meeting your friends on Facebook!

~Pastor Eric

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Service*

at: 10:00 am

Sunday School

at: 8:45 am

Midweek Service

Wednesday at 7pm

*The Nursery is open during Sunday & Midweek Services.

Want to Know More About Our Church?



Praise God we paid off our church last year and now we can do some much needed repairs to our church building! Don't forget to finish your Building Fund Pledge!

Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

Every Sunday 8am

1st and 3rd Tuesday
10am-12pm

Every Tuesday
6:00-7:00pm

Fast Day Every Tuesday
Fast until Noon

Every other Wed at
6:15pm

Every 1st Wed. at 10pm-
6am

Every Saturday 7-8:30am

Sunday Bible School has classes for everyone!

- *Be Alive- St John 1-12*
- *Every Young Man-God's Man*
- *Watch This-A Getting There Guide to Manhood for Teen Guys*
- *This is Me: A Teen Girl's Guide to Becoming the Real You*
- Classes for children of all ages!

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