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Living in HisStory: Revealing the True Wonder of Who God Is Festival of Trumpets: A April 8, 2018, Jeff Germo

Last Sunday was Easter. We had an amazing service where Brian Down dramatized eight different characters leading up to the crucifixion and then the resurrection of Jesus, and in the final scene, the Apostle Thomas was martyred for his belief in Jesus. If you weren't here make sure you go to our website and watch it. It was powerful.

Today we are going to take a look at another one of the Old Testament Jewish festivals. This one is called the Festival of Trumpets. There is not much information about this festival in the Bible. It is described briefly in a couple places, which we will take a look at, but there is no description anywhere of the purpose of the festival. We are left to make some educated guesses.

We'll look at the festival in its original context; then we will see how it might connect to the New Testament as well as how it relates to us right now, and into eternity.

We've already looked at some of the Old Testament feasts. Let's review them quickly.

Leviticus 23 gives a description of the seven major festivals the Jews celebrated. We don't have time to read it this morning. If you haven't done so already it would be a good idea for you to read all of Leviticus 23 to get the big picture of the seven Old Testament feasts that God required of the Israelites.

Here is a list of them:

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1. Passover (*Pesach*)

This feast was to remember how God miraculously delivered Israel out of captivity in Egypt. The angel of death passed over every home that had its doorposts painted with the blood of a sacrificed lamb (Exodus 12). The Passover feast is a time to remember the salvation of Israel from Egypt. This feast still takes place on the first full moon in spring.

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Jesus satisfied the Passover Feast by dying on the cross at the exact time of the Passover Feast in Jerusalem in about 33 AD. He was the Passover Lamb who gave his life for the sins of the world.

So, we who place our trust in Jesus, as the one who died to pay the penalty for our sins, are passed over by God's wrath because the blood of Jesus covers us.

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2. Feast of Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMotzah)

This feast begins on the night after Passover. It was to remember that God provided for the Israelites when they were delivered from Egypt. When they were rescued from Egypt, God told them to make bread without yeast to take with them on their journey because they wouldn't have time to wait for the bread to rise. They were to eat their meal in haste.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread was a week long feast where no yeast or leaven could be eaten, or even found in their houses. In the Bible yeast often symbolized sin. So, unleavened bread was to be eaten during this week long festival, symbolizing a turning away from sin and holy walk with God.

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Jesus was put in the tomb at the exact time of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This was no coincidence. Crucifixion normally took three days. Jesus died in just six hours, exactly at the right time so he could fulfill this festival.

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3. First Fruits (Reshith Katzir - Bikkurim)

This festival was to be held on the Sunday following the Feast of Unleavened Bread and was to acknowledge God as their provider.

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Jesus rose from the dead, "the first born from among the dead" (Colossians 1:18) exactly on the day of this festival.

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4. Harvest (Shavuot)

The Harvest Feast is also called the Feast of Weeks, or the Feast of Pentecost. It was a celebration of the harvest and an anniversary of the giving of the law on Mount Sinai.

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The Holy Spirit was given at this celebration at Pentecost in Acts 2, after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus satisfied the law by dying in our place and giving us the Holy Spirit.

On that day, in Acts 2, there was a great harvest of souls. 3,000 people were added to their number that day. The harvest continued and is still continuing now all over the world.

So, those four festivals have all been miraculously satisfied in Jesus already.

The other three feasts will be fulfilled at the second coming of Jesus.

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- **5. Feast of Trumpets -** Today we will look closer at this festival.
- 6. Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*)
- 7. Feast of Tabernacles (represented the presence of God) (*Sukkoth*)

Jesus will return again one day, the Bible says, **with the sound of a trumpet**. There will be a **day of atoning** where everyone will be judged, and those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb will be **in the presence of God forever**. So, at the second coming of Jesus all seven of these feasts will have been satisfied.

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That was a very quick overview of the Jewish Feasts. It's pretty hard when you look at these to avoid the conclusion that God is sovereign, and that he is moving all history towards a final conclusion. God is up to something and we get to be a part of it.

Today we are going to look at the Feast of Trumpets, which Jesus will fulfill when he returns, at the sound of the trumpet, the Bible says.

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I grew up in a very churched family, so I was very familiar with all the Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments. I was raised with stories also of what is going to happen in the end times. I was told over and over again that one day when we least expect it, Jesus will return and take all the people who believe in him to heaven. I heard this very often growing up.

I heard that there will be pilots flying jetliners full of people. When the trumpet sounds on that day, the pilot, if he believes in Jesus, will disappear from the cockpit. And all the people left on the plane who don't believe in Jesus will plummet to their deaths with no pilot to land the plane. I was told these kinds

of stories quite often. And I was told about hell and how terrible it would be for those left behind. It was terrifying. I did not want to be left behind and go to hell.

When I was in grade six I played on a baseball team. We had a game one Wednesday night, but Wednesdays were the day we went to church for our mid-week prayer meeting. We never missed Sundays or Wednesdays at church. There were seven kids in our family and we all went to the prayer meeting together, without fail.

On this Wednesday, however, I begged my parents to let me go the ballgame instead. I told them I could go by myself. I would get myself back on my own and I could stay at home all by myself because I was a big boy. I wasn't afraid of anything. They finally consented. They dropped me off at the ball diamond on their way to church.

After the game I walked home. I felt so mature and free. I had never experienced such freedom before. No parents telling me what to do. No little brothers and sisters annoying me. It was a piece of heaven.

Before my family left to the prayer meeting, my mom taught me how to make a grilled cheese sandwich. So, immediately when I got home I went to the kitchen and very proudly crafted my meal. I poured a large glass of milk for myself and then took it to the living room and sat down with a TV tray in front of me and commenced to watching whatever was on the one channel we had on our black and white TV.

Several minutes passed and I started to wonder where my family was. I thought they would have been home by now. I got up and looked out the living room window. It was quiet outside. Too quiet. I saw nobody. I went back to my spot on the couch and tried to distract myself by watching another episode of Batman. I couldn't concentrate on the Dynamic Duo at all. The whole time I was trying to tell myself to just be patient. They would be home soon.

A few minutes later I got up again and looked out the window. There was nothing going on outside. I opened the door and peered out and looked around. Nothing. It was eerily quiet. My heart started to race. I knew what happened. Jesus came back and left me because I didn't go to church with my family. I ran out the door, looked up to the heavens, and yelled at the top of my lungs with a blood curdling scream, "Jesus, you forgot me," and I went back inside laid down on the couch and bawled my eyes out. A few minutes later my family came home. I wiped my eyes and I commenced to pretending that I was a big boy, not afraid of anything.

But, I was. I had heard stories of Jesus returning one day to take people who believed in him to heaven and I was led to believe that if I wasn't a good boy, I would be left behind. I don't think anyone purposefully taught me that. I likely mixed up Santa Claus theology with Biblical theology and came up with my own hybrid "jeffology" of sorts.

In my young religious mind, if Jesus happened to come at a time when my hand was "caught in the cookie jar," I would be left behind. I didn't understand the grace of God at that point in my spiritual journey, that is it by grace we are saved, not by works.

The Bible does tell us, however, that at the sound of the trumpet Jesus will return.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NLT)

¹³ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring

back with him the believers who have died. ¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died.

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¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and <u>with the trumpet call of God.</u> First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 gives a very detailed description of what is going to happen when Jesus returns. We won't read all of that chapter.

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1 Corinthians 15:52

⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

This is an event in the future that will take place one day when we least expect it, the Bible says. It will be a day of judgement. For those who don't know Jesus it will be a horrifying day. For those who do know him it will be the best day ever where everything will finally be made right and our lives on earth will make sense for the first time.

The Apostle Paul, in **2 Timothy 3:1-4 and Romans 1:26-27**, describes what our world will be like leading up to the end times. What he describes is a moral decay that seems very much like what we see in our society in Canada today. The decay is growing at break neck speed. I believe we are closer to the end than we think.

Keep all that in mind as we go back and look at what the Festival of Trumpets was in the Old Testament. There are only two passages that tell us about the feast, and the descriptions are pretty thin.

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Leviticus 23:23–25 (NLT)

²³ The Lord said to Moses, ²⁴ "Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. On the first day of the appointed month in early autumn, you are to observe a day of complete rest. It will be an official day for holy assembly, a day commemorated with loud blasts of a trumpet. ²⁵ You must do no ordinary work on that day. Instead, you are to present special gifts to the Lord."

That's not much to go on. It was to be on the first day (of the new moon) in the month of Tishri in the Hebrew calendar, which is in September or October, depending on when the new moon is. It was to be a day of rest commemorated by blowing the *shofar*, the hollowed out ram's horn that was used as a trumpet. Today, Jews celebrate this festival as their New Years festival called *Rosh Hoshanna*, which means "Head of the Year."

There is only one other passage, in Numbers 29, that describes this festival and it gives a bit more detail about the sacrifices they were to give on that day, but it doesn't tell us the purpose of the festival.

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Numbers 29:1–2 (NLT)

¹ "Celebrate the Festival of Trumpets each year on the first day of the appointed month in early autumn. You must call an official day for holy assembly, and you may do no ordinary work. ² On

that day you must present a burnt offering as a pleasing aroma to the Lord. It will consist of one young bull, one ram, and seven one-year-old male lambs, all with no defects.

It goes on to describe in more detail some more sacrifices they were to make, but that's all. That is still not much help. Nowhere do we find the purpose of the festival. We know that the *shofar* had many purposes. One was to signal the beginning of the festivals. This one festival, however, seemed to be significant in regards to the *shofar*, but we are not told what the significance was.

We need to do a bit of sleuthing to figure this out. The *shofar* was used for many different events, aside from signalling the beginning of festivals. It was also used to announce the end of the agricultural year. The main purpose of the *shofar*, however, was to get people's attention. The sound of the *shofar* is not very melodically pleasing. At least not when I blow it. It's definitely not like the beautiful pan flutes of the Andes. It is an ominous blast that is meant to get your attention. Parents, you could use this to get your kids out of bed in the morning.

In Exodus 19 when Moses went up Mount Sinai to hear from God and get the law, God told Moses to tell the people not to come near the Mountain or they would die.

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Exodus 19:13-19 (NLT)

¹³'... However, when the ram's horn [shofar] sounds a long blast, then the people may go up on the mountain." ¹⁴ So Moses went down to the people. He consecrated them for worship, and they washed their clothes.

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¹⁵ He told them, "Get ready for the third day, and until then abstain from having sexual intercourse." ¹⁶ On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram's horn [shofar], and all the people trembled.

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¹⁷ Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke billowed into the sky like smoke from a brick kiln, and the whole mountain shook violently. ¹⁹ As the blast of the ram's horn [shofar] grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God thundered his reply.

This gives us a clue about what the Feast of Trumpets was to commemorate.

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The Feast of Trumpets was a stern wake up call, a reminder of God's law and a call to repentance.

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Isaiah 58:1-2 (NLT)

¹ "Shout with the voice of a trumpet [shofar] blast. Shout aloud! Don't be timid. Tell my people Israel of their sins! ² Yet they act so pious! They come to the Temple every day and seem delighted to learn all about me. They act like a righteous nation that would never abandon the laws of its God. They ask me to take action on their behalf, pretending they want to be near me.

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Hosea 8:1-3 (NLT)

1 "Sound the alarm [shofar]! The enemy descends like an eagle on the people of the Lord, for they have broken my covenant and revolted against my law. 2 Now Israel pleads with me, 'Help

us, for you are our God!' ³ But it is too late. The people of Israel have rejected what is good, and now their enemies will chase after them.

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That was one use of the *shofar*. It was also used by Joshua's army when they marched around the walls of Jericho. On the seventh time around they all blew their *shofar*s and the walls came crashing down.

The shofar was often used to call armies to battle. Remember Gideon in Judges.

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Judges 6:33-34 (NLT)

³³ Soon afterward the armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east formed an alliance against Israel and crossed the Jordan, camping in the valley of Jezreel. ³⁴ Then the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with power. He blew a ram's horn [shofar] as a call to arms, and the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him.

Many of you will remember the rest of the story. With only 300 men, each armed with a *shofar* and a clay lantern, Gideon and his army defeated the Midianite army of 135,000. A *shofar* and a clay lantern are unlikely weapons of war, but it was God who won the battle, not Gideon or his men, and God often uses means that do not fit in with our perception of what is wise and normal.

Let's bring this home now. The *shofar*, in the Old Testament, was used for getting the attention of God's people so they would be attentive to him. It was used as a wake up call and a stern warning, a reminder of God's law and a call to repentance. It was also a call to arms when a battle was imminent.

Sometime in the future, and it could be any time, Jesus will return with the sound of the *shofar* to take his people home. I want to sound the battle cry right now. We, as followers of Jesus, are under attack. The battle is fierce. It is relentless. Our battle is not against our culture, as some people think.

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Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT)

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to <u>stand firm against all strategies of the devil.</u> ¹² For <u>we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies</u>, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

God is not calling us to battle our culture. He is calling us to get our hearts right with God. He is calling us to live lives of purity, focused on allowing Jesus to change our hearts so the world will see Jesus in us. We have an enemy and the Bible tells us to be aware of his tactics.

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He is seeking to destroy your relationships. He is seeking to cause disunity in your family. He is working hard to distract you so you focus on things that will take you away from God's main purpose for you.

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1 Peter 5:6-9 (NLT)

⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. ⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to

<u>devour.</u> ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

We have an enemy. He is the Devil, Satan. He is the enemy of our souls. He is not a fictitious, mythological creature in red tights with a pitch fork. He is real. He is alive and well. He is your accuser. He is continually telling you lies. He is working over time right now trying to destroy families in the church because if he can destroy families who have been called to follow Jesus, he can destroy the church.

That's not going to happen, of course, because Jesus said he will build his church and the gates of hell would not be able to hold the church back. Jesus will build his church. We know that. But, we also know that Satan will use whoever will submit to him.

I want to talk about something that will make some of you very uncomfortable, but we need to talk about this because this is a call to arms. We are in a fierce battle and we need to do something.

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Pornography is destroying relationships in the church.

Never before in the history of the world has pornography been so assessable. When I was growing up, pornography was still thought of as a shameful thing. It was kept at bay somewhat because if you wanted a pornographic magazine you would need to ask for it from the nice grocery clerk. The shame of doing that would keep some men from participating. Back then it was a clandestine activity for shameful men.

Things have changed drastically since then. Today, the vast majority of people in this auditorium, right now, have the possibility of looking at pornography right now where you sit. You simply need to take out your smart phone.

I know there are lots of different thoughts going through your minds right now. Not many of us are feeling comfortable, including me. Some of you are filled with shame as I talk because you are an addict and you know how it has damaged your relationship with the woman who is supposed to be your wife and your one and only lover. You have tried to stop, but to no avail. Your addiction began when you were a young man and you thought, "What could it hurt? I'll stop when I get married." That of course did not happen. I can't tell you how many times I have heard that story from men trapped in addiction to pornography.

There are others of you who are past the shame part. You are thinking, "What's the big deal? Who is it hurting? I'm a man. This is how God made me."

If you were honest, you would admit that your addiction is destroying your relationship with God and with every woman in your life because you are objectifying women made in the image of God and treating them like a piece of meat. Because of your addiction you cannot look at a woman without objectifying her. It has become impossible for you.

Some of you are shocked that I would talk about this on a Sunday morning. You might be of the older generation and you do not have access to smart phones and tablets or computers and you have no idea just how insidious and common place pornography is today. It is common place and mainstream. It is everywhere. Many of the TV shows today are filled with damaging pornography. And it's not just men that are caught up. Women are caught up in the stories, which is why romance novels, and movies like *Fifty Shades of Grey* are so popular among women.

Let me give you a bit of history on how we got to where we are.

In the late 1940's and early 50's a man named Alfred Kinsey wrote a couple of books based on his so-called "scientific" research. Kinsey was a zoologist. His studies, however, were on human sexuality, and they would change our world forever. The sexual revolution of the 60's and 70's were given birth, in part, because of the studies of Kinsey. The collateral damage revealed by the #meetoo movement stems from Kinsey's studies. Our current sex education in our public schools stems from Kinsey's studies.

Kinsey was raised in a very strict conservative Christian home and he longed to break free from the overly religious legalism of his parents. He would eventually break all ties with his family and live the rest of his life as a staunch atheist. He wrote two books based on his studies; one in 1948 called *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, and one in 1953, called *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*.

His main conclusion from his extensive "research" was that human beings are sexual from birth and all the boundaries we put around ourselves to remain sexually pure keep us in bondage, so he set out to liberate the world from Judaeo Christian mores. He hired known pedophiles to abuse hundreds of children for his research. He used data and confessions of a Nazi pedophile, Dr. Fritz von Balluseck, who raped hundreds of children. He did studies and interviews with men and women in prisons and came up with his very twisted conclusions.

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Hugh Hefner, a Kinsey disciple, was also raised in a conservative Christian home. He was a virgin when he was in university and studied some of Kinsey's works. He came to the conclusion that Kinsey was right and, hence, he was missing out on life. He vowed from that point on that he would be the "pamphleteer" for Kinsey. Hefner set out not only to legalize pornography, but to distribute it on a massive scale. He published the first edition of Playboy in 1953. His very ugly legacy continues today. The porn industry is about 100 billion dollars per year. It is destroying relationships and families in the church.

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This is a battle cry, friends. We need to get our hearts right and put a stop to this in our lives. Satan is alive and well and he is working overtime to destroy you, and your relationships with people and with God.

It would be very easy to blame Satan, but let me tell you something.

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Satan cannot make you do anything against your will,— but he will gladly help you do what you already want to do.

Our battle is not against our culture. God wants to use us to redeem our culture, but in order for that to happen we need to stop pointing the finger at them and get our hearts right. When we do that, revival will come. One day, when we least expect it, the last *shofar* will sound and Jesus will return to take us home. For the sake of our relationships, and our own hearts, we need to get right with God.

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Jesus saved us for freedom; not freedom to sin, but freedom from sin.

Some of you have given up. You are in bondage for no reason other than you have given Satan free rein of your life. Men, we need to fight for our families. Don't let shame and fear keep you in hiding and defeat. God has called you for something higher. He has called you to step out of the darkness and into the light so you can have fellowship. This is a battle cry to all of us as men, to fight for our families. Watch this short video.

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I am sounding the *shofar* at CRBC. We don't have to let Satan win. I am calling all men, whether or not you think you have a problem, to join me in defeating this ugly sin in our camp. Please, would you email me and let me know if you would join me in this battle? God has called us to something great. He wants

to use us at CRBC to bring the love of Jesus to Campbell River and we cannot do it with sin in the camp.

We are going to start this ten week Conquer Series sometime soon. If you are interested in joining the battle please send me an email.

As the worship team is coming forward I want to read this passage from 2 Peter in closing.

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2 Peter 3:9-15 (NLT)

⁹ The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

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¹¹ Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, ¹² looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. ¹³ But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

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¹⁴ And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, <u>make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.</u> ¹⁵ And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved.

Please do not let fear and shame keep you in hiding and stop you from doing the thing you know you should do. Email me and let me know if you are interested in joining this ten week series.



Living in HisStory: Revealing the True Wonder of Who God Is The Feast of Trumpets Various texts Week of April 8, 2018

Objective of this study: To hear God's heart cry so we are attentive to him.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us]

Worship (5 – 10 minutes)

- 1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
- 2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for how he wants to speak to you.
- 3. After the five minutes have someone interrupt the silence and read **Revelation 19:6-8** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

Welcome (5 minutes)

What do you think of when you consider the end times?

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word (30-45 minutes)

- 1. What stood out from the sermon?
- 2. Read Leviticus 23:23-25.
 - 1. What did Israel use the *shofar* for in the Old Testament? (Exodus 19:13-19; Isaiah 58:1-2; Hosea 8:1-3; Judges 6:33-34)
- 3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:52.
 - 1. What will the *shofar* be used for in the future?
- 4. Read Ephesians 6:10-12, and 1 Peter 5:6-9.
 - 1. What do these verses tell us about our enemy and how to resist him?
- 5. Read 2 Peter 3:9-16
 - 1. What does this tell us about the end times and how we should live?

Work (30-45 minutes)

1. What should our response to all of this be?

Sermon Quote: "We have an enemy and the Bible tells us to be aware of his ways. He is the Devil... God is not calling us to battle our culture. He wants to use us to redeem our culture. In order for that to happen we need to stop pointing the finger at them and get *our* hearts right with God. He is calling us to live lives of purity, focused on allowing Jesus to change *our* hearts so the world will see Jesus in us. When we do that, revival will come."

- 1. Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. Praise God together for how he works, and how he allows us to partner with him to accomplish things in his kingdom.
- 2. Here are some things you can pray about for the church:
 - A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.
 - B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus
 - C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.
 - D. Our missionary of the month: Mark and Catherine Buhler
 - E. Our missionary of the week: Pierre and Hannah Jutras in Poland
 - F. Local CR church: Black Creek Community Church Pastors Barry and Peter