

Sermon Notes

The Proper Time - Ecc1 8:5

September 13, 2026

I. Introduction

- a. last week's message was absolutely brilliant... Elaine and Haley shared about who AL is... how you can prosper... how you can become part of the family... and why...
Psa 68:6... "God places the lonely in families... sets prisoners free... gives joy..."
Prov 17:17 **MSG**... "families stick together in all kinds of trouble..."
Mark 1:15... "repent and believe the good news..."
Acts 2:37-41... "repent... be saved from this perverse generation..."
Acts 20:32... "commit you to the message of grace... build you up... give inheritance..."
Rom 1:12... "when we get together... want to be encouraged by each other's faith..."
- b. AL is a New Covenant church... not waiting for inheritance... already been given... our part is to receive it in the now... many times we push God's promises into the future...
John 19:30... "it is finished..."
2Cor 1:20... "all of God's promises are yes in Christ... that is why we say amen..."
2Cor 6:2... "don't receive grace in vain... now is acceptable time... today is the day..."
Heb 8:6... "Jesus obtained superior ministry... better covenant with better promises..."
Heb 9:16-17... "where a will exists... death of the one who made it must be established... will is valid only when people die... never in effect while person who made it is alive..."
- c. grace is received in vain when you push it into the future... death, burial, resurrection of Jesus has provided your inheritance freely... to use now... while you're alive... pray...
Rom 1:5... "received grace to bring about the obedience of faith..."
Rom 5:2... "access thru Him by faith... into this grace... boast in the hope of Jesus..."
Rom 8:17-32... "co-heirs... gave Him up for us all... freely gives us all things..."
Heb 11:1... "faith is the reality of what is hoped for... the proof of what is not seen..."

II. The Proper Time

- a. lots of changes around AL this Fall... seizing the moment... recognizing opportunities
God has given us... stepping out in faith... corporately and individually... now, today...
Job 12:12-16... "wisdom belongs to God... true wisdom belongs to Him..."
Prov 2:1-10... "if you listen closely... you will understand... wisdom will enter heart..."
Prov 3:15-18... "nothing you desire can equal wisdom... she is a tree of life..."
Prov 15:22... "plans fail when there is no counsel... with many advisers they succeed..."
Ecc1 8:5... "the wise in heart know the proper time and procedure..."
Isa 54... "enlarge your house... build an addition... soon be bursting at the seams... fear not..."
- b. ever heard of Baobab tree in Africa... ancient, massive, strong... roots grow very deep... hundreds of feet in each direction... up to 3000 years old... trunks store 32,000 gallons of water for dry seasons... boldly teaching God's word has allowed roots of AL to go deep... those roots are strong and established... and now is proper time for growth to happen...
Deut 32:2... "let my teaching fall like rain... my word like dew... like gentle rain..."
Jer 17:8... "like tree planted by water... send roots toward stream... no fear when heat comes..."
Eze 31:3-7... "branches multiplied... limbs grew long... spread out because of abundant water..."
Job 29:19-20... "my roots will have access to water... whole being will be refreshed..."
John 4:10-14... "water I will give will become a well springing up for eternal life..."
John 7:38... "one who believes in Me... will have streams of living water flow deep..."

- c. God is not only calling AL to make a move... He's calling many of you to do the same... wants you to listen... seize the moment... get ready to influence others thru your life...
Prov 27:17... "as iron sharpens iron... so one man sharpens [and influences] another..."
Matt 5:16... "let your light shine... so they may see good works and glorify your Father..."
1Tim 4:12... "set an example for the believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, purity..."
1Thess 5:11... "encourage one another and build each other up..."
- d. one of my favorite bible characters is Jonathan... let's see how he pulled a *carpe diem*...
1Sam 14... "Jonathan said to his armor bearer... *let's go over to the Philistine garrison...*
Saul was under a tree with 600 troops and Ahijah the priest... didn't know Jonathan left..."
- e. everyone else is *talking* about how they will defeat the Philistines... Jonathan was ready to actually do it... saw proper time and procedure and seized it... how does he know...
1Sam 14... "let's cross over to the garrison of those uncircumcised men... nothing can keep the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few... his armor-bearer responded, *do what's in your heart, I'm completely with you...* if they say, *come on up*, we'll go, because the Lord has given them to us..."
- f. even though no one else was moving... hiding in caves... afraid of doing anything... he stepped out in boldness, faith, confidence... why... listened to wisdom of his heart... knew what covenant he was under... decision affected future generations... just like ours does...
1Sam 17... "David said... *who is this uncircumcised Philistine that defies God...*"
- g. if OC gave him a boldness to take on an army... imagine what NC can do for us...
2Cor 3:5-18... "competent to be ministers of a NC... much more glorious... since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness... there is freedom... transformed like Christ..."
Heb 7-10... "Jesus is guarantee of better covenant... better promises... superior ministry... mediator of NC... promise of eternal inheritance... this is NC... sanctified, perfected forever, holy, forgiven..."
- h. churches thrive when members are armor bearers... *whatever God has told you, I got your back*... so much power and strength in unity and shared vision...
1Sam 14... "do what's in your heart, I'm completely with you... Jonathan said, *follow me, the Lord has handed them over...* he cut them down... armor-bearer finished them off..."
nasa'... to lift, bear up, carry; sustain, support; aid, assist, lift up, exalt...
2Chron 30:12... "God gave them one heart to obey the king... who followed word of the Lord..."
1Cor 1:10 **AMP**... "agree in what you say... no divisions... united [about matters of faith]..."
Eph 4:11-16... "pastors, teachers... equip saints for work of ministry... build up body..."
- i. when you align with God's vision (revelation of God and His word)... He brings answers... people, resources, finances, procedures show up at the proper time... doesn't just affect you... encourages and stirs others... gives boldness and confidence to act...
1Sam 14... "Saul and his troops marched to battle... those hiding in hills joined the fight..."
Ecc1 11:4... "farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant... they never harvest..."
Gal 6:7... "you will always harvest what you plant..."
Heb 10:24... "consider one another... in order to stir up love and good works..."
- j. if you wait for perfect conditions... never plant or harvest... don't need to know all the details... step out in faith and see God's faithfulness... trust Him... at any age... and if you make a mistake... grace is there... Peter didn't step out on water... He stepped out on the Word... that's what God is asking you to do today... it's the proper time... pray...
Esther 4:14... "perhaps you have come to your position for such a time as this..."
Psa 92:13-14... "planted in the house of the Lord... they still bear fruit in old age..."
Matt 11:28-30 **MSG**... "find rest for your souls... my yoke is easy... my burden is light..."
Matt 14:22-33... "if it is You... tell me to come to You on the water..."
Rom 5:20... "where sin increased... grace increased even more..."