

Welcome to Kev's on-line eGroup

The e-Glue that helps with the glitter

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Here Comes Church – “In the know”

- Interested in serving at Elevation Church: See: www.elevationchurch.cc
- Please consider joining an eGroup (small group) so you don't have to walk this walk alone – See www.elevationchurch.cc. The “e” stands for empowerment - because getting the instructions from God without having the empowerment to live them out will frustrate you. These groups are our way of putting some very wonderful people in front of you feed you spiritually.
- Stay out of “isolation silos” - you are an easy target for the enemy – and you don't have the benefit of friends to support you. Embrace the power of numbers.
- Interested in leading an eGroup? See: www.elevationchurch.cc
- Don't over-think it – Invite someone to church – “Who do you know that is close to you that is far from God?”
- What are your Gr8ful eight?
- New album release on 2/20/2026 – “So Be It” – Outstanding
- Good Friday and Easter:
 - A SPECIAL GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION EXPERIENCE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3
 - CELEBRATE EASTER ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5.

Numbers 21:4-9 – The Israelites get discouraged in the waiting:

“4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; 5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!” 6 Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. 8 The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.”

- Isaiah 40:28-31 - (NKJV) –

Waiting on the Lord renews your strength –

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

29 He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

30 Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

31 but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

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- Lamentations 3:25 – The Lord is good to those who wait for Him - The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
- **Psalms 3:3 – “But You, oh Lord, are a shield for me...” - But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.**
- Proverbs 17:22 – “A merry heart does good, like medicine...” “A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”
- **Psalms 51:4 – David confesses his sins to God – “Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.”**
- **1 John 1:9 – When we confess our sins, God forgives us – “9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”**
- Philippians 2:8 – Jesus unlocked a miracle through obedience
- John 3:13-15 – From “look and live” to “believe and live”

Prayer Prompt by Elevation Church:

“Lord, You are worthy of the wait. Thank You for giving us abundant grace when we feel discouraged. In the areas of our lives where You’re taking us “the long way,” please give us the wisdom to see how You’re strengthening and developing us for a purpose. Thank You for knowing exactly what we need when we need it. Please continue to teach us to pray often, being open and honest with You no matter what we face. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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Elevation Sermon note – “On My Way Back” by Pastor Chad Veach on March 8, 2026

Sermon Summary: When it feels like God's taking you the long way, remember: He's worthy of your wait. If you're feeling discouraged or struggling with obedience while you wait, start by being honest with God about where you are and trusting that His timing is always working for your good.

Sermon Highlights

- God always loves to welcome His children home.
- Things God is dealing with in me: My faith in God's timing, My discouragements, My confession, and My obedience
- God knows just what you need, and He knows just when you need it.
- **Sometimes God will take you around the long way, and it's on the long way that something's being developed in you. Nothing reveals more about what you believe about God than the way that you wait.**
- God is worthy of your wait.
- **You gotta be careful with discouragement because discouragement will turn into rebellion.**
- Conviction leads to confession. If you can name it, God can heal it.
- Your authority is in your authenticity — get real with God.
- Sometimes God doesn't give you something new to do until you go back and do the last thing he told you to do.
- Obedience precedes blessing. Obedience unlocks miracles.
- The gospel: I was wrong. I'm forgiven. I'm restored.

Sermon Discussion

- “Things God is dealing with in me: my faith in God's timing, my discouragements, my confession, my obedience.” Which of these areas do you feel God working on most in your life right now?
- “Sometimes God will take you around the long way, and it's on the long way that something's being developed in you.” Share a time when something in your life took longer than expected but ended up producing growth in you.
- Additional Questions
- “Conviction leads to confession. If you can name it, God can heal it.” Share a time when being honest with God brought freedom or healing.
- “Sometimes God doesn't give you something new to do until you go back and do the last thing he told you to do.” What's one small step you can take this week toward something God's previously placed on your heart?

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AI enabled sermon recap:

Return to God: Timing, Discouragement, Confession, Obedience

Mar 8, 2026 • 45 minutes, 31 seconds

Overview: Guest speaker Pastor Chad Veach (Zoe Church, Los Angeles), honored Elevation Church's 20 years, led corporate prayer for miracles, and preached “On my way back” from Numbers 21:4–9. He called hearers to return to God by trusting His timing, guarding against discouragement, practicing confession, and walking in obedience, emphasizing that God welcomes prodigals and unlocks breakthroughs through humble faith.

Welcome, Honor, and Corporate Prayer

- Introduction praised Pastor Chad as a close family friend and role model who pastors Zoe Church in Los Angeles with his wife, Pastor Julia.
- Corporate prayer: attendees lifted hands for miracles—healing, finances, prodigals, and mountain-moving situations—confessing trust “in the name of the Lord.”
- 20-year celebration: “Not to us... be the glory, but to His name.” Assurance that “the best is yet to come.”
- Honor for Pastors Stephen and Holly: gratitude for their decades of faithfulness in serving, preaching, writing; prayer for rest, vision, and continued signs, wonders, and miracles.
- Pastoral tour noted as sowing into cities (Chicago, New York, Columbus, Ohio), with a call to cover them in prayer and faith for reaping.

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Scripture Foundation and "The Way Back" by Pastor Chad Veach on March 8, 2026

- Text: Numbers 21:4–9. Israel's detour around Edom led to discouragement; they complained against God and Moses, calling manna "worthless bread." God sent fiery serpents; many were bitten. The people confessed sin and asked Moses to pray. God's remedy: a bronze serpent on a pole— whoever looked at it lived.
- Theme: "On my way back"—it's never too late to return to God; He welcomes the humble and desperate.
- Trusting God's Timing
 - God sometimes takes us "the long way" to develop what is lacking. He is never late—He is "on time," sovereign, Alpha and Omega, supplying all needs.
 - Scripture emphasis: Isaiah 40:28–31 (renewed strength for those who wait); Lamentations 3:25 ("The Lord is good to those who wait for Him"). Waiting reveals what we believe about God; wait with worship, not complaint.
 - Illustration: A widowed friend joined a 21-day fast; on the last day a brief "5-minute coffee" introduction began a relationship leading to marriage in her 40s and, later, pregnancy—testimony that "God is worthy of your wait."
- Guarding Against Discouragement
 - **Delay can breed discouragement, which can slide into rebellion and complaint; when discouraged, even miracles can seem meaningless (Israel belittled manna).**
 - Shift focus from comparison (e.g., social media envy) to Christ: "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." Practice gratitude for what God is doing in your own house.
 - Scriptures: Psalm 3:3 (God lifts our head), Proverbs 17:22 (cheer as medicine), "those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy."
 - Illustration: June 2020—Pastor Chad contracted COVID; it turned into shingles from stress. Exhortation to guard the heart, fill homes with God's Word and worship (Elevation Worship, Elevation Rhythm), and declare God's promises ("no weapon...", "more than a conqueror," "head and not the tail").
- Practicing Confession
 - Snakebites led Israel to admit, "We have sinned." Conviction should lead to confession; "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive..." (1 John 1:9); Psalm 51:3–4; "Repent... that times of refreshing may come" (Acts 3:19).
 - **Maxims: If you can name it, God can heal it. Authority is in authenticity. Confession keeps conviction tender; concealment hardens the heart.**
 - Illustration: A revered pastor broke a personal vow (to abstain from organs), immediately called an associate pastor at dawn, received communion, and confessed. Model: be quick and specific in confession.

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- Obedience Unlocks Breakthrough
 - God's unconventional instructions often precede miracles: circling Jericho seven times; Naaman dipping seven times; the man with the withered hand stretching it out; the widow making a room for the prophet; Abraham leaving his land.
 - Philippians 2:8: Jesus humbled Himself, obedient to death on a cross—our supreme model.
 - Typology: Old Testament “look and live” (bronze serpent); New Testament “believe and live” (John 3:14–15). In the OT, the cure mirrored the curse; in the NT, Jesus became the curse for us.
 - Illustration: A pastor obeyed a prompting to fast and pray for church finances. On the final day, after nine years of no contact, a man called and said God told him to wire \$250,000 to the church—obedience unlocked provision.
 - Application: Like parents urging a bitten child to look at the lifted serpent, God calls us to obey even when it's uncomfortable. Obedience leads to life and flourishing.

Exhortations and Encouragement

- God never turns away the humble, hungry, or desperate; He welcomes prodigals. Come empty, not full of self.
- Replace complaints about spouse, children, or home with gratitude and a renewed perspective: “Some of you today, you don't need a new spouse—you need a new perspective.”
- Seek godly community and prayer; let friends and leaders refresh you (“as iron sharpens iron”).
- Affirm God's sovereignty and goodness: He orders steps, loves you as you are but won't leave you that way, and completes what He begins. “If God be for you, who can be against you?”

Upcoming Steps / Actions

- Pray specifically for miracles (healing, finances, prodigals, mountain-moving breakthroughs) and give thanks in advance.
- Cover Pastors Stephen and Holly in prayer for rest, fresh vision, and continuing signs and wonders as they sow into Chicago, New York, and Columbus, Ohio.
- **Wait on the Lord with worship and gratitude; guard against discouragement by focusing on Jesus over comparisons.**
- **Practice quick, specific confession; receive forgiveness and “times of refreshing.”**
- Obey the last instruction God gave you; trust that obedience unlocks God's timing and provision.
- Fill your home with Scripture and worship; stay in community for mutual encouragement and prayer.

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- Intro by Pastor Furtick's son: “Alright, well it's a special morning at Elevation this morning. We got a guest speaker. We got Pastor Chad Veach in the house. Let's go. Let's go. Let's go, it's gonna be incredible. Pastor Chad is the GOAT. He's very close to my family. He's practically an uncle to me and my siblings, but he's pretty much the coolest uncle in the world. He's the man who taught me how to hit a golf ball But more importantly, he has been teaching me and he has been a role model that has helped me to start walking in humility. He is absolutely the best. He pastors Zoe Church in Los Angeles, California with his wife, Pastor Julia. And he came all the way here from Los Angeles, California to be with us today. He's so good. So here we give him a warm, elevation of welcome to Pastor Zoe.”
- Oh Amen. And amen. Stand up. Stay there just for a moment. Can we clap and thank God for the worship team today? Wow. Thank you. So great to see you. What a presence that's here today. I just want to take a moment before we jump into the word. Anybody excited to get into the scripture today? We're going to open up God's word.
- Two things. I want to pray for anybody that needs a miracle today. Anybody that needs healing today. Anybody that needs finances. You know, the Bible says, Our Lord God, nothing is too difficult for you. If you've got a prodigal today, I know the God that can wake them up with kindness. If you've got a situation, I know the God that can remove that mountain and put it into the sea. Come on, anybody believe today that God is who He says He is? Anybody have faith that He can do what He said He would do? Come on, clap. Let's lift up some faith and thanksgiving today. Give me a favor. If you need a miracle, just lift your hand. Lord, we thank you for your grace.
- We thank you for your power. We trust not in riches or mammoth or chariots or horsemen. but our trust is in the name of the Lord. We thank you, God, that you are who you say you are. You can accomplish what concerns us today. We cast all of our cares onto you because we know you care for us in the name of Jesus. And everybody say it together. Amen. Come on, clap one more time to thank God. Come on, congregation, 20 years. 20 years. And I just want to say, thank God for Elevation Church. Thank God for all that he's done in this place. Thank God for all that he's done through this place. And the Bible says, not to us, not to us be the glory, but to his name.
- Can we give God some glory for 20 years of his faithfulness? Come on, anybody believe the best is yet to come for Elevation Church? church, but anybody who love your pastors today, pastor Stephen, come on. We thank God for pastors Stephen and Holly. Thank God for their faithfulness for their continual. Yes. Anybody can say yes for one year or maybe 10. but 20 years of faithfulness, serving, giving, preaching, writing. Oh, come on, let's give an honor. Our honor is with you all.

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- Pastor Stephen, thank God for Pastor Stephen and Holly. And you know, they just been out on tour. They've been out on tour. They're sewing into Chicago, sewing into New York. I believe they were in Columbus, Ohio, sewing in. Now, I've always believed that when you sow into somebody else's field, you're going to reap it in your own. And I pray that we would be a church that covers them in prayer. Amen. Why don't we take a moment and pray for our pastors right now. Lord, we thank you for our leaders, our pastors that you've given to us. What a gift to have pastors like them. We pray that their soul would be. We thank you that you're speaking to them, giving them vision, dreams, allow signs and wonders and miracles to continue to break out through their ministry. We thank you that they would feel rested in their soul. And we just bless them today. We thank you, God, for the gifts of our pastors in Jesus name. And everybody said, come on one more time. Thank God.
- High five. Tell them you woke up on time today. You woke up on time today. You woke up. You woke up on time today. Go to the book of Numbers chapter 21. You can have a Bible. Numbers 21. Again, my name is Chad. I live in L.A. I'm blessed. Any married people here in the house today? Sounds painful. Any happily married people in the house today? Thank you. My wife and I have been married for 17 years. We got four children. Any parents here today? Parents, I got a 14 year old, a 12 year old, a 10 year old, and an eight year old. We're like a rock group. We put one out every two years. And 14, 12, 10, eight, and my eight year old is not saved. Please pray for my savior. Hey, you're all, you need Jesus right now. But we're blessed in California.
- We're blessed in LA, and I'm just so honored This was his first time being up without his mom and dad. Didn't do a great job. I gotta wave. I gotta give a big round of applause. I love you so much. I love you so much. Numbers 21, go there in your Bible. We're gonna go to the Old Testament today. It says this, Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea to go around the land of Eden. And the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses. Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loves this worthless bread. I just have to believe that's gluten-free bread right there. What is gluten-free bread? And all of them are about right there, it's worthless bread, amen. I want to say I'm pro-blue. Amen.
- So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people. And then the people were killed out. And therefore the people came to Moses and said, we have, we done messed up. We sinned. For we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord that he may take away the fiery serpents from us. So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, make a fiery serpent, set it on a pole, and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live. So Moses made a bronze serpent, put it on a pole. And so it was, if a serpent had bitten anybody, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. I want to preach a message today, write down the title. It's called On My Way Back. On my way back.

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- And I just want to tell you today, I don't know how far you've drifted away from God. It's never too late to come back to Jesus. I don't know how far you feel like you are away from the will of God for your life. But anybody thankful that it's never too late with God? You're never too far gone from God? Come to your believer. We serve the God that welcomes you home. On my way back. I just like this idea because, you know, I feel like every Monday morning, I start my night again. Who am I preaching to right now? Every Sunday night, I'm like, you know, tomorrow morning, I'm getting this body back in shape. Every Monday morning, I'm like, you know what, babe?
- Tomorrow morning, we are going to start working out. A few Mondays ago, a few Mondays ago, I was in that Monday club. And we do Orange Theory Fitness. We like to go to this place called Orange Theory Fitness. It's diabolical by nature. Makes you sweat and work out. But I was like, hey, tomorrow morning we're gonna go back. And so when I walked in, I signed up on the app. When I walked into the gym, there was a guy standing there and he had made me like a sign, Chad's 400th workout. And I was like, What a welcome back sign, this is amazing. I had no idea that I was nearing my 400th workout.
- So I walked in and I kind of laughed because I was with my wife. And I was thinking in my head, if this is my 400th workout, this has to be her 1,000th workout. In fact, she had just about to cross two days later her 700th workout. Come on, clap for my wife, Julia. She's putting in the work. But I just like that idea that I have no idea. I was coming back into the gym. I had my Nikes on. I was ready to go. And I walk in and here is this sign. It said 400 workout. But I really felt it was saying like, welcome back, lazy man of God. Welcome back, slacker. See, what I want you to understand today about God, it doesn't matter how far away you are from God. God always loves to welcome his children home. See, God never turns away anybody that comes to him.
- When you come to him desperate, when you come to him with humility, when you come to him hungry, God always opens his arm for any prodigal that would come back home. Come on, clap today if you're thankful for the grace of God. God never turns away those that come to him empty. He only turns away those that come to him full of themselves. And today we come with desperation. I love this story in Numbers 21 because really it's a story about a route back to God. Did you catch what happened in Numbers 21, verse number four? It says that they were on the way to Edom, but the Lord took them around the long way. And it said on the way they became impatient. Have you ever felt like God was taking longer than he should? Have you ever felt like God's timetable is different than your timetable? I want to remind you today that our God is never too early and he's never too late.
- Our God is a what? On time God. Oh, come on. Give him a praise today if you believe that about God. I'm going to give you four things to write down today. Write down number one. The first thing God deals with me as I come back is he deals with my faith in God's timing. He deals with my trust in the timing of the Lord. See, I love this about God. God said, my ways are above your ways. My thoughts are above your thoughts.

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- A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. God knows the end from the beginning. He is the Alpha and the Omega. We believe that God is sovereign and seated on the throne. And God knows just what you need, and He knows just when you need it. Anybody thankful today that God will supply all of your needs according to his riches and according to his glory. All right, let Isaiah 40 put it on the screen. Have you not known? Have you not heard that everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth? He neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak. That's cowboy fitness.
- I'm falling into somebody right now. And to those who have no might, he increases their strength. Even youths like Graham shall faint and be weary. And the young men shall utterly fall. But those that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not grow weary. They shall walk and not what? Faint. That's what God does. That's why I love that Elevation Worship song. I'm gonna wait on you. Man, if I could sing like Pastor Steven, I'd sing the whole song right now.
- But I'm gonna wait on you, I'm gonna wait on you. See, what happened is they're on this journey, they're on the way to Edom, and the Lord took them around the long way. See, what I love about God is that God sometimes knows that you're not ready for what you think you're ready for. And sometimes God loves you enough to not shortcut your blessing. Sometimes God will take you around the long way. And it's on the long way that something's being developed in you. Something is being put inside of you that's lacking. Oh, I'm thankful that I didn't get what I thought I deserved when I thought I deserved it. I'm grateful that God took me on the path and the journey that I needed for my life. Anybody else? Oh, look at what Lamentations chapter 3 verse 25 says.
- It says, the Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. The Lord is good to those who wait for him. I'm just telling you, nothing reveals more about what you believe about God than the way that you wait. I live in LA. We are masters of waiting on the freeway. I've learned how to wait on the 405 but I've learned with God I gotta wait on the Lord I gotta wait on God's strength and I've learned not to wait like this I've learned to wait like this God is faithful God is generous God is compassionate God is kind God is sovereign God is loving. Oh, come on, clap today if you believe that God is worthy of your witness.
- One of my wife's best friends, she is a widow. And she went through a tragic situation years ago. And we, after this situation, the Lord started to heal her heart and do a great work in her life. And we started together to believe God for a husband. We started to pray and believe that God would send her somebody. And so together as a church and our community, we started to pray and believe that God would send us some money. And a couple years ago, during our fast, we do 21 days of prayer and fasting, the month of January, she was fasting and praying. And on the last day of the fast, a friend of hers connected her with a guy. She got a five-minute coffee. Because you don't want to get stuck in a coffee because it could go bad. So she told this guy, I can stop by the coffee shop, pick up the coffee you ordered, and then I got to go. Ladies, I'm just telling you, that's how you do it right here. For the first one. Just a breeze through. Are you okay? Okay, then we'll be back. I'm just trying to give some knowledge to somebody today. So she bent this guy, but life stays the best. And sure enough, he ended up being a man cop. He had good hygiene and a timer. That's a candidate right there, amen. And long story short, they end up getting married. And she's in her 40s. And that's so cool, but can I tell you, not only did she get married, but this last year, she got pregnant. And I'm just telling you, it's one of the greatest miracles I've ever seen.

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- **You know, sometimes we think that miracles are these crazy healings. But sometimes it's like, to find somebody to get married to, to get pregnant when you've been believing God. And one of the things that stands out to me about this lady's story is that she could have just taken matters into her own hands and married somebody years ago. But she waited on the timing of the Lord. She waited on the perfect person. And I just want to encourage you today. God is worthy of your wait. He's got the best in store for His children. And if you'll just keep holding out for God's best. If you'll just keep waiting along the journey, I promise you God's got something better for you than you could ever ask, think, or imagine.**
- Anybody believe that God is good and greatly to be praised? Oh, and I'm going to sense it. The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. So they're waiting on God. They're like, God, this is taking too long. This journey is taking so much time. Why can't we get to Edom faster? But man, open up the Waze app. There's got to be a faster way to get there. Now I've got the Apple app, the Google app, and the Waze app. I'm trying to get to Edom. I've got to get to Edom. And it says that as they're on the way, and it's taking longer than they want, that the soul of the people get discouraged. Write down number two today. God deals with my discouragement. I don't know if you've ever felt discouraged. But when you feel like, man, it's not going as good as I wanted it to go.
- Life's not happening at the pace or the rate that I want it to happen. Oh, I'm just so thankful today that in times that I felt down, times that I felt discouraged, the Bible says, thou, O Lord, art the lifter of my head. Anybody thankful today that God will turn your mourning into dancing. Come on, the Bible says, those that sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. Come on, clap if you believe that God will turn your mourning around into dancing. Oh, I love Psalm 3, verse 3. It says, but you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the one who lifts up my head. Proverbs 17, 22. A merry heart does good like medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. This is not feeling like I had a bad day. They're dealing with discouragement. Have you ever felt discouraged?
- You ever feel like I'm... I'm not a, I wish I was a better parent. I wish I was a better husband or a wife. I wish my business was doing better than it is. You know, it's like, I don't know anybody today that's like, you know why I'm in this problem? It's I just feel way too encouraged. You know, I'm just, quite frankly, I'm seven. I just wake up and I just think, here, one of them, I don't know anybody that struggles with being too encouraged.
- But I know tons of people today that are like, man, am I good enough? Am I good enough? How come? You ever get on social media and it look like God's blessing everybody else but you? Sometimes you just go like this. Wow. They're in Italy again. Wow. You see, the problem with waiting on God is it doesn't just deal with your impatience. You've got to be careful because it will develop into discouragement. I don't know who this is for today, but you need to understand, get your eyes off them. Put your eyes on him.

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- The Bible says, looking under Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith. I can't, listen, I pray everybody's blessed. And I hope everybody's doing great. But I got to be grateful for what God's doing in my house. I got to be excited about what God's doing in my children. I got to be thankful for what God's doing in my city. Come on, anybody got the attitude of gratitude today? Anybody thankful? Come on, come on, let's get encouraged in the Lord.
- **You got to be careful with discouragement because if you're not, discouragement will result in rebellion. you're not careful with the search that in fact put this on the street if they said this worthless bread miracles seem meaningless when you're discouraged and then often leads into rebellion you got to be careful with a discouraged soul because if you're not it'll lead into rebellion all of a sudden this miracle of manna this miracle of bread the God is ready awesome this is not that great. The things that once caused you to shout for joy are now the meaning and the presence of God.**
- I've got to keep my eyes back I've got to get my heart back I've got to get my faith back to say this is the marriage you gave me this is the house you blessed me with these are the children that are a gift from God come on clap in your thankful day God. The Bible says, bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me. Bless His holy name. The Bible says, enter into His gates with thanksgiving and enter into His courts with praise.
- I will lift up my hands in your sanctuary. Why? Because your love is better than life. And when you stop having that attitude, you see the bread? Just these kids. This whole house, you know, you gotta fix the plumbing, you gotta fix the electricity. You gotta be careful, because complainers, I never met a man complain like this. You know, I don't complain.
- Complainers are like weasels. This man was bread. And it says they were waiting, and God was taking two. very discouraged. And I know that at church, you know, we, we have a great time lifting up our hands and praising the Lord. But I just want to ask you, are you discouraged today? Because God doesn't have a disdain for you.
- God has a grace for you. God says, come to me with all of your burdens. He says, be anxious for nothing, but in everything through prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. God wants to turn your mourning into dancing. If you're so in tears, you're going to reap with songs of joy.
- Because I know the God that can turn around the terrible situation that you're going through and bring glory for absence. Come on, clap your hands and sing together. And their souls became discouraged. I'll never forget in June of 2020. I felt so discouraged in June of 2020. This during COVID I finally got COVID for the first time in June. And at that time we're going through so much in the world that it just felt like a church and every, everywhere I was turned out, felt so torn and felt so defeated. And I've never been through a season like this. And my COVID turned into shingles. And I got shingles right here on my ear. And so I go into the urgent care and I was in so much pain. And I was in pain in my body. I was in pain in my soul. And I went in and the lady, she said, sir, you have shingles. It comes from stress. She said, are you stressed about anything? Well, I'm a man of God. I said, no. She said, surely you must be stressed about something. I'm a man of confession. I said, no, I'm not stressed about anything. She said, well, your body says contrary.

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- And I'll never forget feeling discouraged. You've got to be careful of discouragement, because discouragement will turn into rebellion. You notice what they did? They started to complain against God. people that complain against God and their pastor is discouraged people and I'm just telling you guard your heart when you feel discouraged that's why it's so important that you put all the Word of God in your house so I so important that you listen to elevation worship you listen to elevation rhythm and you get the spirit of faith and the spirit of worship into your house You say, no weapon that's formed against me is going to prosper. And every tongue that rises against me in judgment, I will condemn. I am more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus.
- I'm the head and not the tail. I am a chosen generation, a royal priesthood of marvelous life. Come on, clap and give God praise. That you might not have what you want to have. You might not be what you want to be. But come on, clap if they come. You know where you used to be. God has come, been good and faithful and generous to him. Oh, come on. Let the routine of the Lord say so. Get on the side of the place, man.
- **Because what I noticed about God, God loves to take us along the long way. He loves to take us on the path of much resistance. He loves to develop His character. Let me preach to somebody. God loves you just the way you are. He just loves you way too much to leave you that way. God's working something inside of you. God's developing something that's lacking. God's training you for something. Come on, clap and praise Him today. God's doing something. And he who has begun a good work will be faithful to complete it.**
- You want to know what's crazy about the story in Numbers 21? There were fresh opportunities. They had just had a win by taking out one of the kings. And yet there was frustration. Just because you saw a win last year doesn't mean you're going to get an automatic victory this year. You've got to be patient with the Lord. You've got to trust God's perfect timing. God is in control, seated on the throne. And if God be for you, who can be against you? Give Him a praise. And so the soul of the people became very discouraged.
- And they were so discouraged. that the result of the discouragement, I don't know what you do when you're discouraged. I usually go to McDonald's for McClure's. But what they did, what they did was they complained against God and they complained against Moses. Because a lot of times what usually, all that energy will result in taking it out on your leaders. My good shepherd and the shepherd that God's placed over me. to the house of God. When you're discouraged, get around somebody that will refresh you and lay hands on you and pray for you. As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

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- Come on, I got to get around the people of God. I got to get around some worshipers. Anybody grateful for your godly friends today? Come on, clap. And thank God for the Lord. I long for somebody to pray for me. Give you some friends that, you know, I don't like when people apologize, like, hey, you know, I hate to be spiritual, but can I pray for you? It's like, yes, you can pray for me. We're going through hell on earth. We need somebody to lay hands and prophesy and tell me that God is for me and with me. And the soul of the people became very discouraged, and they started to speak against God and Moses. And as they're speaking against God and Moses, the Lord sent some snakes.
- I don't know how you feel about snakes, but they're my biggest fear. Some are afraid of spiders. Some are afraid of the dark. Some are afraid of close partners. Some are afraid of bad breath. I'm afraid of snakes. I don't care if they're on the ground or in a plane. I'm afraid of snakes. And the Lord sent snakes to bite them. And all of a sudden, they're dealing with a snake bite. And as they're dealing with the snake bite, they realize, oh no, we done messed up. And so they come back to Moses, and they say, Moses, we have sinned against you and against God. Please forgive us. Write down number three today. Sometimes God will deal with your confession. I've gotta confess my sins. I've gotta listen, if you can name it, God can heal it.
- But until you can come clean about that thing that you're dealing with, until you can be open about that struggle, you've been going through how can I touch when you're not willing to reveal the Bible says the man that conceals his sin will not prosper all I love what the Bible says in Psalm 51 for I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is always before me against you and you alone have our sin and of this evil in your sight what about first John 1 9 if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all, what's that word right there? Unrighteousness. If, if, if, I wanna put an emphasis right there on the word if. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I like this thing, confession.
- We've gotta confess. You know where confession comes from? Conviction leads to confession. When you feel the conviction of God. These guys looked at these snake bites and said, oh no, we didn't. It's one thing to have a mosquito bite. God's messing with you when you get a snake bite. And they said, we need to confess our sin.
- **We need to be honest about our transgressions. Your authority is in your authenticity. And when you get real with God, God already saw it. God already knows about it. God never looks away when you and I make mistakes.**
- And when you feel the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Anybody thankful today for the conviction of the Holy Spirit? Conviction shows me you're alive. Conviction shows me God's still working with you. Remember, you've got to be careful with conviction. Because if you do something once, you're going to feel bad.
- But if you don't talk about it, you do it again, you're going to feel kind of bad. You do it a third time, you ain't going to feel nothing. What keeps your conviction is your confession. When I come before the Lord and I say, Lord, I've sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Thank you for the blood of Jesus. Thank you for the cross of Christ. Thank you for a new beginning and a second chance.

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- Thank you that you always make a way for me to come back to your house. Come on, clap and give God praise. If you believe that he's the God of second, third, fourth, fifth. Come on, clap if you believe he's the God of second chances today. I want to encourage you to get good at confession. Get good and name the thing that could have power or stronghold over you. But the moment you confess the blood, the moment you confess it to God, it loses all its sin. It loses all its power. If you can name it, God can heal it.
- **Very funny: I'll never forget, there's this pastor that I really love and respect. He's gone to be with the Lord now, but he's just a real righteous, holy, powerful man of God. And he tells this story that one time. Early in the morning he woke up and he called like his second in command kind of his “right hand” associate pastor. Early in the morning he said, there's been an incident. I need you to get over to my house immediately. Something's happened. Something bad. And so the associate pastor got in the car and he drove as fast as he could to the pastor's house. And he's thinking in his head, what happened? What did you do? What went on? Is there a reason? What happened? The pastor opens the front door and he's in his robe and he's said please come in and he's got communion setup – and the Associate pastor in thinking – oh no - we lost the church - oh no what did you do - oh my god this is terrible – and the senior pastor confesses that last night he made a mistake and sinned by eating an Oreo Cookie. The Senior pastor made a vow to the Lord years ago that I would never have another Oreo Cookie. Now that's a vow I ain't never making. That's got to be between you and the Holy Ghost. Can you hear the closeness to Jesus? Serve me communion. And I did it last night, so I'm confessing the next morning. I have sinned against the Lord. I've made a vow. I've got to fulfill a vow. I want you to be quick with your confession.**
- The Bible says, repent therefore and be converted that your sins may be washed away and times of refreshing will come from the presence of the Lord. When you confess the cross and confess the blood of Jesus, there's nothing you've done. There's nothing you've touched. There's no place that you've gone that my God can't heal. My God can't forgive. My God can't deliver. Anybody thankful today for the grace of Jesus? So he deals with my faith in God's timing. He deals with my discouragement. He deals with my confession. And then I love this last one. He deals, right down to the last one, he deals with my obedience. So the Lord says to Moses, Moses, get a fire, you snake, and I want you to put it on hold, and I want you to lift it up high, and anybody that loves you, they look they will be healed all throughout the scriptures God asked people to do stuff that are not conventional but it will unlock their miracle oh come on do you remember when a counselor had to walk around Jericho seven times do you know what that man had to dip into the water seven times Do you remember when the man with the withered hand had to stretch out his hand? Do you remember when the widow had to make the room for the prophet?

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- Do you remember when Abraham had to leave his land? Do you remember when everybody through the Bible had to do something to unlock the miracle of God? It all happened through obedience. The Bible says in Philippians chapter 2 verse 8, In Jesus being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself. and became obedient to the point of death, even death of the cross. Jesus himself had to humble himself and become obedient even to the point of death and death on the cross. See, one of the things I love about God is that this is a foreshadow. This is a typecast of what's to come. See, here in the Old Testament, they lifted up a snake, and the Bible says that if you looked, you would live. But in the New Testament, we lived up the son of man. His name is Jesus.
- And if you believe, you shall live. In the Old Testament, their cure represented their curse. But in the New Testament, Jesus became the curse for us. And he is now lifted above all names. Anybody thankful today for the grace that's found in Jesus Christ. I'll come on, clap and give him a praise today. the Son of Man be lifted up that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. In the Old Testament it's look and live. In the New Testament it's believe and live. But in both cases I'm going to obey. I'm going to do what God said to unlock the miracle of salvation. To unlock the miracle of God's best.
- And I'm just telling you, the Bible says God takes not delight in sacrifice as much as God loves obedience. God is attracted to your obedience. And sometimes God doesn't give you something new to do until you go back and do the last thing he told you to do. obedience unlocks miracles. When you obey the voice of God, when you do what God tells you to do, I'm telling you, nothing will unlock the kingdom of God in your life like obeying the voice of the Lord. Jesus said, my voice, my sheep will recognize a stranger's voice. They will not follow. Anybody believe today that God's got a plan for your life. God's got something for you to do. There's a will of God for you.
- There's a will of God for all of us. There's a will of God for you. You gotta obey. You gotta trust and obey for there's no other way. I gotta obey God. I gotta say, God, if you want to take me along the long road, if you want it to take as long as the four or five takes to get to Eden, your will above my will. Not my will, but your will. If you want to take me along the way, Help me to decrease so that you can increase.
- And Lord, help me to obey in every turn. Help me to obey in every season. Lest I grow discouraged and I start to complain. These kids. This spouse. Some of you today, you don't need a new spouse. You need a new perspective. You need to see this person as the miracle that God... Come on, clap if you believe in married people. I'm going to see you to make us... that discouragement. You got to get all that frustration. And I got to turn in your praise. There's some things I got to confess. I got to confess that I'm a sinner in need of grace. But I confess that you love me. And that you're for me. And that you're with me. And I'll obey you no matter what the cost. I'll obey you no matter what you tell me to do. Just think about the youth ministry. Of the Israelites at the time.
- And mom and dad are like. Son. I know the snake bit you. But I need you to trust me here. We're going to lift it up. I want you to stare at it son. Kids like. I'm looking at the thing that just hurt me. No no son. You have to obey. Because if you obey. You're going to live. If you obey. You're going to flourish. And I just want to tell you about God. God's into your life. Amen. God's gonna ask some things of you. The Bible says the steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord. God's got a plan for your life. No eye has seen and no ear has heard and no mind can imagine the things that God has in store for those who love him and are called according to his purpose.

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- God's got a plan for your life. We're gonna have to obey. Anybody want God's best for your family? Anybody want God's best for your life? Go on, clap and give a break. You're gonna have to obey. Talking to a friend the other day, he built a great church. Things are going off, going like crazy. Tons of people. The people are coming. The money is done. He felt like the Lord told him, I want you to fast and pray for the finances of the church. Felt like the Lord told him fast and pray for the finances of this church. He said, if the Lord told me to do it, I got to do it. And when he finished the fast on the last day, his phone rang. It was a man that he hadn't spoke to in nine years. The man on the other line said, it's crazy. I know we haven't spoken in nine years, but this morning the Lord woke me up and showed me your face. And the Lord spoke to my heart and told me to wire you \$250,000 to your church.
- **Closing Prayer: Oh, come on, clap if you believe it today. Clap if you believe that obedience will unlock something. Clap if you believe that God's ways are better than your ways. come on try to get ready he knows the end from the beginning when you give God praise and he's taking you along the long way - I'm gonna wait on you - I'm gonna worship you in the middle of the hour even when I don't feel like it even when it doesn't make sense - I will not be discouraged - I will lift up my hands and in your sanctuary because your love is better than life I confess - the blood I confess. Come on - try to get an “I will obey the Lord.” I will obey God. Jesus humbled himself to the point of death on the cross. That's why God exalted him and gave him the name that is above everything. Oh, come on, if you believe it today, let's worship our King. Let's give our God praise. Come on, let's worship God today. Hallelujah.**

Part 2: eGroup study questions and additional thoughts

- We got to be careful claiming things as promises from God that are really just preferences of our flesh. Because the Bible would be a lot easier for me to preach if I could write it how I want.
- **Set “will not” boundaries: feel temptation but do not kneel to it. Address roots (e.g., comparison and lust) that fuel anxiety.**

CS Lewis's analogy of bacon and "artificial (manufactured) starvation"



C.S. Lewis – Mere Christianity and thoughts on erotic imagery:

- Per C.S. Lewis: “And taking your life as a whole, with all your innumerable choices, . . . you are slowly turning into a heavenly creature or into a hellish creature: either into a creature that is in harmony with God, and with other creatures, and with itself, or else into one that is in a state of war and hatred with God . . .
- What would you think if you entered some foreign land and observed excited men salivating over a plate of bacon mounted on a stage? You would probably think that these men are very hungry and in need of food. However review the audience confirms that everyone is well fed. Conclusion: these men are probably suffering from artificial or manufactured starvation.
- Per C.S. Lewis: “There are people who want to keep our sexual instincts inflamed in order to make money out of us. Because, of course, a man (women) with an obsession is a man (women) who has very little sales-resistance.”
- Kev's word on this: We are all getting played.

Based on Charles Spurgeon's sermons, he famously advised Christians to ignore the petty opposition of the enemy by using the phrase: "Let the dogs bark, it is their nature to. Go on preaching Christ crucified"

Kev thought: Don't get played.

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- “Sometimes God will take you around the long way, and it's on the long way that something's being developed in you. Nothing reveals more about what you believe about God than the way that you wait.”

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- **“You got to be careful with discouragement because if you're not, discouragement will result in rebellion.**
- **You got to be careful with a discouraged soul because if you're not it'll lead into rebellion all of a sudden is not that great.**
- **The things that once caused you to shout for joy no longer inspire you.**

- “Because what I noticed about God, God loves to take us along the long way. He loves to take us on the path of much resistance. He loves to develop His character. God loves you just the way you are. He just loves you way too much to leave you that way. God's working something inside of you. God's developing something that's lacking. God's training you for something. “And he who has begun a good work will be faithful to complete it.””

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Communication an undeclared confession

Matthew 26:26-28

New International Version

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the[a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer of confession:

"Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves".

Closing Prayer: Oh, come on, clap if you believe it today. Clap if you believe that obedience will unlock something. Clap if you believe that God's ways are better than your ways. come on try to get ready he knows the end from the beginning when you give God praise and he's taking you along the long way - I'm gonna wait on you - I'm gonna worship you in the middle of the hour even when I don't feel like it even when it doesn't make sense - I will not be discouraged - I will lift up my hands and in your sanctuary because your love is better than life I confess - the blood I confess. Come on - try to get an “I will obey the Lord.” I will obey God. Jesus humbled himself to the point of death on the cross. That's why God exalted him and gave him the name that is above everything. Oh, come on, if you believe it today, let's worship our King. Let's give our God praise. Come on, let's worship God today. Hallelujah.

Back up slides

In August 2017, Pastor Furtick led a study of David called “Bars and Battles.” I think Pastor Furtick’s sermon this weekend “Not as Long as My Song” builds of this prior series. On August 13, 2017, Pastor Furtick said this while unpacking Psalm 142 and 1 Sam 22 – where Saul is trying to kill David: “We have to learn to trust God and keep our hand on the harp. This means that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (fleshy or bodily), they are mighty through God for the pulling down of strong-holds – so it might not look like much – but our worship is our weapon. If you humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, and trust him – no matter what is coming at your head, no matter what is coming at your life – if you trust him and duck – and trust him and pray – the hand of God is on your life. Therefore, if you can win the battle here (your heart) – if you can get down low enough to say God I need you – and realize that the real battle is not with Saul – it is with self. Before David become a king and before God calls us to do what we are supposed to do, we need to learn to do the hardest thing to do – to depend. The easiest thing for David to do was to fight – this came naturally to him – the hardest thing for David to do was to be humble and depend – where David has to depend on the hand of God for the spear to miss him.” Kev note: Dang that is good!



Oswald Chambers

July 18 – Daily Devotional:

“There is nothing miraculous about the things that we can explain. We command what we are able to explain, consequently it is natural to seek to explain. It is not natural to obey; nor is necessarily sinful to disobey. If one man says to another – You must and you shall, he brakes the human spirit and unfits it for God. Many a soul begins to come to God when he flings off being religious, because, there is only one master of the human heart, and that is not religion but Jesus Christ. But woe be to me if when I see Him I say – I will not. He will never insist that I do, but I have begun to sign the death warrant of the Son of God in my soul. When I stand face to face with Jesus Chris and say – I will not, **He will never insist, but I am backing away form the re-creating power of His redemption.**

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Sermon Discussion: "Allow Joy To Reintroduce Himself" by Tauren Wells on May 25, 2025



Dr. Timothy Keller

total freedom = lack of meaning and significance

What if we found the reason for life? Why we were created? Why we were designed? And conformed to that and then honored that?

If there is a design, there is a designer. And if there is a designer, the logos has come. Not some abstract philosophical principle. **It is a person.**

The designer has punched a hole into the world and he has descended. And you were built not to just honor some philosophical principle. But you were built to know and love this divine person. When you know him and when you serve him and you find out what he built you for, when you comply with it and submit yourself to him, you find out who you are. And you are now able to reach your potential.

Have a good navigational beacon in 2022:

“Life and Leadership at the Highest” A quote from an unknown author and requoted by Pastor Tim Keller in his sermon “This is Jesus” part 4 “Two Grieving Sisters Encounter Jesus” at Oxford University in 2016: “The accounts of Him in the New Testament speak for themselves – He combines qualities that no one has ever seen – despite his incredible claims, we never see him pompous, offended, or standing on his own dignity. Despite being absolutely approachable to the weakest and most broken people, he is completely fearless before the powerful and the corrupt. Despite being weary and lonely, we find him remarkably human - filled with joy, fear, love, and anger. Yet, we never see him Moody. We never see him being inconsistent. We never see Him strong when He should be tender and we never see Him tender when He should be strong. Most interesting of all – Of all his encounters with people - we are continuously surprised – shocking us - but never disappointing us – it is difficult for us to imagine words that Jesus ought to have said or deeds that he ought to have done. Nothing he has done ever falls short - in fact He is always surprising us - because He is incomparably better than what we could imagine for ourselves. Why? These are the surprises of perfection – He has tenderness without weakness – He has strength without harshness – humility without the slightest lack of confidence – unhesitating authority without the slightest sense of self-absorption – Holy and unbending convictions without the slightest lack of approachability – power without insensitivity – passion without prejudice – there is never a false step – there’s never a jarring no – this is life at the highest.”