

Series: Time Well Spent

Message Title: Time Redeemed

Key Scriptures:

Psalm 90:10 NIV- Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Ephesians 5:15-16-NKJV- See then that you walk Circumspectly, not as fools, but as
The wise, redeeming the time, for the days are evil.

Scripture reading: Number 21:4-9

Message Summary: Time Redeemed is part three of the Time Well Spent Series. A message that will challenge us to think about OUR time, our here and now and how we are using it. NKJV of the bible in Ephesians 5:16, speaks of “redeeming time.” REDEEM is a very specific word, which speaks something of rescuing or buying back-. This word helps us to think about first reflecting on how we are using our time now before we are able to commit to making the most of it and bringing it to the right things. In this way, our lives today can be a lived-out balance between and our purpose in Christ who gives us the direction and our responsibilities in the context of our limited time that we have in our mortal bodies and the times we are living in.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – Jesus is making himself “a body”, a collective of people that work together to bring about his work and his kingdom. As such as part of that body, it is not possible to grow very much or thrive by yourself- we need each other, and we need to be “body conscious” as we examine our own time and how it is being used. Thinking together in your groups about how you are spending the time together is a helpful place to start- reflect and review- is our time together bringing us growth, wisdom, clarity, fulfilment?

Discipleship – To you as an individual I ask the question- “WHO are you spending your time on?”- Look around you, speak to the Holy Spirit, who is he leading you to in the body to get to know and to journey with for a time- There is always someone who needs what you have- your gifts, talents, and resources are for the benefit of the body- make a commitment to use your time to use them as such.

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities Treat time as a gift. Remember that Time is a gift to the mortal body, and the mortal body is not here that long- “like a breath, their days are like a fleeting shadow”- (Psalm 144:4)- so whatever the Lord needs you to do, do it. He ministers through all of us, through His Holy Spirit- In one of his books about the Holy Spirit, RT Kendell says “The Holy Spirit shows us what is there, what is not there and what is to be avoided”- *Will you hear him, will you listen, will you do what he says to do?*

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers Recognising that God places us in situations, often feeling like interruptions into ‘our day’, ‘our time’, that are the very conversations, circumstances he wants us to pay full attention to and give of ourselves, give of our time to. “Walk Circumspectly” the apostle Paul says- and the word circumspectly, according to the webster dictionary, means that you consider all circumstances carefully, including possible consequences and act in prudent diplomacy- People will be attracted to one who walks in this way and can be reached for Christ even in our everyday circumstances.

Worship – Intentionally take some time out today to review your life and your time and redirect it to God in Christ Jesus. Redeem the time, take it back from the things of the times and refocus it correctly up to the one who gives you life. Learn from Him daily and your full potential will be released and your impact maximised. This is reasonable worship unto God. He has called us to Him and in Him our time is never wasted, our impact never diminishes, our calling never changes, and our purpose remains to the end- All for his glory.