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Sending Them Off

Matthew 10:8 *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.*

It is getting really close... Natalie and I are about to graduate our first of four(Lord willing). John Allen is counting down the days and we are excited for him. I watched this graduation process for 17 years, so I guess I have a unique perspective on this even though it is my first time as a parent. It is an exciting time, but it can also be an anxious time. We are excited about his accomplishment and looking into the future wondering what he will do. We are proud of him, as all parents are proud of their children.

This time of letting go makes me think of Jesus. After He spent time training His apostles He decided they were ready to go out into the world with the message of the kingdom. We see Him doing this in Matthew chapter 10. He tells them to go, but warns them to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. He tells them others will not accept their message. They will be rejected, but to never forget that God is with them. What a wonderful thought for us today as well. He also shares the phrase we see above, "Freely you have received, freely give." This is a beautiful concept to consider when it comes to our mission of going into all the world. We should go because of all we have been given. We should freely share the blessings that come with a relationship with God. We should remember we can never out give our God. I pray our graduates will have great success in whatever they do, and always take the Lord's message with them as they go. See you Sunday!

John

How Will You Respond?

Psalm 84:6 *As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.*

Have you been through the Valley of Baca? It is not known if this was a real location or simply a phrase to symbolize tough times. The phrase literally means a place of weeping or arid places. The Psalm is about Israelites that are on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the purpose of worship at the temple. The journey is not an easy one. There are times when it is a struggle. It can be hot and dry - sun scorched with little vegetation. If the pilgrims will persist, they will make it to Zion. Their destination is pictured as a place of springs - clean and refreshing water. Pools of water abound and lush vegetation is prevalent at the end of the journey. Worship and feasting will take place in Zion. The way had been difficult but now there is great rejoicing.

Are you going through the Valley of Baca? So many aspects of life can be far from what we want. Life is filled with various troubles. How will we respond to them? Will we persist and press on towards the goal? As Christians, we understand that we are headed for the New Jerusalem. There will be a time of great rejoicing and worship at the end of our journey. Let's endure the tough, dry times of life. At the conclusion of this life, we then will be in the presence of God to enjoy the glories of heaven forevermore.

Joe

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WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 29, 2018

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Jim Pollard
 Song Leader:Shaun Townsend
 Prayer:.....Greg Lusk
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jerry Ballard
 Trent Hill Sonny Hargrove
 Larry Nicholson Colton Hixson
 Conner Arnett David White
 Ed Hargrove Max Ballard
 Read: Colossians 3:1-3.....Nathan Hixson
 Sermon: A New Mind.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Daniel Thomas
 Prayer.....Joe Macer
 Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1.....Ryan Grice
 Sermon: The Growth of a Child.....John Thomas
 Presiding.....Benny Bolton
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jody Pritchett

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 Greeters: Tommy & Jadonna Hight, Shaun Townsend, Linda Mabry
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A.M.....Alice Williams & Hillary Caldwell

WEDNESDAY MAY 2, 6:30 P.M.

Song Leader:Mike Kinzer
 Prayer:.....Jerry Wilson
 Announcements/Speaker:.....Shaun Townsend