

Unbelief in the Adversities of Life. November 8, 2020

I. Understand the _____ of grace. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 22b- 24.

II. The Unbelief in grieving. Understanding the Wisdom of God's plan. John 11:1-44

1. Jesus _____ Lazarus to die. (1-6) Proverbs 3:5-6

2. Unbelief happens when we feel abandoned. (20-27)

3. God's plan is best for us and is for His glory. (33-44) Isaiah 55:8-9

4. Embrace the _____ of brokenness. Matthew 11:28-30; John 3:16. Philippians 4:6-7

Thought for the Day Jerry Bridges in his book "Trusting God Even when Life Hurts" *there are three essential truths we must believe if we are to trust God in adversity; they are God is completely sovereign; God is infinite in wisdom; and God is perfect in love.* This has been another tumultuous week in the year 2020 as our nation apparently has elected a president. We know God is sovereign so the person he selected is in power. What we as a church needs to realize is our mission has not changed. We are called to give out the gospel so people can get saved. We are called to preach the truth about sin and morality so folks who get saved can experience a heart change. The message contained in the Bible is not the message people want to hear but it is still the truth. We know that God loves us and he loves his creation and He does not want any to perish. We live in a divided nation. One issue that divides us is abortion. God is clear He will judge any nation who abuses babies and abortion is abuse but there is an answer. If no woman gets pregnant who doesn't want a baby than there is no need for an abortion. That is possible with the heart change which comes from salvation. Another issue is racism. If people would love their neighbor as they love themselves there is no racism. It is time that the church acts like the church. **Romans 1:16-17** ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Now is not the time to surrender it is time to proclaim the truth about Jesus. **Pastor Bruce**