Sunday, January 9, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Starting the Journey of Faith Series: The Journey of Faith

Text: Exodus 2:23 - 25 and Exodus 12:1 - 14

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to reexamine their personal confession of Jesus Christ as their personal LORD and SAVIOR!

Introduction:

Our opening devotional for 2022 was from Acts 3:1 – 26 and Matthew 11:25 – 30 and entitled "Reviewing My Expectations"

1. Reflections On Acts 3

- 2. Reflections On Matthew 11:25 30
- 3. Reflections On My/Your Calling
 - ~ 1 Corinthians 10:11 12, "Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. (12) Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."
 - ~ Exodus 2:23 25, "During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. (24) And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. (25) God saw the people of Israel and God knew."
 - ~ Galatians 3:19, "Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary."

1. The Journey of Faith Requires a Lamb:

- ~ Exodus 12:3, "Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their father's houses, a lamb for a household."
- ~ John 1:29, "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!""

- ~ John 10:7, 9, 11: "So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep."" (9) "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." (11) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
- ~ John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

2. The Journey of Faith Is Personal:

- ~ Exodus 12:7, "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it."
- ~ Romans 12:3, "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned."
- ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:2, "and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith."
- ~ Romans 10:13, "For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.""
- ~ Acts 2:38, "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.""

3. The Journey of Faith Delivers from Slavery and Death:

- ~ John 5:24, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come int judgment, but has passed from death to life."
- ~ John 8:51, "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."
- ~ John 11:26, "and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
- ~ John 6:6, "We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin."

Conclusion:

Acts 4:12, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is not other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."