

**PRAY**

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Bob Bolander, Brandon Ramey & the Worship Ministry
2. God will meet with us through His word and by His Spirit, lead us to worship Christ and grow in Christ-likeness.
3. God will help us to be a church of zeal and hope, passionate about ministry and confident in His promises.
4. God will make us more passionate about and obedient to His mission of leading people to trust and follow Christ.

**MUSIC**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**Manifest Your Presence**

The Prayer Time Band

**CORPORATE SINGING**

**The Glory Is Yours**

Carl Cartee & Steven Furtick

**The Lion And The Lamb**

Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson & Leeland Mooring

**ADORATION SONGS**

**The Blood Will Never Lose Its Pow'r**

Andrae Crouch

**Jesus Messiah**

Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves & Chris Tomlin

**PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE**

**"We Now Have the Advantage"**

1 Peter 1:10-12

We continue our 1 Peter series this Sunday by walking through 1:10-12. This is an incredible passage that highlights the unique place we hold in God's redemptive plan. Many of the things the Old Testament prophets wrote about pointed to glorious acts in which we are now participating. So glorious is our salvation that angels are even interested!

Prepare for Sunday by reading through this passage a few times. As you read, consider why Peter included these verses within his letter. How does the message of this passage encourage us in our journey as chosen exiles?

**LYRICS**

**Manifest Your Presence**

**VERSE 1**

There's a sense of hope  
Because Your Spirit dwells within our hearts  
You are in control  
With every promise Lord You'll make a way

**CHORUS**

Manifest Your presence, here with us  
We pray with expectation, with expectation  
Let Your power be displayed with us  
We pray with expectation, with expectation

**VERSE 2**

There's a work ahead so we receive Your  
Mercy and Your grace  
Let us keep aflame  
The fire inside us enduring til the end

**CHORUS**

Manifest Your presence, here with us  
We pray with expectation, with expectation  
Let Your power be displayed with us  
We pray with expectation, with expectation

**BRIDGE**

Where Your Spirit is there is liberty  
You unveil our hearts Lord to Your glory  
There's new life in You we are free from sin  
You unveil our hearts Lord to Your glory

**The Blood Will Never Lose Its Pow'r**

**VERSE 1**

The blood that Jesus shed for me  
Way back on calvary  
The blood that gives me strength  
From day to day  
It will never lose its pow'r

**CHORUS**

It reaches to the highest mountain  
And it flows to the lowest valley  
The blood that gives me strength  
From day to day  
It will never lose its pow'r

**VERSE 2**

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears  
And it dries all my tears  
The blood that gives me strength  
From day to day  
It will never lose its pow'r

**CHORUS**

It reaches to the highest mountain  
And it flows to the lowest valley  
The blood that gives me strength  
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## RESPOND TO THE SERMON

## Sunday, July 1 “Joyful Hearts with Tearful Eyes”

1 Peter 1:6-9

**Truth:** We can have joy in our hearts even with tears in our eyes. Christians grieve; their lives are as hard as anybody else’s. It is not dry eyes that make us different, but a deeply rooted satisfaction and peace built upon our unfailing hope in Christ.

**Response:** Do you find yourself at times putting on the mask of superficial happiness around other Christians? Why do we feel ashamed of expressing grief as Christians? What keeps you from transparency and vulnerability with other believers?

**Truth:** We can have joy because God uses trials to refine our faith. We have right standing before God when we are saved, but our lives still have a lot of junk in them. God uses the fire of trials to expose and melt away our impurities—greed, selfishness, pride, self-dependency, materialism, etc.—so that our faith will be pristine when Christ returns. Knowing God’s good purpose behind our trials empowers us to rejoice in their midst.

**Response:** How have you seen God use a trial in your life to refine your faith? What keeps you from embracing a sovereign and loving God who uses our trials to make our faith beautiful?

**Truth:** We can have joy because we love Christ more than comfort. Trials hurt because they rob us of something—comfort, relationships, money, sleep, etc. Because we love Christ more than anything else in this world, we can always rejoice in trials despite

what they may take from us.

**Response:** Many times joylessness is rooted in a love problem—we’ve begun to love something in this world more than Jesus. When that something is taken from us or threatened, we develop a spirit of defeat or anger. Consider what causes you to develop this type of spirit. What does it say about things you may love in this world more than Jesus?

**Response:** Is your life marked by defeat, discouragement, anger, or joy? Joylessness is physically unhealthy, spiritually detrimental, and evangelistically suffocating. Fight for joy in your life, your family, and our church!

## FAMILY RESPONSE

## Sunday, July 1 “Joyful Hearts with Tearful Eyes”

1 Peter 1:6-9

**Truth:** A trial is a difficult physical, emotional, or spiritual experience. It is especially hard because the trial is not just adding a challenge to life but taking away a comfort in life. One way to demonstrate our faith is to act like we love Jesus more than we love comfortable circumstances.

**Response:** Many kids respond well to instruction that activates multiple senses. At the start of Preteen Camp, I talked to the kids about protecting their actions, attitudes, and words even when the results of events or the actions of others don’t go the way they want them to go. We physically held out our hands and let go of what might be unfair or disappointing. Then we chose to pick up joy and patience instead. These simple verbal, visual, and kinesthetic cues were easy to use during games, mealtimes, and hot afternoons. “Let it go (open hands, palms down). Pick it up (close hands while turning palms up).”

**Response:** It is easy to legitimize or dismiss other people’s trials according to how they compare in our mind to our own personal experiences. We must remember that our children’s trials are the biggest trials they’ve ever faced. Instead of trying to convince them that their trial isn’t really a trial, teach them the habit of choosing to give it to Jesus in prayer.