

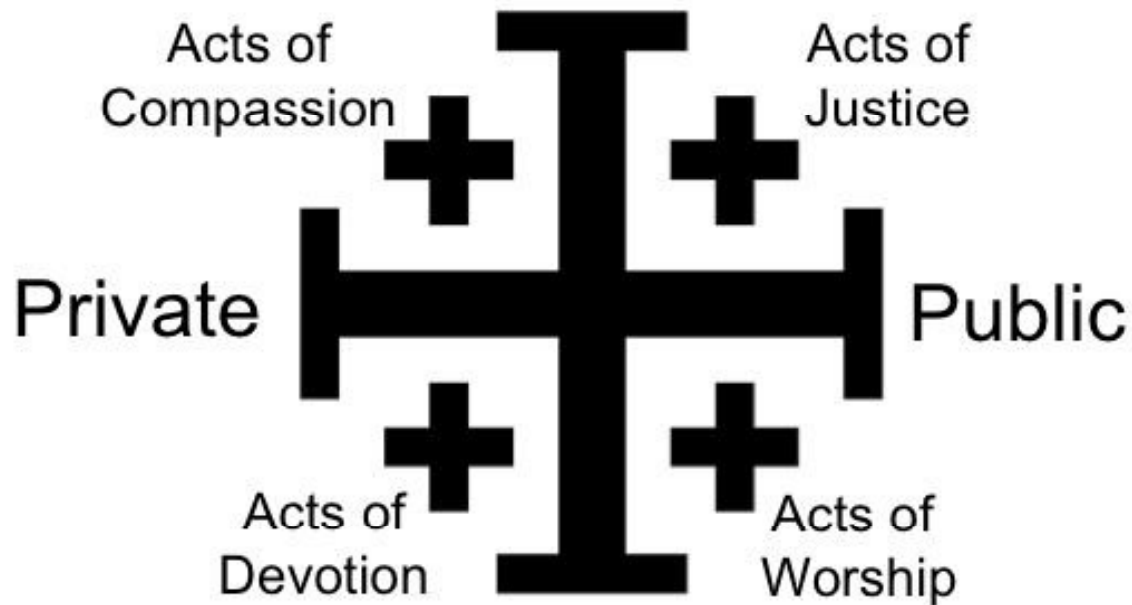


# Back to Routine

**BACK TO  
CHURCH  
SUNDAY**



## Works of Mercy



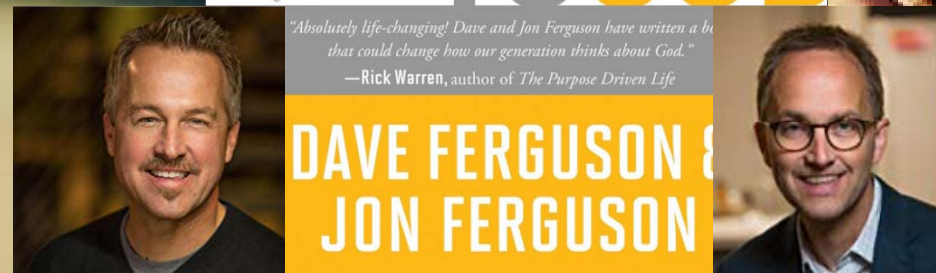
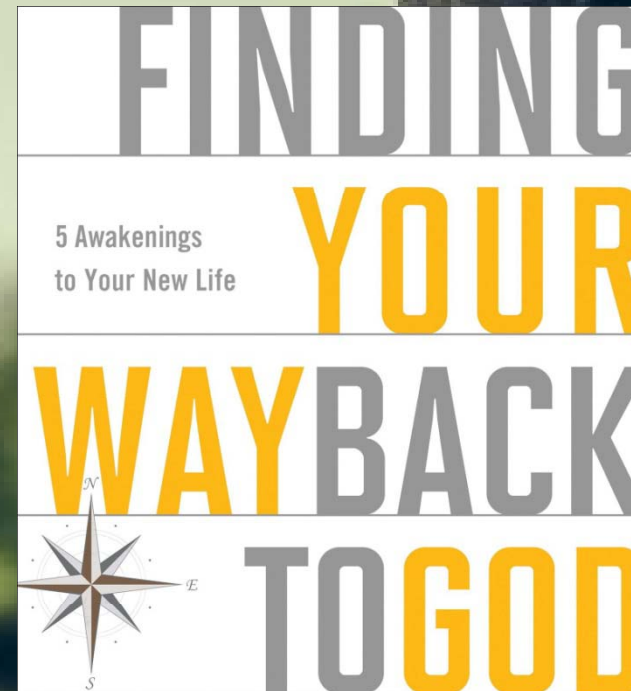
## Works of Piety

*Back to the Means of Grace!*



*“Each of us spends our lives on a journey toward God. Yet often our most deeply felt longings—for meaning, for love, for significance—end up leading us away from, instead of toward, our Creator and the person he made us to be.”*

*It’s about waking up to who you really are, and daring to believe that God wants to be found even more than you want to find him.*



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*Part 1. Make Every Effort to Gather*



**PRAISE  
EXPERIENCE  
SERVE  
SHARE**

- 1. Every Effort to GATHER - Sept. 8**
- 2. Every Effort to LEARN - Sept. 15**
- 3. Every Effort to SERVE - Sept. 22**
- 4. Every Effort to SHARE - Sept. 29**

## **Back to the Means of Grace**

**Sermon Series**

**Our Journey** is praising God, experiencing God,  
serving God, and sharing God!



*Zephaniah 3:12-20*

*The Day of the Lord is Coming!*



*It's time to gather.*

# Zephaniah 3:12-20

## Back to God!

Zephaniah was active during the reign of King Josiah (640-600 B.C.)  
**The Reformer**  
2 Kings 22-23



will invade  
when  
19 The Lord of my sal  
rejoice  
The Lord God  
will make my feet like  
make me to walk upon  
the chief singer on my

# Zephaniah

the LORD which came unto  
the son of Cū-shi, the son  
son of Am-ā-ri-āh, the  
the days of Jō-si-āh, the  
of Jū-dāh.  
me all things from off  
RD.  
and beast; I will con  
ceaven, and  
blind

and they shall pla  
the wine thereof.  
14 The great day  
near, and hasteth  
the day of the LORD  
there bitterly.  
15 That

# God Protects.

An African Prophet(?)

Zephaniah (Tzephanyah)	סֵפֶר צְפַנְיָה (SEH-fehr tsə-fahn-YAH)
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# Zephaniah 3:12-20

*The Lord is Mighty to Save!*

*Gaza will be abandoned...  
Ashkelon, left in ruin  
Ashdod, emptied  
Ekron, uprooted ...*

*Moab will be like Sodom..  
Ammonites like Gomorah...  
Cushites will be slain by my sword...  
And destroy Assyria, leaving Nineveh  
desolate.*

*The remnant of Judah will find pasture.  
You, my worshipers,  
my scattered people, will NOT be put to  
shame!*



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## *Zephaniah 3:12-20*

*Hope is with You - the Remnant.*

**Zephaniah 3:12**

**But I will  
leave within you  
the meek and humble.  
The remnant of Israel  
will trust in the  
name of  
the Lord.**

But the meek  
shall inherit  
the land and  
delight  
themselves in  
abundant  
peace.

Psalm 37:11

*(Matthew 5:5)*



*Zephaniah 3:12-20*  
*He will Bring You Home.*

At that time I will gather you;  
at that time I will bring you home.  
Zephaniah 3:20 NIV

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*Seek* the LORD,  
All you *humble*  
of the earth  
*Who* have carried out  
His *ordinances*;  
*Seek* righteousness,  
*seek* humility.

Zephaniah 2:3

*thru the act of worship...*

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W	Wait upon the Lord
O	Offer our lives as a living sacrifice
R	Rest in His presence
S	Sing unto Him
H	Humble ourselves before Him
I	Intimacy with God
P	Pleasing Him

***Come and worship!***

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WHEN YOU ENTER HIS PRESENCE  
WITH PRAISE, HE ENTERS YOUR  
CIRCUMSTANCES WITH POWER.

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION

*Make Every Effort to Gather!*

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*2. Come to the joy of salvation; the Lord your  
God is with you, he is mighty to save.*

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2. *Come to the joy of salvation; the Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.*



**"COME TO ME, ALL  
YOU WHO ARE  
WEARY AND  
BURDENED, AND I  
WILL GIVE YOU  
REST"**

Matt 11:28:

Hope in Recovery Now with God

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2. *Come to the joy of salvation; the Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.*

**“I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on.”**

**—John Ortberg**



*Sen. Pastor  
Menlo Presbyterian Church*

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**"In worship,  
we enter, touch, and are touched  
by the presence of God Himself.  
We have been created  
to live like that."**

C. S. Lewis



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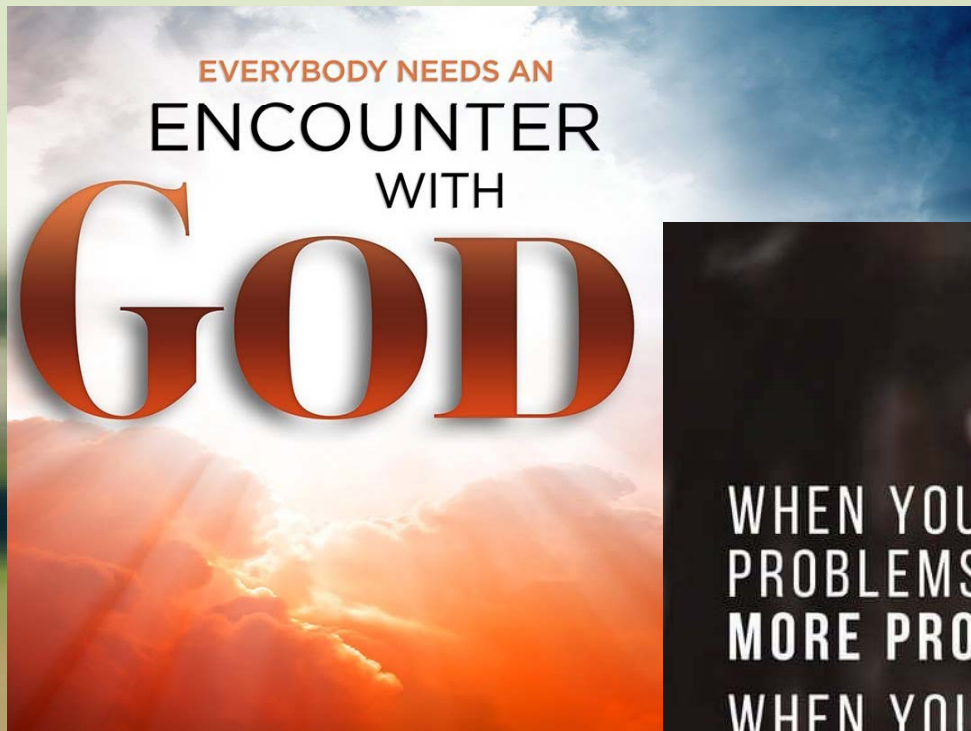
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WHEN YOU FOCUS ON YOUR PROBLEMS, IT GIVES YOU MORE PROBLEMS.

WHEN YOU FOCUS ON GOD, HE GIVES YOU SOLUTIONS.

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**When you come to the end of yourself, you will find the beginning of God. Give God your problems and allow Him to give you solutions.**

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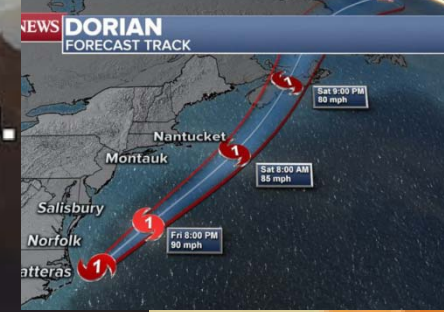
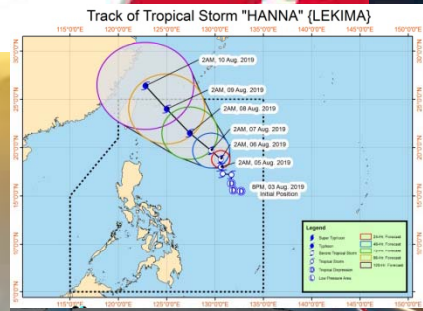
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But Jesus beheld them, and said to them,  
**With men this is impossible;  
but with God all things are possible.**

Matthew 19:26



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A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a bright orange folder. The person is wearing a dark, textured jacket. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with a dirt path leading into the distance, green grass, and trees under a bright sky. The overall tone is warm and hopeful.

4. *Come home, and you will receive honor and fortunes.*

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4. *Come home, and you will receive honor and fortunes.*

I will give them praise and honour in every land where they have suffered shame.

**At that time I will gather you;  
at that time I will bring you home.**

I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,'

***“Honor” and “Fortunes”***

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4. Come home, and you will receive honor and fortunes.



"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

Luke, 15: 22-24



***Be found as the Blessed!***

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