

Church-Counterculture #7
Recapturing III

Text: Deut.1:1-4, 28-33, Acts 17:26

The previous message emphasized the church as Israel, we must realize and depend on God working through us to confront giants and refuse to be intimidated. We can resist the gigantic challenges in culture—Deut. 3:10-11; Ps.135:10-11. The book of Deuteronomy starts as a recap lesson from Israel's past applicable for the counterculture church. A recap, review or reflection is like what's called a "**picture memory**."

- Recapturing: getting back, reacquiring, reclaiming, re-collecting, recouping, recovering, regaining, repossessing. (Merriam Webster).
- Memory— Memory is the faculty of the mind by which data or information is encoded, stored, and retrieved when needed. It is the retention of information over time for the purpose of influencing future action. (en.wikipedia.org).

A picture memory is a picture you take in your mind when things are very positive and accomplishing. When challenged or confronted with a gigantic situation you can look or review your picture memories.

- Culture—the beliefs, customs, practices, and social behavior of a particular nation or people.
- Counterculture--a culture whose values and norms of behavior differ from those of mainstream society, sometimes diametrically opposed to mainstream.

Israel didn't initially seize their opportune moment at Kadesh Barnea—Duet.1:28-33 (cp Nu.14:26-35). Scripture states things were written for example and instruction to us— I Cor.10:13.

When we recap and utilize our "picture memories" of what God has done. There is enough evidence to believe according to Acts 17:26.

1. We didn't choose this culture moment or challenges it presents (various cultural shifts-a counterculture voice).
2. God chose our time and place in history. We aren't an accident but essential part of God's counterculture plans.
3. It's necessary to understand the difference between *chronos* and *kairos* time.
 - The word *kairos* was an ancient Greek word meaning "opportunity," "season," or "fitting time." Another Greek word for "time" was *chronos*. A sequence of moments was expressed as *chronos*, emphasizing the duration of the time (**Gal.4:4**); an appointed time was expressed as *kairos*, with no regard for the length of the time. Thus, *chronos* was more linear and quantitative, and *kairos* was more nonlinear and qualitative. (What is the meaning of the Greek word kairos? | GotQuestions.org). Bold parenthesis added.
 - **Acts 17:26** is *kairos*. "The concept has its origins in the practice of Greek archery, representing the moment when the archer finds the perfect opening to shoot his arrow and hit his target. (Chronos and Kairos: how we measure our days and our lives (esade.edu)). Bold scripture emphasis added.
 - Chuck Pierce stated, "Kairos" means a set opportune time for spiritual breakthrough. This phrase also means a key time to unlock what has been behind closed doors (https://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=125).
 - **Eph. 5:16**, "Time 'is not *chronos*, 'time as such, 'but *kairos*, 'time as regarded in its strategic, epoch-making, seasonable, opportune seasons.' The idea is **not** to make the best use of time as such, which is what we should do in the sense of not wasting it, **but of taking advantage of the opportunities that present themselves**" (Wuest's Word Studies in the Greek New Testament (Vol. 1) (Redeeming the gift of time – GCI Update)). Bold scripture and emphasis added.

Conclusion: no matter what the culture claims to care about, most individuals still appreciate and value the people who make their lives better. God has strategically placed you to be and make a difference.