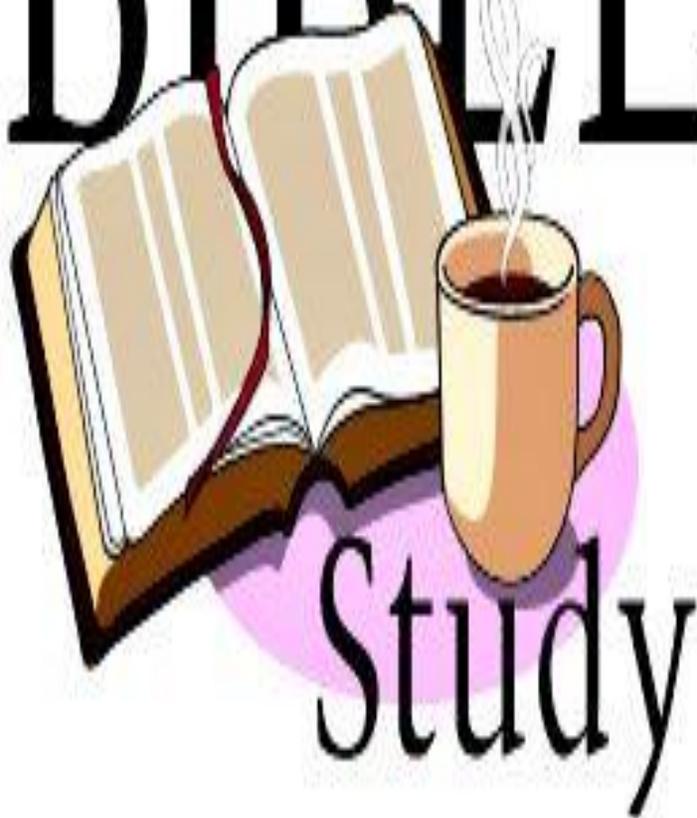


COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Zion Hill Baptist Church

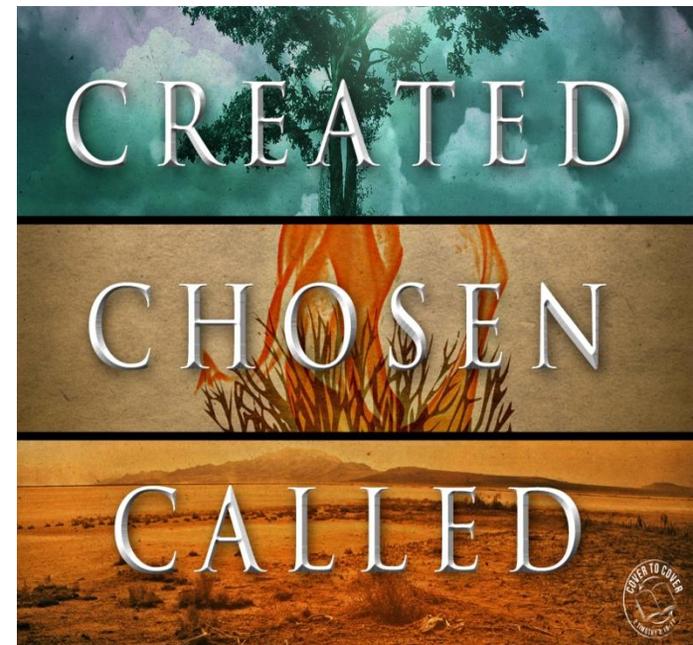
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September 20, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE / September 20, 2020

SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9:15AM.....SIS BEVERLY DURST
CALL TO WORSHIP.....
 MUSICAL INTERLUDE.....11:30AM.....MUSICIANS
 SCRIPTURE.....OFFICERS
 PRAYER.....OFFICERS
 SELECTION.....
 OFFERING.....FINANCIAL COMMITTEE
 SELECTION.....
 THE SPOKEN WORD..... REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.
 “THE COMPLEXITY OF THE CALLING ON OUR LIVES”
 MATTHEW 14:13-14
 TIME TO RECIEVE THOSE WHOM THE LORD HAS CALLED.....PASTOR
 ALTAR CALL.....PULPIT
 BENEDICTION.....REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.
 RECCESIONAL.....LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

DATE _____ SPEAKER _____

TEXT _____

SCRIPTURE _____

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE:

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Etiquette

*Please refrain from walking and using the middle aisle during worship service. *Exiting/Entering the sanctuary during prayer and ministry of giving is not permitted. *No food, gum or drink permitted in the sanctuary.” *Please silence cell phones.” *Please no talking during offertory service *Pray for the Sick, and Shut-in and those in bereavement *Come to Bible Study and hear the speakers on people who had relationships in the Bible

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

9:10 am Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
9:30 am Sunday School Classes
10:45 am Morning Worship Service

Monday - Third Monday of the Month
9:00 am MOBILE PRODUCE PANTRY
(Fresh vegetables, fruits, & breads)

Tuesday

7:00 pm Mass Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Male Chorus (Tues before 4th Sun)

Wednesday

6:30 pm Bible Study
7:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday (the last Thursday of the month)

Noon – 2:00 pm Precept Upon Precept (except
2nd Thursday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday Bible Study online at 7 p.m.
Call In: 701-802-5360 with Access Code: 7817353

Sunday School online on Sunday's at 9 a.m. - Call in
978-990-5047 ~ Access 3312613#

You can watch **Sunday messages** on our website -
www.zionhill-mbc.org.

Reminder: **IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL,
PLEASE STAY HOME UNTIL YOU ARE BETTER.**

*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise,
as some men count slackness; but is
longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any
should perish, but that all should come
to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*



FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat, to a deserted place apart. When the multitudes heard it, they followed him on foot from the cities. Jesus went out, and he saw a great multitude. He had compassion on them and healed their sick.” Matthew 14:13-14

Chapter 13 ended with the rejection of Jesus at Nazareth, where he was unable to “do many mighty works because of their unbelief”. That unpleasantness was followed by the story of the beheading of Jesus’ kinsman and dear friend, John the Baptist. In 14:1-2, Herod heard reports of Jesus and concluded that he was John the Baptist raised from the dead. While Herod didn’t threaten to kill Jesus too, that possibility looms over these verses. 14:3-12 is a flashback, telling the story of Herod’s birthday party, Herodias’ scheming, the daughter’s dance, and Herod’s promise of John’s head on a platter.

What was it that caused Jesus to withdraw Himself? We know Jesus to be of one that is always, ready, willing, and able to be of assistance when called upon to rescue His people, but in this instance Jesus has just received the news that John The Baptist was dead.

Matthew does not spell out the reason for Jesus’ withdrawal. It could be fear. Herod thought that Jesus was John the Baptist raised from the dead and said, “for this reason these powers are at work in him” Herod might well conclude that it is necessary to kill Jesus too. The word “withdrawal” in the Greek: anechoresen occurs five times in previous chapters, each time in response to danger (2:12, 14, 22; 4:12; 12:14). However, while Jesus has cause for fear, we don’t see him acting fearfully elsewhere and there is no reason to believe that fear motivates him here.

It could be timing. On another occasion, Jesus chose not to go to Jerusalem because He said, “my time has not yet come”. Jesus came to die, but there is a time to die and it is not yet Jesus’ time. It could be grief at John’s death. John was kin and more than kin. He had come to prepare the way for Jesus and, at Jesus’ request, had baptized Jesus. He was a close friend, a trusted colleague, and a member of the family. Even though Jesus can put John’s death in a larger context, hearing of John’s death surely must have grieved Him. If he can feel compassion for the crowds, he can also grieve the death of his friend. Herod’s unfavorable mention of Jesus follows on the heels of Jesus’ rejection at Nazareth. One negative situation accentuating another. Jesus surely needs time alone, time to grieve, time to heal, and time to prepare.

It must be frustrating to need time alone and to be denied of that need based upon the calling on your life. Jesus has good reason to be angry with the crowd for interrupting his solitude. Instead, he has compassion on them and heals their sick. Jesus’ compassion trumps his need for solitude. It is from that calling, many don’t realize, “The Complexity of the Calling on Our Lives.”