



Connections

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Declaring to each individual their eternal value in Jesus and preparing them for His soon-return!

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Pastor's Greeting: Under His Wings

Dear Anderson Church Family,

I have really enjoyed Landmarks of Prophecy with Doug Batchelor. Truths that I am familiar with have been presented in fresh ways, and there have been some nuances that I have not noticed before. Both members and guests have expressed the blessing of the meetings, so please continue to pray as Doug shares more truths from God's Word from now until November 22.

I have been reading through the last teachings and ministry of Christ again and came across something I want to share with you: Matt. 23:37 (MKJV) - "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to her, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you would not!"

Jesus has sent prophets, priests, kings, plants, animals, natural wonders and more to get our attention and call us to Himself. Why do we resist? I was sitting with my little girl this morning and noticed that when my wife took the mother hen outside to let it wonder freely for a few moments, the chicks longed for the mother to come back. They peeped at such a high pitch that I had to hover over them and tell them to be quiet. They were startled, so obeyed for a moment, and then began doing making their high pitched peeps again. They longed for their mother - do we long for Jesus? They listen to their mother most of the time, do we listen to Jesus? They are gathered by their mother not just for protection, but also for warmth to help them grow. Are we allowing Him to gather us to Himself and each other (for there is usually more than just 1 chick being gathered)? Such a metaphor of natural love. Love that is instinctively initiated by a Hen, but purposefully initiated by the Savior! Let me be gathered, let us all be gathered together under His Wings! In the words of the Hymn:

Under His wings, I am safely abiding; Though the night deepens and tempests are wild, still I can trust Him, I know He will keep me; He has redeemed me and I am His child. - May this be our experience!

Staying Connected

Once someone has a basic Bible knowledge and is connected to a group of believers, they often will ask about ways to keep their relationship with the Lord strong. One of the best ways is through personal devotions. Times of prayer, singing, Bible study and nature study are all important aspects of personal devotions. One way is to spend time focusing on the closing scenes of Christ's ministry leading up to the cross. First, I spend time singing a song about the cross. Then I pray asking God to help me see the cross anew. Then I read a portion of Scripture taking notes. Lastly, I sing the "cross" song again. Here is a sample of readings:

Week / Day	Scripture Reading / Quote of Interest	Notes on this Reading (use a notepad for more space)
Week 1 day 1	Matthew 21-22	
2	Matthew 23-24	
3	Matthew 25-26	
4	Matthew 27-28	
5	Matthew 26:36 to 27:10	
6	Matthew 27:11-37	
7	Matthew 27:38-66 & 28:508	

Anderson Connections (please see your bulletin for more announcements)

Upcoming Speakers—November 15 @ 10am: Landmarks of Prophecy; November 22 @ 10am: Landmarks; November 29: Pastor Miller

Thanksgiving Focus— Join us Sunday, November 23 @ 11am for a Giving Thanks Brunch. Then Pastor Miller will speak on the "Unspeakable Gift" on Sabbath, November 29 @ 11am.

Roof / Solar: The loan has been approved, and we are in the process of scheduling the work to begin no later than December after our *Landmarks* series ends. Mark your tithe envelope "Roof and Solar"

Revelation: The Bride, the Beast and Babylon. Tuesdays starting Nov. 25 @ 6pm.

Area & NCC Happenings

Northern California Conference call to prayer: each Thursday at 7:00am. Dial 424-203-8400 then put in the access code: 669648#

10+10 Local: If each one of us gave \$10/month can easily help us reach our goal of \$14,400 for Christian Education. Mark your envelope "Redding Adventist Academy".