



1. God is far more patient than a tree farmer
2. Genesis 12:3 - That promise took \_\_\_\_\_ years to fulfill.
3. I wonder if God looks at us in \_\_\_\_\_.

1. We too often \_\_\_\_\_ to let God do what He \_\_\_\_\_ to do.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ to let God be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We expect God to \_\_\_\_\_ things when we will not \_\_\_\_\_ Him to do the \_\_\_\_\_ things that will produce the \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. A \_\_\_\_\_ Illustration.**

1. In John 11, Jesus raised Lazarus from the death.
2. When Jesus arrived, the sisters and friends were in mourning.
3. Pay close attention to what happened.  
John 11:41 -  
John 11:43 -  
John 11:44 -
4. Surely a man who had the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the dead had \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ a stone to \_\_\_\_\_, to command the \_\_\_\_\_ person to be \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_, and to command the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the man.
5. But \_\_\_\_\_ could \_\_\_\_\_ the stone, \_\_\_\_\_ could get out of the \_\_\_\_\_, and they could \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus did what \_\_\_\_\_ could \_\_\_\_\_ do-- \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. God through Jesus made us the \_\_\_\_\_, the people of God, those who have been \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of evil into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christ.**

- A. God did what we \_\_\_\_\_.  
- He freed us from \_\_\_\_\_.  
- He \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of our evil.  
- He \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.  
- He \_\_\_\_\_ us in His \_\_\_\_\_.  
- He \_\_\_\_\_ us His \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. As the church, we have the \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We can focus on \_\_\_\_\_, or we can focus on \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ that He \_\_\_\_\_ the church to \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Faith will not be \_\_\_\_\_ until we let the \_\_\_\_\_ be the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. The church will \_\_\_\_\_ what God \_\_\_\_\_ it to become when we start letting our \_\_\_\_\_ in God be more \_\_\_\_\_ than our \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. When and why did we decide that God is more likely to be \_\_\_\_\_ by our doing \_\_\_\_\_ than He is to be \_\_\_\_\_ by our trying to do \_\_\_\_\_?  
- How can we \_\_\_\_\_ read Jesus' parable of \_\_\_\_\_ in Matthew 25:14-30 and reach that \_\_\_\_\_?  
- When and why did we \_\_\_\_\_ that the \_\_\_\_\_ safe course is to do as little as possible to \_\_\_\_\_ people and proudly claim to be \_\_\_\_\_?

#### 4. Two Things

- A. Passages from Acts about the church.
  - 1. Acts 2:46, 47; Acts 5:11; Acts 8:1; Acts 8:3
- B. In Acts, \_\_\_\_\_ the "church"?

#### 5. How do we let the church be the church?

- A. As the church, the highest \_\_\_\_\_ that we have is \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ in people's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. The church is not about our \_\_\_\_\_; it is about God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. The church is not about our \_\_\_\_\_; it is about God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The second thing I want to do is take a brief look at the church in Ephesians.  
Eph. 1:19-23; Eph. 2:13-16; Eph. 3:8-11; Eph. 4:14-16; Eph. 5:22-33

We let the church be the church when what we are in Christ has practical impact on our lives and relationships every single day. Then, we, as the church, impact others.