

## **As the Time Drew Near**

1. The King is Never Late.
2. What Makes a Place Holy?
3. The Lord Will Gather His Holy People Together.

God is forever faithful. Through this summary of His mighty works to redeem His people we are reminded of how He has kept all His promises. As we await Jesus' return He will enable us to live as His holy people. He will deliver us just as He promised. He will deliver us from our sin, from all the unholy thoughts, words, and actions to which we are so prone. O people of God, Praise Him. Rejoice and declare His faithfulness for all to hear!

## Psalm 119: 41 – 48

Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,  
**your salvation according to your promise;**  
<sup>42</sup> then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me,  
for I trust in your word.  
<sup>43</sup> And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,  
for my hope is in your rules.  
<sup>44</sup> I will keep your law continually, forever and ever,  
<sup>45</sup> and I shall walk in a wide place,  
for I have sought your precepts.  
<sup>46</sup> I will also speak of your testimonies before kings  
and shall not be put to shame,  
<sup>47</sup> for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.  
<sup>48</sup> I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love,  
and I will meditate on your statutes.

## Galatians 4: 1 – 6

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But **when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.** <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## Acts—Series Overview

### *The Expansion of the Gospel Witness with Power*

*Acts* records God’s faithful accomplishment of all that He promised in taking the gospel to the nations. It lays the groundwork for all that will take place as His Church awaits His return. Just as Jesus lived and spoke as the Father commanded, we now are called to do in the power of His Holy Spirit. While Jesus did this perfectly, we will strive imperfectly, constantly in need of the Holy Spirit’s direction, power, and correction. Nevertheless, our faithful God will work even through our failing efforts and His gospel witness through us will prevail and penetrate every nation, tribe, & territory. For the praise of our King!

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

What is taking so long?! Have you ever erupted in frustration because something you really wanted was taking too long? All of us have. We think wrongly about not only time, but also often want the wrong things. But Christ is making us new. As you study and pray this week ask Him to show us what is truly desirable and that we can trust His timing in getting there.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday Morning

READ **Acts 7:17-34; Galatians 4:1-6; Psalm 119:41-48**. DISCUSS, How is God's salvation different from what we might imagine or desire? Why is it better? What makes a place holy? What does that say about us in Christ? PRAY for Christ to enable us to live as His holy instruments in the fallen world in which we live awaiting His return.

## Sunday Evening

*In lieu of the evening worship service tonight, please set apart some time to pray thanking God for allowing us at FCCW to gather again in person.*

## Monday

READ **Acts 7:17-34; Exodus 12:25; Deuteronomy 26:1-2; Ephesians 1:3-14**. DISCUSS, How does *waiting* characterize God's people? How does that relate to faith? For what were OT saints waiting? For what are we waiting? PRAY, "Lord Jesus, teach us to patiently wait on You. Remind us that You are faithful to Your promise. Teach us to serve You in holiness together."

## Tuesday

READ **Acts 7:17-34; Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalms 42 and 43**. DISCUSS, Why is God's absolute faithfulness good news? How is it bad news? How does one approach the holy hill? Why? How do we please God? PRAY, "Lord God, You alone are holy and faithful in all Your ways. Please continue to conform us to Christ to walk humbly before You in all our thoughts, words, and actions."

### Wednesday

READ **Acts 7:17-34; Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 8:1-8**. DISCUSS, What does it mean that Christ has made us holy? How are we supposed to demonstrate faith in Him by obedience? How is this related to our holiness? Why? PRAY, “Lord, You alone are holy. And you command us to be holy as You are holy. Enable us to do what we cannot through Your Holy Spirit.”

### Thursday

READ **Acts 7:17-34; First Peter 2:1-10; Revelation 21:1-4**. DISCUSS, How are we who are in Christ related to the Temple? What are we going to see in the New Heavens and Earth? What about that excites you? How does the longing of Scripture for this reality expose coldness in our own hearts? PRAY, “Lord, teach us to trust You and obey You faithfully as our rightful King. Warm our hearts with Your affections. Make what matters to You matter to us. ”

### Friday

READ **Acts 7:17-34; Galatians 4:1-6; Psalm 119:41-48**. How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if Christ has counted you as part of His own! PRAY for renewal in the Church and revival in our land.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. There will be both the live-stream and in-person services available.

READ **Acts 7:1-60; Exodus 32:1-35**. Invite others to join you for either the *live-stream or in-person service* tomorrow. Ask Jesus to help us in the transition back to gathered worship in the building.

## Psalm 119: 41

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