

One Glorious Hope ~ Ephesians 4:4

40 Days with the Holy Spirit ~ Day 18

- I was really impacted by RT Kendall's message on Day 18. ***"The Holy Spirit Cannot Be Figured Out."***

- ***"The true God cannot be fully fathomed, measured, or understood.*** "Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?" (Isa. 40:13–14, ESV). It is interesting that when this verse is quoted in the New Testament, "***Spirit*** of the Lord" becomes "***mind*** of the Lord." "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" (Rom. 11:34, ESV). ***This shows that we can figure out neither God's mind nor His Spirit.*** For whereas the Holy Spirit has a mind of His own, for He is a person, He never speaks "on his own." Like the Son, the Holy Spirit only says and does what the Father directs them to say and do (John 5:19; 16:13). There is perfect unity in the Godhead." Kendall, R.T (2014-06-03). *40 Days With the Holy Spirit: A Journey to Experience His Presence in a Fresh New Way* (p. 78). Charisma House. Kindle Edition.
- ***"We may think we want to know all that is in the future or the things God has prepared for us,*** but God knows best. No good thing will He withhold from those who love Him (Ps 84:11)." Kendall, R.T (2014-06-03). *40 Days With the Holy Spirit: A Journey to Experience His Presence in a Fresh New Way* (p. 80). Charisma House. Kindle Edition.
- Just yesterday, The last thought in "**Jesus Talks**" and the first thought in "**40 Days with the Holy Spirit,**" were identical! *"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. (Zech 4:6 NKJV)*

- My Personal Struggles to "Figure Things Out"

- If this is true, **what pressure!** I have to deal with this crazy expectation that, every Sunday, I have to figure God out for Evangel!
- ⁸ ***"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.*** ⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. ¹⁰ "The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. ¹¹ ***It is the same with my word.*** I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. (Is 55:8–11 NLT-SE)
- Sometimes, I would like to put the teaching into God's hands for a couple months and see what we learn, as a congregation, from the Holy Spirit. But wait...it's happening RIGHT NOW!

- ³³ Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! ***How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!*** [Paul is quoting Isa 40:13] ³⁴ ***For who can know the LORD's thoughts?*** Who knows enough to give him advice? [quoting Job 41:11] (Rom 11:33–34 NLT-SE)

- What does the Holy Spirit want to teach us tonight???

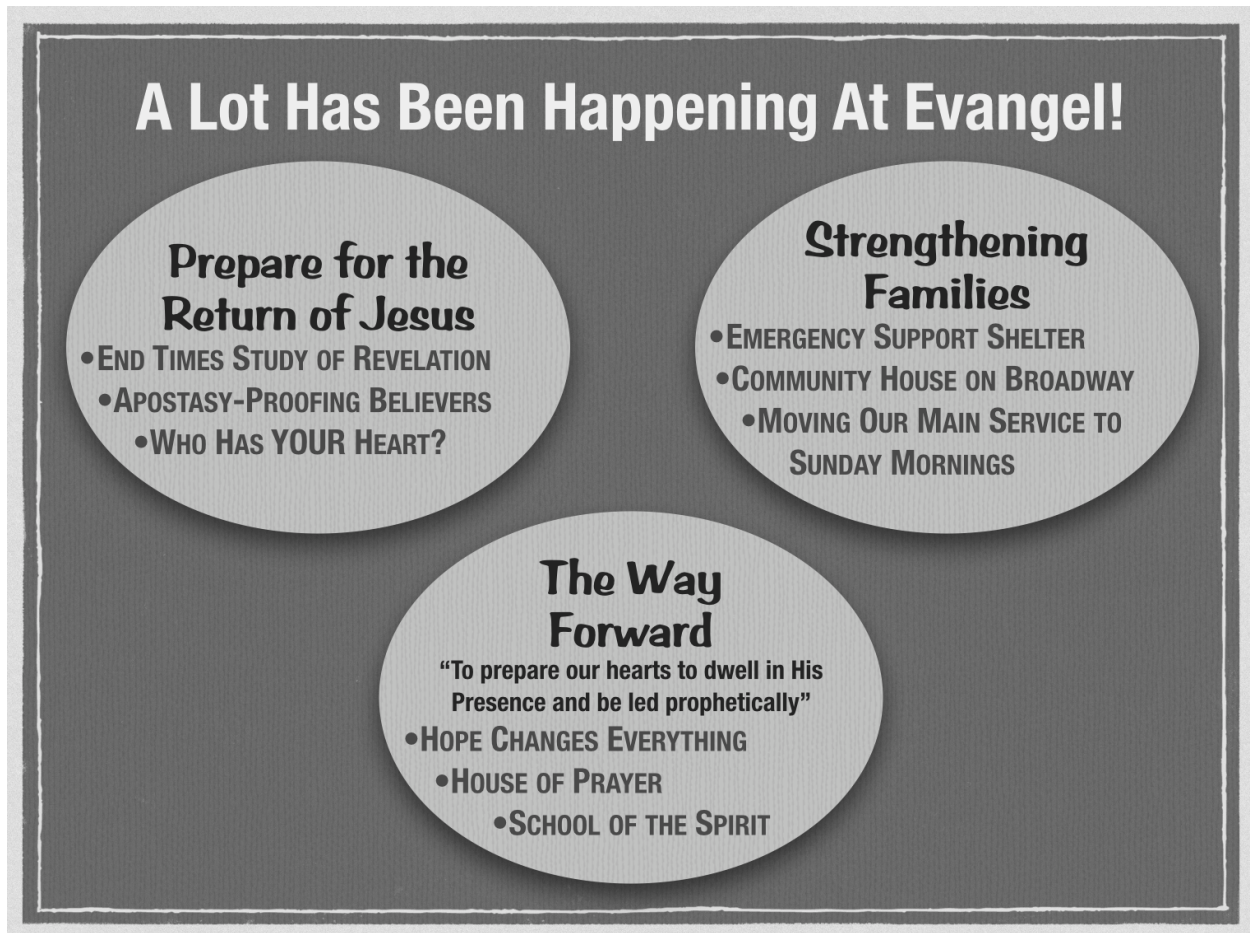
- One Glorious Hope!

- ² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴ ***For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.*** ⁵ There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all. (Eph 4:2–6 NLT-SE)

HOPE: The active, confident expectation of good based upon the character of God.

- As we move towards the “day of the Lord,” **life on Earth will become increasingly more challenging**, for those who are Believers, as well as those who are not.
 - ¹⁹ In that day you will be like a man who runs from a lion— only to meet a bear. Escaping from the bear, he leans his hand against a wall in his house— and he's bitten by a snake. ²⁰ Yes, ***the day of the LORD will be dark and hopeless, without a ray of joy or hope.*** (Amos 5:19–20 NLT-SE)
 - Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? ***I will put my hope in God!*** I will praise him again— my Savior and my God! (Psa 42:11 NLT-SE)
- The Holy Spirit is fully committed to see us, not just survive difficult times, but **thrive in them and enable others do the same.**
 - I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will ***overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.*** (Rom 15:13 NLT-SE)
- **Ultimately, it is the love of God that will conquer hopelessness.**
 - ¹⁰ He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse or in human might. ¹¹ No, ***the LORD's delight*** is in those who fear him, those who ***put their hope in his unfailing love.*** (Psa 147:10–11 NLT-SE)

- **God is doing a lot in, around, and through this congregation. Probably more than any of us realize:**



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- ⁷ "But ***blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence.*** ⁸ They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and ***they never stop producing fruit.*** (Jer 17:7-8 NLT-SE)
- ***If you cling to your life, you will lose it;*** but if you give up your life for me, you will find it. (Matt 10:39 NLT-SE)
- ¹¹ For ***I know the plans I have for you,*** says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, ***to give you a future and a hope.*** ¹² In those days when you pray, ***I will listen.*** ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, ***you will find me.*** (Jer 29:11-13 NLT-SE)