

Intro:

- * As many of you know I have been diagnosed with Early Onset of Lewy Body Dementia
- * Today Jill and I want to share of God's goodness and speak words of edification and exhortation and comfort to men (1 Corin 14:3)
- * Begin with a Worship Song/Video that was one of the first ways God ministered to us

Worship Video – Lauren Daigle - Trust in You- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_aVFVveJNs
(3:43)

Announcements:

Rick

Today is all about How Good God is and How He has ministered to us as a couple, family, and a church family! The goal – same goal of our church - that God would be glorified (Matt 5:16)

God be glorified!

Jill

1. God knows where you are at:

Sept 2015 – Rick had his first Family Dr. Visit, scheduled for MRI and Neuropsychiatric Eval

Oct 2015 – Jill/Pastor's Wives Retreat, suspecting dementia, no one to talk yet – “Fear Not”

* Went thru fear not teachings, even to point “if you are waiting for test results.”

2. As Believers/Followers of Jesus – We have choices

* To live in our Emotions or in God's Promises

- One of my life verses that I have stood on is:

Isaiah 26:3-4 - You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. 4 Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.

- It's a choice!

3. We have a choice to abide in other words, feeding our spirit

- Bryce Heard was here teaching, recommended a book Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secrets

- We ordered it, recommended it to many, and read it together – came to the end, and read:

- Here is the song Hudson Taylor was whistling:

Worship Video: “Jesus, I am resting, resting”

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiRK2gu-KQQ> (fade out at 2:08)

Rick

1. God too has ministered to me through His word.

* One of my life verses became very real as we began to walk this path of diagnosis:

Psalms 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

* One of the first verses God ministered to me was also from Hudson Taylor's Book

II Timothy 2:13 - If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

(Taylor had no doubt that if faith did not fail, God would not fail. But, if faith failed? He

wrote... **“But also that when we fail to trust fully He still remains unchangingly faithful. He is wholly true, whether we trust or not.”**

Hudson Taylor believed that a lack of trust is the frequent root of much failure in the Christian life.

Jill

* One of the first Worship Songs that ministered to us was Even If by Mercy Me.

- I heard, went to Rick's office and shared it with him

Rick

- I listened, found a video of the origin of it, and it comes from Daniel 3:8-18.

Daniel 3:17-18 - If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. 18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Worship Video: Even If - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6fA35Ved-Y> (Cut at 4:10)

Rick

* In Greece, Footsteps of Paul Tour w/CMDA – Stroke/Neurological Event

- Trying to decide whether to have 2nd carotid artery surgery – God's word spoke again!

- Received this /3 people – Driss/N. Africa, Trevor/States, Dr. Mike Chupp/Surgeon 20 yr

Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

- Went ahead with the surgery

- Received this scripture in my personal reading: Eph 5:18-20

Ephesians 5:20 - Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

* I was laying in my bed with my phone on my chest, I listened to this song 1,000 times

Worship Video: As it is in Heaven - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=So97pmyDbVw> (Fade to black 5:45)

* More Encouragement from Personal Reading: Called Godstance

Exodus 13:17-14:12 - What did the people see...dead end & certain destruction!

- What did the people do? Complain

Exodus 14:13-14 - What did Moses see – 1. the Salvation of the Lord, 2. which He will accomplish for you this day 3. the destroyer they saw that day, would not be seen tomorrow or forever more!

* The exact same set of circumstances and they saw two entirely different circumstances!

* Which was true? **Ex. 14:15-31** – Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt...feared, believed/Lord

* What did people do? Complained

* What did Moses do? Spoke the truth into the people's lives

* What did God do? Saved Israel from death & destruction – just not the way they thought it should be done

* What do we have a tendency to see in our circumstances? Trapped, Dead end, certain destruction!

* What do we have a tendency to do in our circumstances? Complain – against others, against God!

* **"God wants us to realize that He is able to make a way even when there is no way; that He is not limited by man's resources or by man's capacity, and what He promised He is able to do." Pastor Chuck Smith**

He was there with us at the Mayo Clinic in Jan 2018 when my Dementia Diagnosis was confirmed. Again, as I lay on my bed resting from my spinal tap, He gave us this song, and I lay there with my phone on my chest listening to it over and over:

Worship Video: Bigger Than https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVUDpz8PT8I&list=RDdVUDpz8PT8I&start_radio=1 (Fade to black at 3:45)

* And now we have tentatively scheduled them for a benefit concert here Sept 14th!!!

He has ministered to us allowing us to use this to minister to people in our church, community, in Doctor's offices, hospitals in St. George, Las Vegas, Greece, Mayo Clinic in MN, and most recently Orange County, Disneyland Trip!

He has ministered to us through his provision financially, being faithful to supply all our needs according to His riches and glory, now, the near future, when I cannot function anymore, and for Jill after I depart.

He has also ministered to us by miraculous strength and endurance to keep up a ministry schedule that has been on hyperdrive since last year

- * June - Jill & I went to Nepal with Brent/Nancy Kaser
- * Aug - Mayo Clinic; Thailand for Palmer's Memorial, CCSG Leadership Conference
- * Sept – Footsteps of Paul Tour/Greece
- * Oct – Mayo Clinic, Men's Conference, Jill to Morocco/birth of Boaz, Building Bridges III
- * Dec – Christmas Eve Service
- * Jan – Missions Conf, Mayo Clinic, Devo/Dad's, Leadership Conf., Purchased Promised Land
- * Feb – Elevated Marriage Conference, Just Go/Great Commission Sunday
- * Mar – Israel
- * April – Israel, Seder Dinner, Easter Services, Begin work on Promised Land
- * May – YAI Missions Exposure trip to N. Africa

He has ministered to us by providing loving, wise counsel to lead this church, navigate these past 3.5 years, and plan for the future:

1 Samuel 10:26 - And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and valiant men went with him, whose hearts God had touched.

Elders: Dan N, Mark P. Trevor G., Guy M., Don G., (Dave K., Danny G.) Counsel/Bill Frazier
Pastors/Staff: Ivan, Steve, Hansen, Becker, Gayle G./Michelle, Heather W.

He has truly ministered to us by bringing Jerry & Marisa Camacho here!

* God brought Jerry here 1.5 years ago to meet our immediate needs, and our future needs.

* Our plan was for the transition to be from 2-5 years, so it's a little sooner than we thought

Proverbs 16:9 - A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

* So we will be making the transition to Jerry as Senior Pastor of CCSG on Sunday, May 12th.

Closing

He has ministered to us by providing life in His Son Jesus Christ!

John 8:51 - Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

John 14:19 - "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me.

Because I live, you will live also.

Worship Video – It is Well - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uGXeJMB9Go> (Fade to black at 5:33)