

A BEAUTIFUL KINGDOM DAY

I Peter 5:1-7 • April 30, 2023

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INTRODUCTION:

A. We are God's Plan A for letting the world know about His love and eternal plan.

Oh, and by the way, there is no Plan B.

“Responding to the Great Commission by encouraging unchurched (and de-churched) people to join us as we become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.” — SCC Vision

- Our SCC Vision focused on God's agenda to save the lost.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Luke 19:10

C. **Eternity** is in the balance in all our relationships.

“For the wages of sin is death (hell), but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

D. God is working out His Eternal Plan through **us**.

“It is God who saved us...because that was His plan long before the world began....”

2 Timothy 1:9

I. OFTEN OUR BEST FIRST EFFORT IS THROUGH ENCOURAGING SERVICE

A. God uses a person who is **willing** to serve.

“Care...and (be) eager to serve others (in the name of) God....Watch (for the opportunity to serve) willingly, not grudgingly...”

1 Peter 5:2

- The four words that will never change a life are **“If I have to...”**
- One prayer that is always answered is “Lord, today let me see opportunities to love and serve others.”

B. God uses the person who knows it's more about giving than **getting**.

“...not for what you will get out of it...”

I Peter 5:2

- Some plant, others water, some weed, some fertilize and some harvest.

C. God wants to use you as a great **example**.

“...but lead them (the unchurched and de-churched in Sequim) by your good example (of service).”

I Peter 5:3

- Would others use the term “good servant” to describe you?

“You must be doers of the Word (of God).”

James 1:22

D. **Good** servants are always humble.

“And all of you, serve each other in humility...”

I Peter 5:5

- Biblically, a humble person is the one who realizes and acknowledges that everything good and lasting that we achieve is because God is working in us and through us.

CONCLUSION