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MAKING SPRINGS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Psalm 84:5-6
 5 But be doers of the word,
 and Blessed are those whose
 strength is in you, in whose
 heart are the highways to
 Zion. 6 As they go through the
 Valley of Baca they make it
 a place of springs; the early
 rain also covers it with pools.*

All of us leave something behind as we journey through life. Some of us leave hurt, pain, and regret, but others leave joy and refreshment. Psalm 84:6 celebrates people who leave springs in their wake. Sources of refreshment and hope – even in the most arid places.

We do not know if the Valley of Baca is a literal place, but the name means Valley of Tears, and, at

the very least, represents those places of hurt and distress. There are some people who pass through Baca and transform it. They somehow turn this barren place into an area of growth and advancement. The verse also implies that they even leave resources there that can refresh others. By what power are they able to do this?

Verse 5 reveals to us that this ability springs out of their relationship with God. They rely fully on Him. As a result, they celebrate Him in worship – not just in the sanctuary, but in their hearts throughout their daily walk. For them, Zion is more than a location on a map, it is something they carry in their hearts. People like these can't help but be full of hope and joy even as they endure personal struggles. They have peace because they live in the presence of God. They stay so close to Him that they are always aware of His presence with them, and it transforms how they live.

While this psalm speaks mainly to the individual's personal experience, it may be applied to

the Christian's impact on the world. As we journey through this world of sin, sadness, and suffering, we can and should leave behind us springs of water. Our close relationship with the Lord should sustain us, and refresh those who encounter us by pointing them towards our God. We become blessings to those we meet in the valleys of suffering.

O that every Christian left wells in the Valley of Baca – a rich testimony of the blessings of intimacy with God. What do you leave behind when you pass through the Valley of Baca?

May God help us to cultivate the type of relationship with Him that sustains us especially in the tough times and helps us leave behind a refreshing testimony for others to follow.

May we make springs in the desert!

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

JUL 26

Join us via Zoom video
 Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

JUL 29

In-person at church.
 For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

AUG 7 & AUG 21

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 31

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service
 Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

CONCLUDE THIS WEEK

In-person at church.
 Plan to attend one convenient to you.
 Sign-up on our website or the Info. Ctr.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 31

In-person service & livestream
 Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.

- Growth Groups conclude this week. Preparatory questions are available at the Information Center and on our website.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!