

# Forward in Mission (Matthew 6:24-34)

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In this message we will celebrate our past ministry together over the years, but even more we will look forward to the mission that God continues calling us to. One chapter may be closing, but a new one is opening. How will we approach it? With pride, control and fear? Or with faith, hope and trust? In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells us plainly that our priority is to seek first His Kingdom; He will see to the rest.

*“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear...” – Matthew 6:25*

## Looking at God’s Faithfulness in the \_\_\_\_\_

*Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.” – 1 Kings 19:11-12*

## Discerning God’s \_\_\_\_\_

*Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” – Isaiah 30:21*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. Pride
2. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. Control
3. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. Fear
4. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. Flesh

1 Corinthians 4:6, Proverbs 3:5, Matthew 6:33-34

\_\_\_\_\_ in Mission – Not \_\_\_\_\_ the Past!

Mark 6:7-8, Isaiah 49:15-16

**Memory Verse:** *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” – Matthew 6:33*

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# Looking at God's Faithfulness in the Past









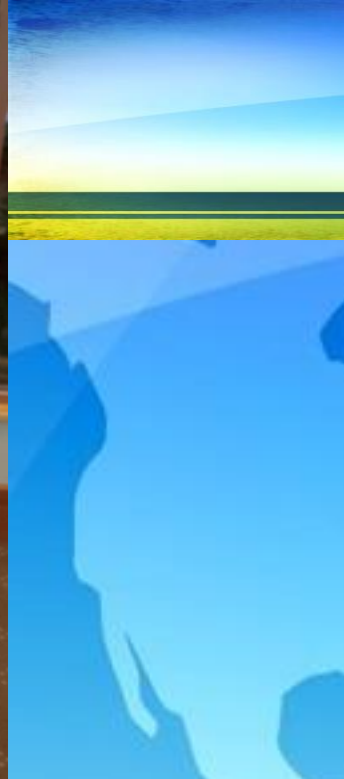
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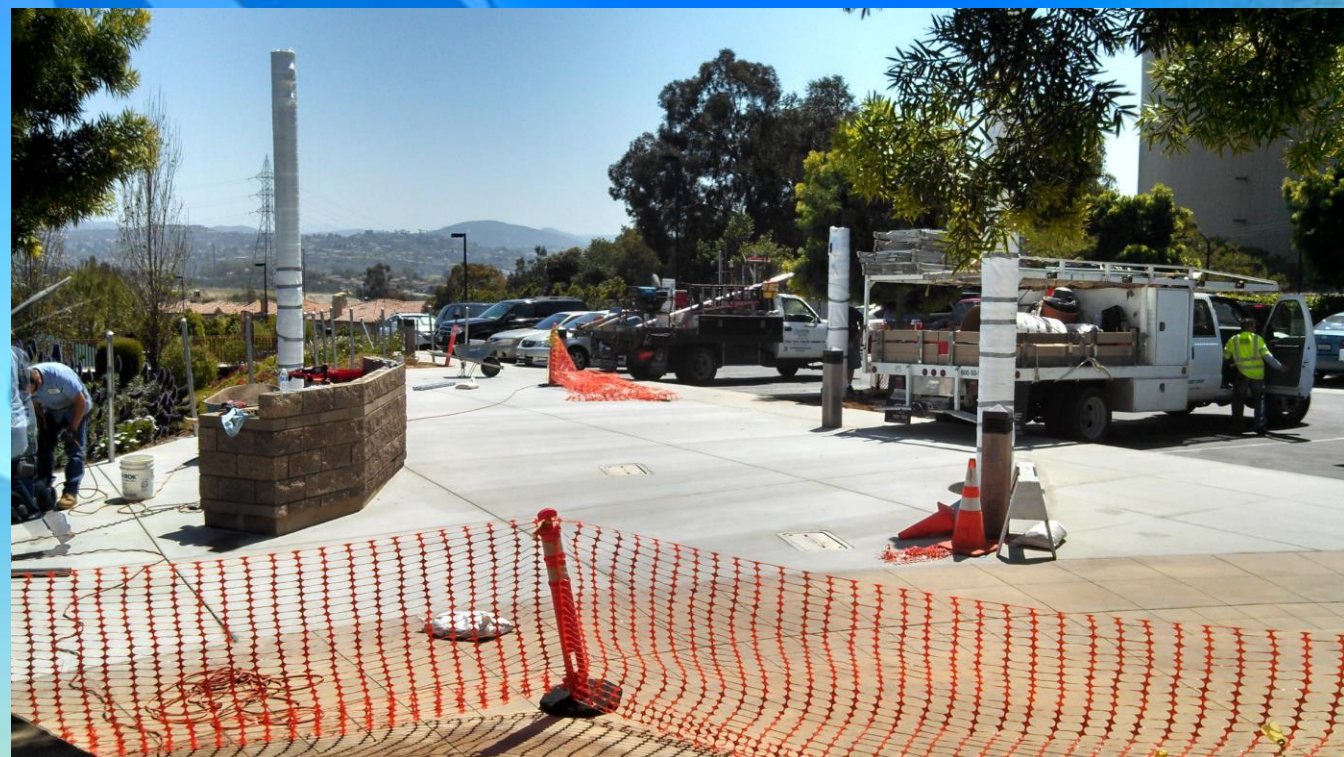


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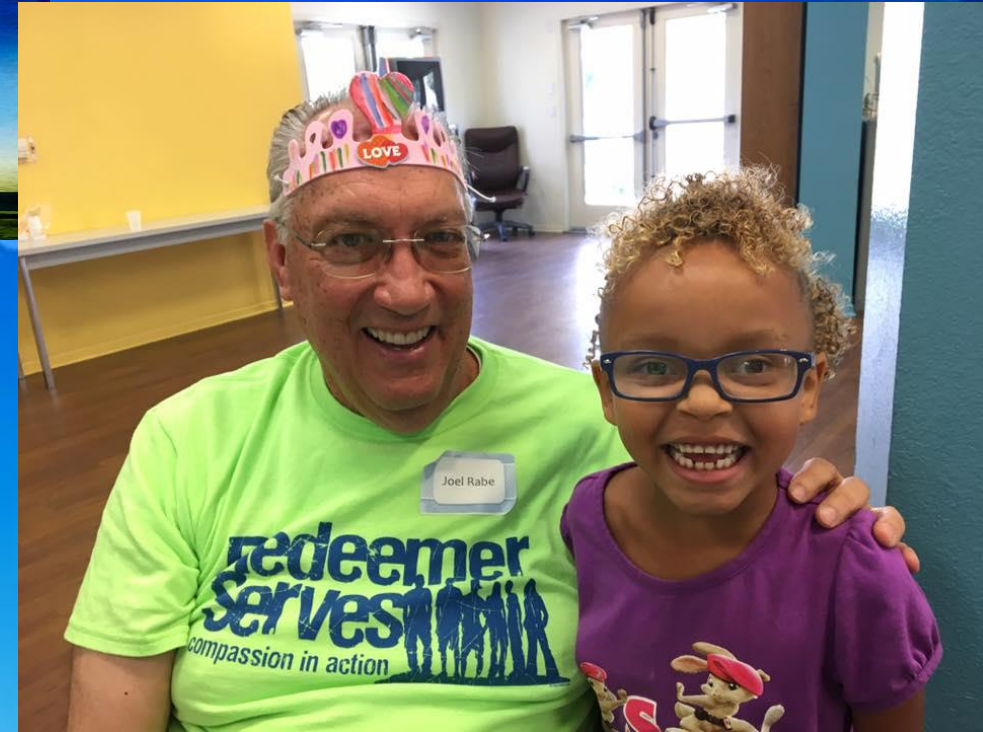
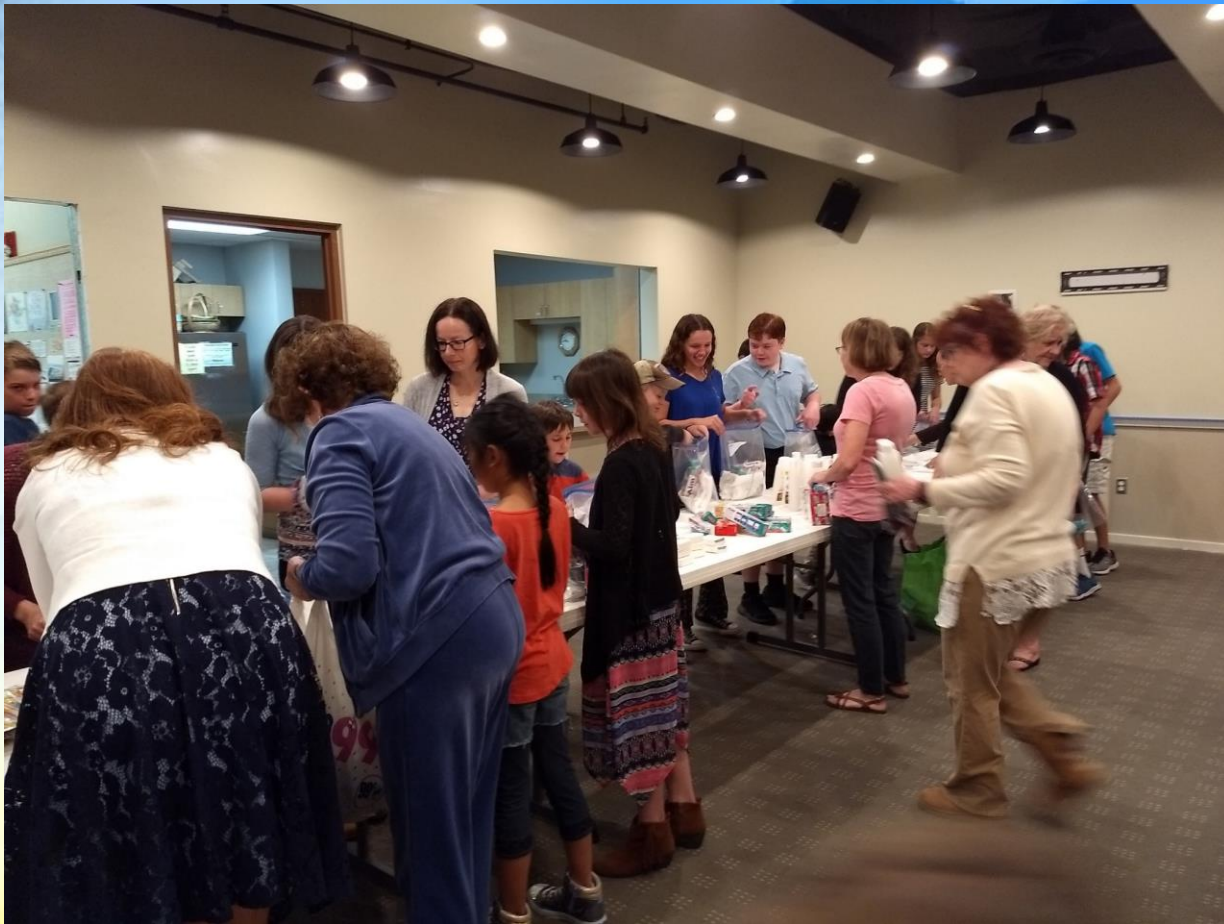
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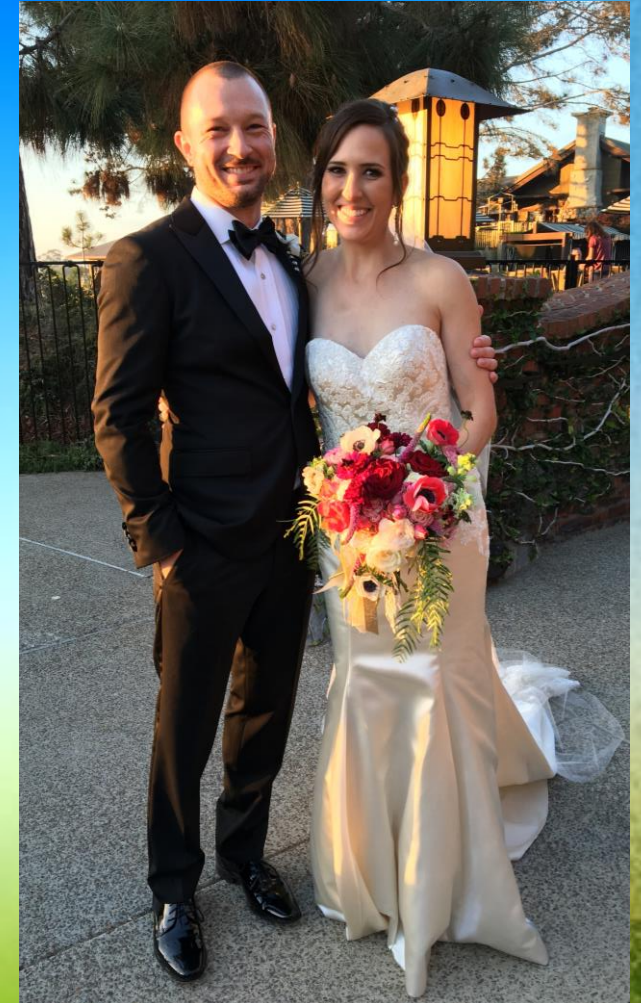


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# Discerning God's Voice

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**- 1 KINGS 19:11-13**

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your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,  
“This is the way; walk in it.”***

**- ISAIAH 30:21**

# Discerning God's Voice

**1**



**Surrender vs. Pride**

# Discerning God's Voice

2

| Contentment vs. Control



# Discerning God's Voice

**3**



**Trust vs. Fear**

# Discerning God's Voice

4



Spirit vs. Flesh

# Discerning God's Voice

1. Surrender vs. Pride
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***“What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul?  
Only servants, through whom you came to  
believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his  
task.”***

**- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:5**

***“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”***

**- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:7**

***“Trust in the LORD with all your heart”***

**- PROVERBS 3:5**

***“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”***

**- MATTHEW 6:33**

**Forward in Mission –**  
**Not Forgetting the Past**



**the past ... is *passed*.**

**“Take nothing for the journey except a staff—  
no bread, no bag, no money in your belts.”**

**- MARK 6:7-8**



**“I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you  
on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever  
before me.”**

**- ISAIAH 49:15B-16**

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