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Message Series: Speaking The Truth in Love

Today's Message: Where Do We Go From Here?

Isaiah 6:1-11

Isaiah 6:5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined!"... my eyes have weened the King, the Lord Almighty."

1. God's Clear Instruction — "Go... Until the Cities Lie Ruined."

2 Kings 7:3 "Why sit we here... until we die?"

The PROBLEM: Many of us waste our lives, "How can I do anything?..." "It's Too Hard..."

Esther 4:12-14

2. Pray Like Never Before

Daniel 9:2-5

Daniel 9:8-10

Daniel 9:13, 17

Daniel 1:2 "And the Lord gave Jehoiakin King of Judah into his hand..."

Three Truths:

1) **God "gave" Judah to Babylon:** God Kept His Promises to discipline Judah because of their continued rebellion

2) **Daniel 23 times confesses** "we sinned", not "these losers all around me who sin"

3) **Daniel**—doesn't blame God but asks: "what's wrong with me?", Knowing God is good

Daniel 9:5

3. The Unique Challenge of The N. T. Church Is Ours Today

A. The Reality of Intense Opposition

1 Corinthians 1:20, 21

2 Corinthians 5:19 "He has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation."

Philippians 2:14-16 Philippians 3:7-9

Luke 10:16 "Whoever listens to you listens to Me; whoever rejects you rejects Me."

Matthew 5:11 "Blessed are you when people insult you; persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me."

Example: St. Patrick

B. The Need To Withdraw To Reflect and Renew

2 Corinthians 5:19

- "The longer I am in the United States, the more I tremble for my beloved land. I wonder if we are not coming to the end of civilization" ~Francis Schaeffer
- Patrick, at 48, returns to Ireland with a prayed over plan and 12 companions.

C. Opposition Is Opportunity

1 Corinthians 16:9

- The harder the opposition, the deeper the wounds and the more desperate the need for the gospel.
James 1:26