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1 Chronicles 29:10-13- Then David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly: “O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel,[i] may you be praised forever and ever! Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. “O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!

REVIEW

- Week 1 - Intro
- Week 2 - Signs of the times
- Week 3 - The Return and the Rapture

THE RAPTURE AND THE RETURN

- Jesus is coming back, we win, we have the victory.
- Extra resources - reallifeministries.com/endtimes
- Rapture - a catching up of the saints, the dead, and the living in the end times.
- To be with the Lord forever and transformed into new bodies (Different time lines).
- Tribulation, Pre, Mid, Post, etc.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
- People left behind

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Are we living a ready life?
- 1 Peter 4:7, Matthew 24:42-44
- What does being ready mean?
- Knowing the Word, walking with Jesus, pursuing others, prepared for persecution.
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
- We know the beginning from the end.

Revelation 12:10-11- Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, “It has come at last— salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth— the one who accuses them before our God day and night. And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens! And you who live in the heavens, rejoice! But terror will come on the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you in great anger, knowing that he has little time.” Therefore, rejoice, O heavens! And you who live in the heavens, rejoice! But terror will come on the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you in great anger, knowing that he has little time.”

- **For all who are in Christ we don't fight for victory, we fight from it.**
 - Are you and the ones you love following Jesus?

CLOSING

1. What are you hearing today?
2. Are you living a life that is ready?
3. Who do you know that needs to know?
4. Have you accepted Jesus?

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS:

Passages to consider: John 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:2; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Ice Breaker: Describe a time you were surprised by the unexpected.

From the sermon, what statement or passage stands out to you?

1. Read John 14:1-6 & Matthew 24:42-44. What promises and challenges do these passages have for us? How much are these truths a part of your daily thinking?
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:3. What do you learn about the rapture - 'being caught up' from this passage? What details stand out to you?
3. What encourages you? What challenges you? What questions do you have? (Remember: there is mystery and different perspectives, so be curious but humble, seeking peace and unity. Use the resource page as needed.)
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-58. What does this passage help us understand about the rapture and eternity? What hope and challenge does this give us?
5. How would eagerly expecting Christ's return - be ready - stand firm - impact the way you approach this coming week? What difference does it make in your relationships?
6. Bonus: Meditate on 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Next Week: The Evil One: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, Daniel 12:1-3, Revelation 20, Luke 16

For further resources: <https://www.reallifeministries.com/endtimes> Look at the timelines for a picture of the different timing views of the rapture.