The Time Is Now

Greg Kline · Joshua 24:1–15

INTRODUCTION

- God alone offers light. God alone models and offers love, the very love that we must show in our lives.
- I actually want to focus this morning on taking advantage of the opportunities, taking what you can do today, and starting to do it now.
- There's a recounting of what God has done for the people, and it is spectacular.

1 The Time to Worship God Has Always Been Now

Joshua 24:12–15; Matthew 6:24

- Now therefore, fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.
- And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day, whom you will serve.
- The time to worship God has always been now. In fact, the time to worship God was yesterday.
- I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them.
- If we're going to worship God today, if we're going to start now, we need to realize there can be no two masters.

2 The Time to Serve Is Now

1 Thessalonians 5:2; Philippians 1:21–23

- God needs to be worshipped, praised, and submitted to this morning on. It can't be something we push off into the future.
- The three words Christians should not have in the vocabulary. Someone, something, someday.
- We need to recognize the time to serve is now, and it does start absolutely with me.
- For me to live is Christ and to die is gained.
- Would I be willing to end this life now to be with him? The second question is, what am I doing about that?

3 The Samaritan Had Compassion and Went to Him

Luke 10:25–37; 1 John 3:16–18

- But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.
- Note that compassion comes before verse 34. The second critical component here that he went to him.
- Either he thought somebody else would come along and do it. Or he just didn't care enough.
- Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.
- We need to be looking. We need to recognize that the time to serve is now, and it starts with me.

4 I Need to Start Looking: How Can I Serve?

Philippians 3:7–8; John 13:34–35

- The best way to do that is to consider what am I good at? What am I capable of?
- Or am I waiting for the opportunity to serve God to fall into my lap?
- I will abandon everything that stands in my way of service.
- By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.
- If I don't see something readily available, who should I start looking for immediately? My neighbor.

5 We Must Submit Now

Luke 9:57–62

- No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.
- We need to submit to God today. It needs to start now, it needs to start with me.
- In God's service, we are responsible for what we do and what we do not in his service.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Am I like the priest and the Levite in Luke chapter 10? Or am I like the Samaritan who looks, who has compassion, and acts when the moment is there.**

MY NOTES