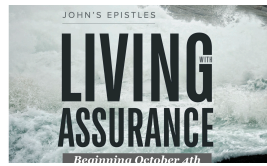


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Randy's Remarks

How many more challenges are we going to face in 2020? That is a common question that continues to come my way. Pandemic, political and racial unrest, riots, and wildfires, OH MY! I saw a meme on a social network last week that said, *"Before I buy a 2021 calendar, I would like to see the trailer."* I understand the tension. Our mind is running in a variety of directions about how to handle and interpret what is

happening before our very eyes, and our hearts follow.

For those of you who know me well, you have a little idea of how passionate I am about baseball. The game draws me in. (Needless to say it has been an interesting spring and summer with not many chances at all to attend a game in person.)

A fond memory I have from attending games in Arlington, Texas watching the Texas Rangers is when the Public Address Announcer of many years, Chuck Morgan, would introduce a new pitcher into the game. As the new pitcher would finish up his few minutes of warm up pitches, Morgan would very stoically and intently announce, "May I have your attention please?" He would follow by giving the jersey number and name of the new pitcher. It was given like an urgent announcement and if you wanted to know anything about the changes that were happening on the field, you needed to stop, look, and listen.

That phrase has been reverberating within my heart and mind these last 6 months. God has tried over and over to ask us, "May I have your attention please?" It reminded me of the calling of call of young Samuel: *"The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." And the Lord said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. (1 Samuel 3:10-11).*

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*"May I have Your
attention please?"*

God had something special and specific for the life of Samuel and God has the same objective for each one of us. He has a plan and there is nothing strong enough to foil His intentions. As you finish up this article, I would like to challenge you to ponder a few truths:

1. God Will Do Whatever it Takes to Capture Our Attention

For Moses, God used a burning bush; for Abraham it was the placement of Isaac upon an altar; for Balaam it came through the mouth of a donkey; and for Mary and Martha, it was through the resurrection of their brother Lazarus. God has a word for us, and He is using a pandemic, political unrest, and wildfires to capture our attention and hearts. Just as He had something grand to share and perform in the lives of these biblical characters, God has a message for those who are willing to share the shame words as Samuel, *“Speak for your servant is listening!”*

2. The Method God Chooses is Not as Important as His Message

We are captivated by the size and clarity of the new technology of television screens today. Walking into Costco, one is met by a giant 70-80 inch screen playing clips from nature, sports, and film. The picture is so clear you can see the expression of the face of fans in the crowd. But it’s really not about the television as much as it is about the subject on the screen.

If we get caught up in the technology, we will miss the message of the movie or the outcome of the game. In the same manner, if we get lost and consumed by the method God is using to capture our attention, we will miss out on the message God is wanting to share with us in the midst of the crisis.

3. Getting Our Attention is Necessary for Life Transformation

“People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.” Isaiah 30:19

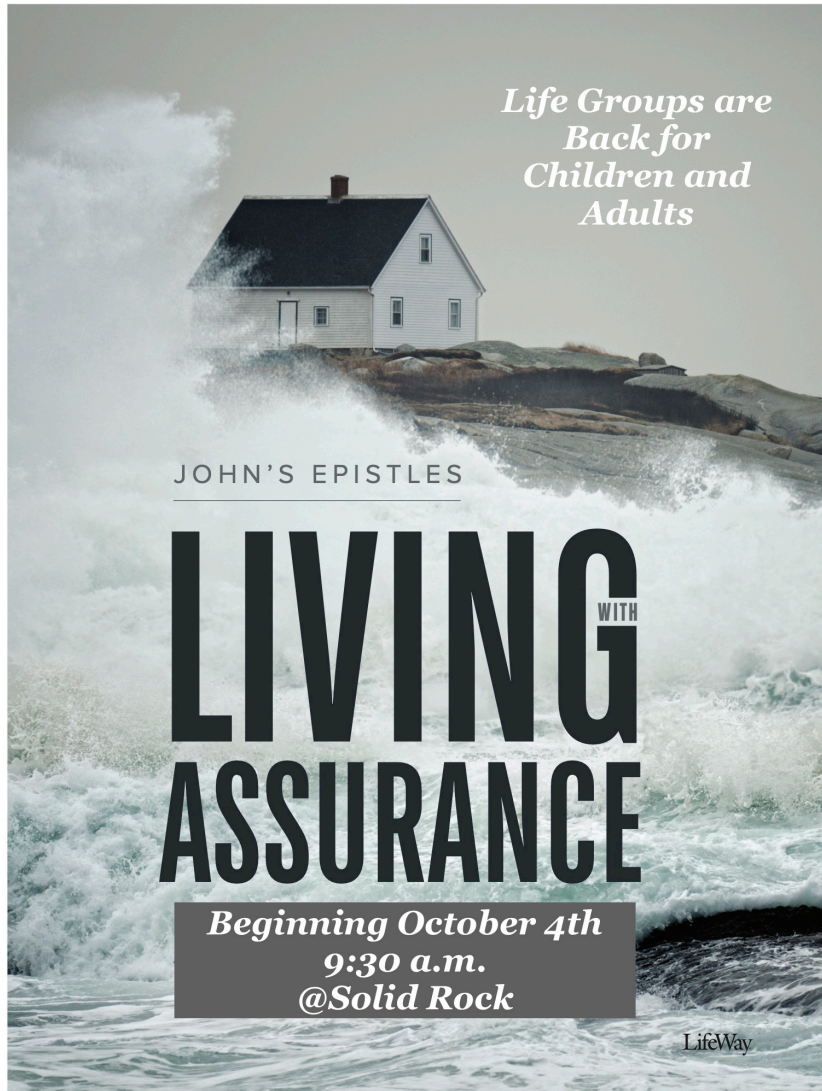
The parting of waters, the calming of tumultuous seas, the collapsing of prison walls, and the quieting of anxious hearts all come in places where God speaks and his message is allowed to resonate. Fingers have been pointed and blame can be cast — which does nothing but escalate the tension — but in the midst of the confusion and noise, the people of God can sit up and say, “Speak, for servant is listening!” Don’t miss the wonderful message found in the mess that surrounds us ... God is declaring from the heavens above, *“May I Have Your Attention Please!”*



Sunday, September 27th

Following Morning
Worship

Please Stay for a Short
Family Conference



Life Groups are Back for Children and Adults

JOHN'S EPISTLES

LIVING WITH ASSURANCE

*Beginning October 4th
9:30 a.m.
@Solid Rock*

LifeWay

Life Groups Begin Again

Sunday Mornings

- 9:30 a.m.
- Adults in Worship Center
- Children in Fellowship Hall
- Rotating Adult Teachers
 - Richard Andreasen
 - Debbie Scott
 - Kenny Rathman

Introduction on October 4th, Taught By:

Dr. Mike Kuykendall, Professor of New Testament at Gateway Seminary

Sunday Evenings

- 5:30 p.m.
- Small Group Fellowship
- Study Current Topics
- Meet in Solid Rock Foyer

A NIGHT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Walking with Parents as We Raise Kids in a
Stay at Home World

- A Time to Share Successes and Failures with Virtual Learning
- Network with Other Parents to Share Ideas and Resources
- Discover Avenues of Support
- A Time to Laugh, Learn, and Build Community

**Friday, October 16, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

Childcare available with reservation (randy@solidrocksbc.org)

Free Admission



Special Guest

Debbie Thibodeaux

- Mom of Three Children in Oregon Virtual Education
- Served on Board of Oregon Virtual Schools
- Volunteers with Simplicity Ministries

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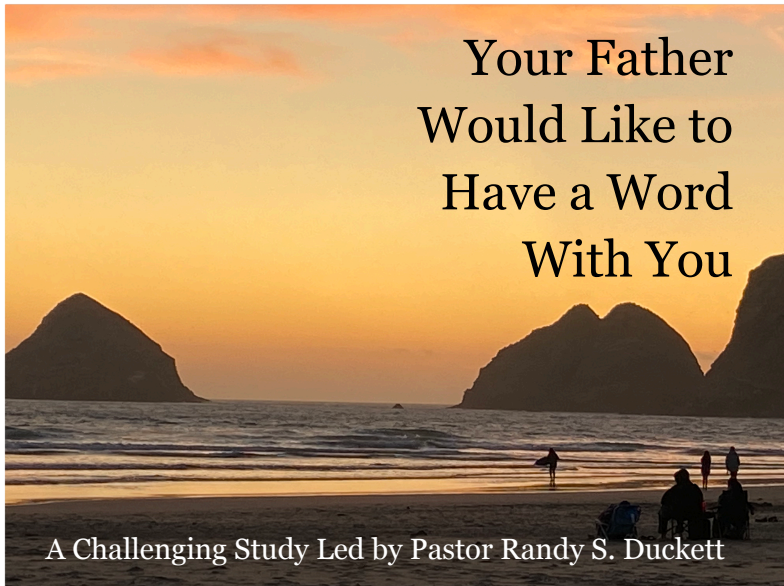
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For More Information Email: randy@solidrocksbc.org
Register Online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/night-of-encouragement-tickets-122482798347>

Due to Covid Restrictions, Event is Limited to:

40 Participants



Noon Bible Study

Beginning Friday, October 2nd

Join Pastor Randy S. Duckett Fridays at noon for a six-week Bible Study airing on the Solid Rock Baptist Church Facebook page.

The more time passes in this Covid-19 world, the more tension, doubts, and worries are created, more than we ever imagined. This study, I pray, will help us become more in tune and focused on what God is wanting to reveal about us, Himself, and His Word.

How Can I Give to Solid Rock?

- In Person
- By Mail (see address below)
- Through the App *Generosity by Lifeway* (this is a free app that can be downloaded on your mobile device)
- Text the following info to 52014 - @solidrock give \$ [@solidrock space give space (type in your money amount)]
- Online beginning October 1st — www.solidrocksbc.org

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