

***A Time to Reflect and Evaluate***  
**December 30, 2018**

**I. Galatians: Leaving Legalism to Embrace Freedom (January 7 - April 29, 2018)**

- A. The Cause: Paul's epistle is a public reprimand on the Galatian churches that had turned away from the Good News of the True Gospel – Galatians 1:6-9.
- B. The Truth: Paul defended that the good news of the Gospel is grounded in justification by faith alone – Galatians 2:15-21.
- C. Walking in the Flesh: Believers who are not actively walking with the Lord will manifest behaviors driven by the sin nature – Galatians 5:19-21.
  - Sexual Sins: Immorality, Impurity, Sensuality
  - Religious Sins: Idolatry, Sorcery
  - Societal Sins: Enmity, Strife, Jealousy, Fits of Anger, Rivalries, Dissensions, Divisions, Envy
  - Alcohol-Related Sins: Drunkenness, Orgies
- D. Walking in the Spirit: Believers who are actively walking with the Lord will manifest a lifestyle that is naturally produced by the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:22-26.
  - Habits of Mind: Love, Joy, Peace
  - Reaching Out to Others: Patience, Kindness, Goodness
  - General Conduct: Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control

**II. Ruth: Life Is A Journey (May 6 - June 10, 2018)**

- A. Despair: After enduring several incredible losses, Naomi returned to Bethlehem with her daughter-in-law Ruth broken and angry with God – Ruth 1:1-22.
- B. Devotion: "Chancing upon chance," Ruth found herself working in Boaz's fields, allowing Boaz to show her extravagant kindness and care – Ruth 2:1-23.
- C. Redemption: Through all the hardships that Naomi and Ruth had endured, God was faithful to care for them and provide a redeemer that led to the royal line of King David and, ultimately, Jesus Christ – Ruth 3:1-4:22.

### **III. Hebrews 11: "Lives Marked By Faith" (June 17 - September 30, 2018)**

- A. Active Faith: Faithfulness requires believers to respond to God's call in their lives – Hebrews 11.
- B. Trusting Faith: Faithfulness requires believers to trust God's goodness even when He is not acting in the way that they might want Him to – Hebrews 11.

### **IV. Here Comes the Bride: God's Purpose and Plan for the Church (October 7 - November 25, 2018)**

- A. The Word "Church": The word "church" is derived from the Greek word *ekklesia* and speaks of an assembly or group of people, spiritual and political, who have been "called out" or "called together" for a specific purpose.
- B. Her Calling: The Church has an "upward," "inward," and "outward" calling.
  - The "Upward" Calling: The Church is called to invest their lives in bringing glory to God by serving Him and trusting Him.
  - The "Inward" Calling: The Church is called to be a unified body who loves, serves, and ministers to one another as she grows to spiritual maturity.
  - The "Outward" Calling: The Church is called to give witness to the person and power of Jesus Christ, His substitutionary death on the cross, and His bodily resurrection.

### **Coming in 2019:**

- Habakkuk: Lessons in Sovereignty
- Revealing Glory: The 7 Signs in John
- Growing Through Failure: Case Studies in Comebacks
- Back to the Basics: Nailing Down Foundational Truths
- Romans 1-8: The Diagnosis and Remedy for Sin