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This event for men and women at the InterContinental Buckhead (in Atlanta) will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, and finish by noon on Saturday, October 31. It will include teaching sessions, mentoring and small group opportunities, and times for personal reflection.

THEME

The poet T. S. Eliot made the profound statement that “We must be **still and still moving**” in his conclusion of “East Coker V.” Stillness is the interior condition of a soul that is rooted and grounded in Christ; however, to stay in the eye of the hurricane, we must be still moving as we ride the thermals of the Spirit in His power.

SESSIONS

- Five Spheres of Excellence
- Beauty, Truth, and Goodness
- Renewing Your Mind with Truth
- Wisdom and the Good Life
- Four Areas of Collective Disobedience
- Tools for the Good Life

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THE JOY OF RESURRECTION

Read Isaiah 26:19

If invitations still come in the mail these days (and not just by email or text message), sometimes they appear with one or more of our old addresses scratched out and forwarding information printed underneath. Like it or not, those invitations to our high school or college class reunions eventually track us down. Will we go? Or will we toss the invitation aside and try to forget it? Ah, there's the dilemma.

Some people who decide to attend their college reunions go to stroll the campus, tour new buildings, and attend academic lectures that interest them. Some, however, return with a different expectation. They're looking for specific people: those with whom they shared all-night study sessions, fraternity and sorority events, and out-of-town road trips to basketball and football games. When former friends spot each other across the quadrangle, they break into a sprint to embrace one another. Memories flood their minds as they experience the joy of a relationship that had been put on hold for years. In that sense, reunions are a lot like our future resurrection will be.

When Isaiah wrote his prophetic words to the nation of Judah, he knew that they were a people in need of resurrection, of being raised to new life. They would experience a 70-year absence of the joy of knowing the Lord—an absence that Isaiah told them would eventually come to an end: “You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy” (Isa. 26:19).

While Isaiah was probably speaking of Israel's *spiritual* resurrection, the key word in his prophecy—*joy*—is a word that will apply to the future

resurrection of believers. Think of what it will be like to come alive one day in new, immortal, resurrection bodies! To be reunited with family and friends and be standing on the edge of an eternal adventure with Jesus Christ—never to be separated again! The joy of an earthly reunion is only a taste of the joy that will be ours in our resurrection.

Have you allowed the joy of Resurrection morning to be a catalyst for your life today? Spend some time today thinking of all the people with whom you will be reunited in Christ—and thank God for the joy that will be yours!

God's Promise:

You have yet to know joy like
you will in the day of your
resurrection.

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**A teaching letter encouraging
believers to develop a clear mind
and a warm heart**

NO SECULAR-SACRED DICHOTOMY

Lord, let me increasingly delight in Your Law and meditate on its life-giving truths. I want to be a person of the Word—someone who not only hears Your Word but reflects on it and practices it. As I read the pages of Holy Scripture, I see that all things matter and that there is no dichotomy between the things we call spiritual and the things we call secular. Grant that I may receive a growing wealth of biblical perspective on the circumstances of life, so that I will walk in wisdom, in trust, in submission, in obedience, and in love. May I express my real freedom in Christ in acts of life-giving obedience and trust in Your ways. And when I slip into disobedience, may I return quickly and be thankful for Your patience and forbearance.

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Psalm 50: “You Thought That I Was Just Like You”

At a special exhibition of Rembrandt paintings, a custodian overheard some of the museum patrons making critical remarks about the work of the great artist. He quietly remarked, “It is not the artist, but the viewers who are on trial.”

Who Is on Trial?

There are many occasions when we are tempted to sit in judgment of God because of a struggle with adverse circumstances in our own lives or in the lives of others. There are other times when we deceive ourselves into thinking that we can get away with acts we know were wrong since there were no apparent consequences. And there are settings in which we act as though religious activities and observances automatically put us in good stead with our Creator. The common element in each of these cases is that we are judging God according to *our* standards, forgetting that it is God who will judge us according to *His* standards.

Ritual or Relationship?

Psalm 50 is a solemn reminder that we must worship the

God who is, not the God we want. The psalm begins with a powerful image of the awesome El Elohim Yahweh, “the Mighty One, God, the LORD,” who “summons the heavens above, and the earth, to judge His people” (vv. 1, 4). God alone is judge, and “the heavens declare His righteousness” (v. 6). He begins His judgment with the household of God (1 Peter 4:17), for “from everyone who has been given much, much will be required” (Luke 12:48).

To the religious, God says that He is less interested in their ritual sacrifices than in the attitude of their hearts. It is not as though He needs their animal sacrifices; the Creator of the cosmos has no needs at all:

For every beast of the forest
is Mine,

The cattle on a thousand
hills.

I know every bird of the
mountains,

And everything that moves
in the field is Mine.

If I were hungry, I would
not tell you;

For the world is Mine, and all
it contains. (Ps. 50:10–12)

The God of Israel mocks the perception that He is a dependent and hungry deity. Yet it is this image that is reinforced by their formal and outward rituals that have become ends in themselves. It is so much easier to reduce spirituality to a set of overt activities than to cultivate a right heart toward God. God is far more interested in relationship than in ritual, in character than in commotion, in being than in doing.

The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

Since God has no needs, the only thing we can give Him is ourselves in trusting acknowledgement of His goodness toward us.

Offer to God a sacrifice of
thanksgiving,
And pay your vows to the
Most High;
Call upon Me in the day of
trouble;
I shall rescue you, and you
will honor Me.
(Ps. 50:14–15)

The “sacrifice of thanksgiving” honors God because it means that we affirm God is good (see Heb. 13:15), even when our circumstances tempt us to think otherwise. As Walt Henrichsen once observed in a talk on Psalm 50, the reason

people break God’s commands is that they have needs that they perceive are not being met by God, so they take matters into their own hands. At the point when we think God is not being good to us, we will respond in disobedience. Obedience depends on trust, and trust depends on perspective; if we see things clearly enough to realize that God’s will for His children is “good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom. 12:2), we will give Him thanks in every circumstance and acknowledge His goodness.

How Long Will God Keep Silent?

Psalm 50 also addresses hypocrites who give lip service to God’s covenant even while they slander their brethren and take pleasure in the company of thieves and adulterers (vv. 16–20). “These things you have done, and I kept silence; you thought that I was just like you; I will reprove you and state the case in order before your eyes” (v. 21). God was silent and delayed His judgment to give them an opportunity to escape and repent (see Rom. 2:4–5). But thinking God was just like them, they interpreted His silence to mean that judgment would not come. “Because the sentence against an evil deed

is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil” (Eccles. 8:11). It is a serious miscalculation to think that we can disobey our Lord without any consequences. It is easy to lip-synch the words in the choir of life, but each of us will someday have to sing solo before God. Those who have trusted in Christ will not face a judgment of condemnation, because Jesus has paid the penalty for our sins (John 5:24; Rom. 8:1). Nevertheless, “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10; see also 1 Cor. 3:10–15). At the judgment seat of Christ, believers will not face the wrath of God, because this was endured by the Lamb of God. But they will give an account before God of how they invested the time, abilities, possessions, and opportunities with which they were entrusted during their earthly sojourn. While entrance into heaven is a matter of grace and not works, the Scriptures affirm that the quality of our heavenly existence will be based on the quality of our lives on earth.

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