

**经节：耶和華的话二次临到约拿。（约拿书三章1节）**

约拿不喜欢神交给他的任务。神指示他离开自己的家乡，去敌国尼尼微城。尼尼微是以色列的对敌，是邪恶偶像崇拜的中心。约拿的任务是去警告那里的百姓，即将逼近神的审判，并且鼓励他们悔改。希伯来人憎恨尼尼微人，所以这个不顺服的先知往相反的方向跑，希望神会有不同且较合自己心意的旨意。相反地，神定意要约拿遵守自己原来的旨意（以赛亚书五十五：11）。祂又对约拿说话。祂第二次的指示和第一次的指示一模一样。然而，在这两次指示之间，约拿曾经与波涛搏斗，并在鱼腹中待了三天。这回，他已经预备好要听从神的话，照神的吩咐行。

神的话也曾两次临到耶利米（耶利米书卅三：1-3）。但是，耶利米在第一次就听从神的话。神第二次对他说的话，是更完全地启示上回祂所说的话。

神接下来对我们说的话，取决于我们对祂上回指示的回应。如果我们像约拿一样，不顺服神早先的指示，神会再次给我们同样的指示。如果我们像耶利米一样，在祂第一次指示时就立即顺服，祂会让我们更深地领受祂的旨意（马太福音廿五：23）。

如果你好一阵子不曾从神那里领受任何新鲜的话语，你要回到神上回对你的指示，并且检验自己是否顺服神。主是否仍然在等待你的顺服？要像耶利米一样，第一次就顺服神的指示。

**A Second Time*****Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time. Jonah 3:1***

Jonah didn't like the assignment God gave him. God directed him to leave his homeland and go to the enemy city of Nineveh, a hostile and evil center of idol worship. There Jonah was to warn the people of God's impending judgment and urge them to repent. The Hebrews hated the people of Nineveh, so the rebellious prophet fled in the opposite direction, hoping for a different word from God that was more to his liking. Instead, God was determined that his word to Jonah would be obeyed (Isa. 55:11). He spoke to Jonah again. His second message was the same as the first. However, during the interval, Jonah had been buffeted by storms and had traveled in the stomach of a fish for three days. This time, he was prepared to hear God again and do His bidding.

God also spoke to the prophet Jeremiah two times (Jer. 33:1-3). But Jeremiah accepted God's word to him the first time. The second time God spoke to him was to give him a fuller revelation of what He had first told him.

What God says to us next will depend on how we responded to His previous word to us. If, like Jonah, we disobeyed His earlier instructions, God will give them a second time. If we obeyed His first directive, as Jeremiah did, He will give us a fresh and deeper expression of His will (Matt. 25:23).

If you have not received a fresh word from God, return to the last thing God told you and examine your obedience. Is the Lord still waiting for your obedience? Seek to be like Jeremiah, and properly respond to your Lord's instructions the first time.

10月24日（星期一）- 标题：**我要欢欣!**

**经文：**虽然无花果树不发旺，葡萄树不结果，橄榄树也不效力，田地不出粮食，圈中绝了羊，棚内也没有牛；然而，我要因耶和华欢欣，因救我的神喜乐。

**（哈巴谷书三章17-18节）**

有时候，我们周围每件事仿佛都成了泡影。你一切的努力可能都付诸东流。你所辅导的人可能令你十分失望。你所建立的生意或事业可能粉碎了。在这些困难的时刻应该要停下来，检验什么对你真正重要的。

哈巴谷曾经亲眼看到自己所重视的东西都成了泡影。然而，经由这些损失、失败和失望，他能够分辨清楚什么对他是最珍贵的，什么对他短暂无常与空虚的。他到了一个地步，能诚挚地说，即使失去身边所有的东西，他仍能因神而喜乐。如果无花果树不结果，如果葡萄树不结葡萄，如果牛群羊群不繁殖，他仍然赞美神。当一切不照他所期待的发生时，要赞美神并不是那么容易的。但是，他无论如何就是要赞美神。哈巴谷没办法使无花果树发旺，长出无花果。他也没办法控制牛群羊群的繁殖，但是他可以控制自己对神的反应。他选择赞美神。

你身边的事情是否都粉碎了？你仍然可以赞美神。你对神的赞美并非决定于你努力所得的成就，而是赞美祂的本性、祂对你的爱与祂的信实。求神帮助你轻看属世的顾虑，了解自己为何要赞美神的原因。

### **I Will Rejoice!**

*Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls--Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Habakkuk 3:17-18*

At times it seems that everything around you is collapsing. Endeavors you invested in may fail. People to whom you minister may disappoint you. The business or career you worked hard to build may crumble. These times, as difficult as they are, are opportunities to stop and examine what is truly important to you.

Habakkuk witnessed the collapse of most of what mattered to him. Yet through the loss, failure, and disappointment, he was able to distinguish between what was precious to him and what was transitory and empty. He came to the point where he could sincerely say that even if everything around him failed, he still would rejoice in God. If the fig tree bore no fruit; if the vine produced no grapes; if the flocks and herds stopped reproducing; he would still praise God. His praise might not come easily, as he watched everything fall short of his expectations, but he would praise God nonetheless. Habakkuk could not make fig trees produce figs. He could not control the productivity of the flocks and herds, but he could control his own response to God. He chose to praise the Lord.

Do things seem to be falling apart around you? You can still praise God. Your praise for Him does not depend on the success of your endeavors but on God's nature and His love and faithfulness to you. Ask God to help you look past worldly concerns to understand the reasons you have to praise Him.

10月29日（星期六）- 标题：**主听到**

**经文：**那时，敬畏耶和华的彼此谈论，耶和华侧耳而听，且有纪念册在祂面前，记录那敬畏耶和华、思念祂名的人。（玛拉基书三章16节）

在神的国度中，神的心意是让同属基督一灵的基督徒们可以合一。遇见另一位基督徒与你相同的忧心与负担，是令人极其兴奋的！神通常会带领另一位信徒到你的身边，帮助你的服事，及关心神放置在你心中的负担。

当神的儿女全心全意因着神的国度合一时，神会在祂的儿女身上，释放祂大能的同在。圣经告诉我们，只要地上有两、三个基督徒在一起，敬虔地讨论有关神的事工，神会很高兴倾听他们，并且回应他们所关心的事物。当两、三位信徒在一起，同心合意为某事祷告时，神以自己大能的同在，来回应他们同心合意的祈求（马太福音十八：19—20）。当两个门徒在路上走着，讨论基督被钉死在十字架上的困惑，耶稣加入他们，并且帮助他们了解当时所发生事件的意义（路加福音廿四：13—32）。

如果你正为自己的家人、教会或朋友忧心，求神带来与你相同看法的基督徒，分享你的负担，并且能够与你同心为此事祷告。不要企图单独扛起这个重担。你可以单独为此事祷告，然而，你会失去与一群基督徒同心合意彼此代祷，及享受神同在的祝福。神编织进入祂国度的每个事件，都是要促进我们彼此相依，而不是要鼓励个人主义。当你面对忧虑时，慎重地寻找可以与你同担的基督徒。

### **The Lord Hears**

*Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. Malachi 3:16*

God has designed His kingdom so that Christians with kindred spirits join together. It is exciting when you find another Christian who shares the same concerns and burdens that you do! Often, God will graciously bring another believer alongside you who will undergird you in the work and concerns God has placed on your heart. God releases a powerful dimension of His presence to His children when they unite in heart and mind regarding His kingdom.

The Bible says that when two or more Christians meet and reverently discuss matters concerning the Lord, God is pleased to listen to them and to respond to their concerns. When two or three believers agree in prayer, God chooses to respond to their unity by making His powerful presence known in their midst (Matt. 18:19-20). When two people walked together and discussed the confusing events of Christ's crucifixion, Jesus joined them and helped them understand the events of their day (Luke 24:13-32).

If you are carrying concerns about your family or your church or your friends, ask God to bring like-minded believers around you to share the burden with you in conversation and in prayer. Don't attempt to bear your load of cares on your own. You may pray about them, but you will miss the blessing of uniting together with a group of believers who join together to intercede for one another and to enjoy God's presence. Everything God has woven into the fabric of His kingdom promotes interdependence, not individualism. As you face your concerns, deliberately seek out other believers with whom you can stand and share your load.

10月28日（星期五）- 标题：**历史**

**经文：你们这追求公义、寻求耶和华的，当听我言！你们要追想被凿而出的盘石，被挖而出的岩穴。（以赛亚书五十一章1节）**

身为基督徒，我们永远不要忽视自己所承继的产业。了解自己所承继的产业，帮助我们了解自己的身份与神的带领。

以色列人是拥有丰盛产业的民族。这个国家始于亚伯拉罕与撒拉的信心，他们的后世跟随着以撒、雅各和约瑟这些信心领袖的脚踪。神丰富地祝福祂的百姓，使他们繁荣。神爱他们，领他们出埃及，进入祂所赏赐的富饶之地。神在历史上行了一些最威严可畏的奇迹，来建立自己的国度。神不断提供坚强的领袖给以色列民族，如：摩西、约书亚、基甸、底波拉、撒母耳、大卫和所罗门。祂差遣大能先知给以色列人，如：以利亚、以赛亚和耶利米。不幸地，在以赛亚时代，以色列百姓已经忘记自己所承继的产业。他们像属灵的乞丐，不像庞大产业的继承者，也不像皇家祭司的成员。

你的属灵产业，远比以赛亚时代以色列百姓所承继的更富裕。你的属灵前辈，包括耶稣的肉身母亲马利亚、施洗约翰，十二使徒、使徒保罗，以及许许多多历世历代的圣徒。更重要的是，你有创始成终的耶稣作你的榜样（希伯来书十二：2）。你也许拥有可追溯数代的家族信心史。

你是否看到神整个救赎计划？神的计划包括你，诚如这个计划包括了历世历代的基督徒。神要你参与祂这份已在历世历代展开的救赎大工，拯救丧失的灵魂。你今日的顺服会成为后世信心的遗产，让后世可跟随你的榜样。

### **History**

***Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. Isaiah 51:1***  
As Christians, we ought never to overlook our heritage. An awareness of our Christian heritage helps us to understand our identity, and it gives us a sense of where God is leading us. The Israelites had a rich heritage. Their nation began as a result of Abraham and Sarah's faithfulness. The generations that followed included Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph as their faithful leaders. God richly blessed His people and made them prosper. God continued to show favor on the Israelites by leading them out of Egypt into a prosperous land of their own. God established His nation through some of the most awesome miracles in history. God continued to provide strong leaders, such as Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Deborah, Samuel, David, and Solomon. He sent mighty prophets such as Elijah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Unfortunately, in Isaiah's day, God's people had reached a point where they had forgotten their heritage. They lived as spiritual paupers rather than as heirs to a rich heritage and members of a royal priesthood.

Your spiritual heritage is even richer than that of Isaiah's generation. Your spiritual ancestors include Mary the mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, the disciples, the apostle Paul, and a host of saints down through the ages. Even more important, you look to Jesus as the author and finisher of your faith (Heb. 12:2). You may have a family history of faithfulness that goes back several generations. Do you see the full picture of God's redemptive work? God's plan involves you, just as it has included each Christian throughout the centuries. God wants you to participate in His continuing work to redeem a lost world. *Your* obedience today will provide a legacy of faithfulness to the generations that follow.

10月25日（星期二）- 标题：**神借着祂的作为说话**

**经文：耶和華說：你們要向列國中觀看，大大惊奇：因为在你们的时候，我行一件事，虽有人告诉你们，你们总是不信。（哈巴谷书一章5节）**

基督徒习惯藉着祷告、神的话语或祂的使者，寻求祂的心意。然而，我们有时候没有注意到，神藉着祂自己的作为，要告诉我们什么事。非基督徒看到神的作为，却不了解所看见这一切事的意义。神鼓励祂的百姓要观看祂的作为，好知道如何调整生活，回应神的作为。

门徒亲眼看见耶稣发命令平静暴风雨，更认识神的大能。他们亲眼看到耶稣与声名狼藉的罪人撒该同席，因而学到一个活生生的鲜明信息，就是神爱罪人。他们看耶稣被挂在十字架上，传递了一个无法否认的信息，就是神愿意将人由罪恶中释放出来。他们发现那空的坟墓，显露出神战胜死亡的惊人真理。对那些灵性上可以分辨是非的人而言，神的作为重大地启示出祂的心和祂的旨意。

如果你一直敏锐地注意神在自己周遭的作为，祂会以祂的作为清楚地告诉你祂的心意。你会知道神在作工，因为你所看见的事令人惊讶，是人类的能力与智能所无法解释的。如果事情的发生，直接回答了你的祈求，这是神正在对你说话。当你经历一些超过你的理解和能力之事，这可能是神正向你传递一个重要的信息。

如果你想要听神的声音，看看祂在你周围的作为。当你在看神的作为时，你会看到祂的本性，你会了解如何回应祂的话。

### **God Speaks through His Activity**

***Look among the nations and watch--Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you. Habakkuk 1:5***

Christians habitually seek God's voice through prayer, through His word, or through His messengers. Yet sometimes we fail to hear God speak through His activity, even though He is working all around us. Unbelievers see God's activity without understanding what they see. God encourages His people to watch for His activity so they will know how they should respond and adjust their lives.

The disciples discovered much about God's power by witnessing Jesus calming a raging storm with a command. Seeing Jesus dine with the notorious sinner, Zacchaeus, taught them a poignant message about God's love for sinners. Watching Jesus hang upon the cross communicated a compelling message of what God was willing to do to free people from sin. Discovering the empty tomb revealed an astounding truth of God's victory over death. To those with spiritual discernment, God's activity is a significant revelation about His heart and His will.

If you are sensitive to what God is doing around you, He will clearly speak to you through His activity. You will know that God is at work, because what you see will astound you, and human power and wisdom will not explain it. If things happen that are direct answers to your prayers, God is speaking to you. When you experience events that surpass your understanding and ability, it may be that God is communicating a critical message to you.

If you want to hear God's voice, look around you to see what He is doing. When you are watching for God at work, what you see will reveal His character, and you will have a fresh understanding of how to respond to Him.

10月26日（星期三）- 标题：**复兴**

**经文：耶和華啊，我聽見祢的名聲就懼怕。耶和華啊，求祢在這些年間復興祢的作為，在這些年間顯明出來；在發怒的時候以憐憫為念。（哈巴谷書三章2節）**

只有神能使死人復活。如果發現自己對神愈來愈冷淡，你的家庭與屬靈生活漸漸地衰敗，要呼求神復興你，因為惟有神能夠賜予生命。不是你的行動，乃是你與神的关系帶給你生命！

屬靈的熱情稍不留意就可能衰退。我們刚开始都是满怀熱情地與神同行，熱切地要與神同住。然而，一段時間過去後，忙碌悄悄爬進我們的生命。我們漸漸分心，並且不注意到自己罪的問題。我們可能自認與神的关系是理所當然，沒有注意到自己漸漸衰敗，直到自己的屬靈生命落到油盡燈枯的地步。

這種墜落也發生在教會中，就像發生在我們身上一樣。你是否還記得聖靈曾經在教會大大動工的時刻，那時會眾們興奮地感受到神的指引？而現在的崇拜是否死氣沉沉，神的大能只是回憶罷了？

在這種時候，想靠自己抓回生命是徒勞的。你可以舉辦許多活動及勸勉你周圍的人，但是，只有神可以使死人復活。如果神已經開始在你的生活、家庭或教會中動工，只有祂能維持或復興祂的工。如果感覺自己的生命或教會的屬靈活力已經衰退，這是神的邀請，邀請你為此禱告。祂要你以代禱與祂同工，所以祂可以復興祂手中的工。耶穌說，祂就是生命。神已應許只要你求祂，祂必賜予丰盛活潑的生命。我們決無必要使靈命一直處在死氣沉沉的情況中。

### **Revival**

***O LORD, I have heard your speech and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; In wrath remember mercy. Habakkuk 3:2***

Only God can restore life to something that has died. If you find that your heart has grown cold to God, that the spiritual life of your family or church has waned, call out to God to revive you, for only He can give life. It is not your activity but your relationship with God that brings life!

Spiritual fervor can ebb if left unattended. We all begin our walk with the Lord enthusiastically, with an excited sense of anticipation. But over time, busyness creeps in. We become distracted and let our sin go unchallenged. We may take our relationship with God for granted and not notice the gradual decline until we find ourselves drained of spiritual vitality.

This descent can happen in your church just as it does in your personal life. Do you remember a time when the Holy Spirit was moving mightily in your church, and the members sensed God leading in an exciting direction? Are the services now lifeless and the power of God only a memory?

At a time like this it is futile to try to bring back life yourself. You can organize many activities and exhort those around you, but only God can resurrect what is dead. If God has initiated something in your life, or family, or church, only He can sustain it or revive it. If you sense that the spiritual vigor has gone out of your life or the life of your church, this is God's invitation to pray. He wants you to intercede with Him so that He might revive His work. Jesus said that He is Life. It is unnecessary to remain spiritually lifeless when He has promised vibrant, abundant life if you will claim it.

10月27日（星期四）- 标题：**一起来庆祝**

**经文：他对父亲说：「我服事你这多年，从来没有违背过你的命，你并没有给我一只山羊羔，叫我和朋友一同快乐。」（路加福音十五章29节）**

神相当关注，要将人由死亡带向生命。当人由悖逆回转向祂的时候，祂的心何等欢喜。如果你的心体贴天父的心意，若有罪人回转向神的时候，你一样也会欢喜快乐的。

耶穌所說慈父與浪子的比喻，不只着重在那敗家子老二的身上，大兒子也同樣是個不聽話的兒子。大兒子一年又一年地為父親作工，等待將來得到回報。他看到弟弟的叛逆使父親心碎，而當弟弟返家時，他卻不與父親共同歡喜快樂，一點也不高興看到父親歡喜的心情。他所關心的是自己及沒有受到公平對待。他覺得自己是受害者，並且完全錯過與父親同慶祝的祝福。

我們有可能會年復一年地事奉神，而心卻遠離神。你可能在教會擔負最重要的事工，心中卻充滿苦毒，因為周圍沒有人願意與你分擔重擔。你可能全心注意自己在主里的勞苦，以至於神在你周圍的人身上行神迹，你一點也不高興。

倘若你事奉神是責任或興趣使然，不是出於喜樂與感恩，你會覺得自己是受害者。當你被事奉的重擔壓得喘不過氣時，你會嫉妒那些在主里經驗喜樂的人。這不是天父計劃要給你的丰盛生活。一同來慶祝，花時間與神在一起，分享祂的喜樂！

### **Are You Coming to the Celebration?**

***So he answered and said to his father, "Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends." Luke 15:29***

God is concerned with bringing people from death to life. His heart rejoices over each person who returns to Him from a time of rebellion. If your heart is like God's, you, too, will rejoice when a sinner returns to the Father.

Jesus' parable about the prodigal son is as much about the older son who remained as it is about the wayward son or the father. Year after year the older son labored for his father, waiting for a future reward. He had seen the brokenness his brother's rebellion had caused his father. Yet when his brother returned, the older son did not rejoice with his father. He felt no pleasure in seeing his father happy. His concern was for himself and the injustice he perceived he'd been dealt. He felt like a martyr and totally missed the blessing of celebrating with his father.

It is possible to serve God year after year and yet have a heart that is far from Him. You might be one of the hardest workers in your church and yet be filled with bitterness because others do not share your load. You can become so preoccupied with your spiritual labors that when God works miracles in the lives of those around you, you cannot rejoice.

If you serve the Lord out of duty or habit, but not out of joy and gratitude, you will feel like a martyr. You will envy those who are experiencing joy in the Lord while you feel weighed down by the work you are doing. This is not the abundant life your Father has planned for you. Come to the celebration, spend time with the Father, and share in His joy!