



## I. INTRO

### A. Fruit that glorifies God

**John 15:8 (NLT)** When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

### B. The power of remembering

**Joshua 4:20-23 (NLT)** It was there at Gilgal that Joshua piled up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan River. Then Joshua said to the Israelites, "In the future your children will ask, 'What do these stones mean?' Then you can tell them, 'This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' For the Lord your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever."

- No matter how crazy it gets, no matter the temptation or pressure, the stones were a reminder not to panic because God's got it all under control

## II. OVERFLOW IN A CRAZY WORLD

### A. God is our source

**Romans 15:13 (NLT)** I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### B. Looking back

## III. THINGS TO COME

### A. Things to come series

**John 16:13 (NKJV)** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

- The Holy Spirit doesn't reveal the future so we can predict it. He reveals what's ahead so we can prepare no matter what's coming

### B. The disciples asked when would He return, but Jesus asked a different question



**Luke 18:8b (NLT) ... But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?**

- **Will I find faith?**
  - Faith is what produces fruit
  - Faith is what endures pressure
  - Faith is what glorifies God
- The Apostle Paul said Jesus is coming back for a **glorious church**
  - That's who Jesus is preparing us to be

#### **IV. WHY DOES GOD WANT TO SHOW US THINGS TO COME?**

A. A God thing often precedes vision

B. Nehemiah builds a wall

- Scripture says he wept, mourned, fasted, and prayed
- The vision to rebuild the wall didn't start as a dream, or desire, it started as a burden

C. Writing the vision

**Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NKJV) Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.**

- Vision is faith with structure, it gives direction to burden

#### **V. FIVE STONES**

A. Five stones

- We have 5 objectives during this season at JCC
  - Bless every home
  - Raise 1 Million
  - Increase our digital outreach
  - Second Mile internship
  - Increase our prayer efforts

B. Jesus asked, will I find faith?

- Five stones is a framework for the future
  - This gives us a place to apply our faith
  - This is a place for our faith to act

C. Making a commitment

- Faith with purposeful steps
  - Just like Joshua's stone
  - Just like Nehemiah's wall
- Just like Jesus asked: Will I find faith?