

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION!

6/6 & 6/7

[2 Peter 3:9](#) – How long do you wait on others? How long would you wait for someone to show up for a meal at a restaurant? Five minutes? Ten minutes? It would depend on how well you know the person and if they contacted you. Many of us would extend grace for a bit. In our reading for today, Peter presents God's perspective as they wait for Jesus to return. In Peter's mind, it comes down to understanding that God wants everyone to be saved. So, God is waiting for people to respond to His invitation to repent. He isn't going to close the door until everyone has had an opportunity. He is also waiting for us to share the Gospel with those around us.

Why do you think God is waiting?

What does Peter say that God is not slow?

Who do you know that needs to hear about God's forgiveness?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for June 1 – June 7, 2026

What creates urgency in your life? Is it a deadline? Is it an activity that you are passionate about? Is it something on your to-do list? What about sharing our faith? Is that urgent? What about putting our faith into action? Often, we find ourselves in a state of urgency in our everyday lives, but our Christian journey does not share that sense of urgency. Why is that? Is it fear of what others think? For decades, the prevailing thought has been that the United States was a Christian nation, but it was still hard to share our faith. There was no sense of urgency in the churches or in the pulpits about telling others about Jesus or the forgiveness Jesus offers. I guess that people assumed that everyone knew about Jesus and the forgiveness he offers. The problem is that not everyone knew. Now, we live in a time where talking about faith is difficult because many people have no reference to who Jesus is. It's time to feel the urgency of sharing our faith in Jesus.

~ Pastor Seth

WHAT DO I SAY?

Mon. 6/1

[Psalm 40](#) – What do we say when we talk about Jesus? The easiest way to share is to explain how Jesus made a difference in your life. You are following Jesus for a reason. What is that reason? At some point, you were far from Jesus. You lived a different life, but now you are different. Jesus forgave you and continues to lead you into a life that points to him. We may not have the deep theological words or the sharp logical arguments to prove our faith, but we have our life story and the difference Jesus makes in our lives as we choose to obey his teachings and follow the way he lived.

What difference has Jesus made in your life?

Who needs to hear your story? If no one comes to mind, then take some time to pray about who needs to hear your story.

TRUSTING IN GOD

Tue. 6/2

[1 Samuel 17:1-50](#) - Fear is a powerful force. It has kept us safe throughout time. Fear keeps us from walking too close to the edge of a canyon. Fear keeps us from driving too fast. Fear keeps us from sabotaging our relationships. Fear also stops us from taking risks. It keeps us from sharing our emotions because of what others may think. David understood fear. He faced it when fighting wild animals from eating the sheep. He faced it when he heard Goliath denouncing God. He understood it when he picked up the five stones as he walked towards Goliath. David knew that God would be with him whether he failed or succeeded. David knew he was chosen and anointed by God to do amazing things for the nation of Israel. His faith overcame his fear.

When did fear protect you? When did it cost you?

When has faith overcome fear in your life?

HE TRIED TO HIDE

Wed. 6/3

[Jonah 1:1-3:10](#) – Fear leads us to do some strange things. It can lead us to scream at little insects or jump high in the air when someone shouts at us. When God calls Jonah to speak to the people of Nineveh, Jonah wasn't necessarily afraid of the Ninevites. He was afraid God would be merciful instead of wrathful. There is no record of why Jonah did not like the Ninevites. He just didn't like them. His dislike for them was so great that he tried to disobey God and go in the opposite direction from Nineveh. It was difficult to disobey God, but to willfully go in the opposite direction takes a lot of courage. Jonah didn't make it far when God brought him to Nineveh. When Jonah obeyed God, the people repented, and God relented just like Jonah knew He would.

When have you willfully disobeyed God? How did it turn out?

Why would God lead Jonah to Nineveh?

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Thur. 6/4

[Matthew 25:31-46](#) – One of the struggles we face is how to live a life of kindness. Kindness is not always rewarded or seen as a good trait. Some people take advantage of others' kindness. Once someone has taken advantage of us, it's hard to be kind again. Jesus tells a parable of how we should live. He starts with sheep and goats. As they are divided, he begins to explain what each of them does. The sheep help those around them. They feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the sick. They are kind to those around them without expecting anything in return. The goats aren't kind. They see the needs, but don't do anything to help. Jesus points out that the sheep will be those who enter the Kingdom of God.

How can you guard your heart so that you can be kind?

Why is it important to serve those around you?

A WAY OF LIFE

Fri. 6/5

[James 2:14-26](#) – It is interesting to note that our words and beliefs need action. We can say the right things and believe in the right things, but unless we take action, it's hard to prove them. I can say that I like chocolate pudding. I believe I like chocolate pudding. If no one sees me eating chocolate pudding, does that mean I really like it? We say that we love Jesus and have made him the Lord of our lives, but we don't live as Jesus did. Did we really make Jesus the Lord of our lives? This is a hard word to hear, but it's true. James speaks of Abraham acting out his faith at a difficult time when God asks him to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham trusted God, and God delivered an alternative. Abraham's faith was more than words. It came out through his actions.

When have your actions backed up your words?

What action is God calling you to do?