Rhema Christian Center Triumphant Tuesday Bible Study Pastor Eddie Poindexter (fill in) September 7, 2021

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 " A time for everything"
- This will be a poem in the Bible with a subject matter about <u>time</u>.
 Each refers to a list of oppsite activities covering the range of human life.
 All of life is subject to God's order for creation.

Read verses 1-8 NLT

The "teacher" of Ecclesiastes sets out in a poem the typical wisdom teachings about "time". Every activity has it's right time in accordance with Gods ordering of the creation. Apart from (birth and death) in the passage, every activity is one that humans have some control over.

The problem for the "teacher" is that God has set <u>eternity</u> in the human heart (ie), every person has a desire to know the BIG STORY of which they have a part. However, humans are limited and lack the necessary knowledge of the beginning and the end in order to know the (time) for everything.

I would like to spend a little time talking with you about Five Foundational Quetions of Life

- 1. Who am I?
- 2. Where did I come from?
- 3. Why am I here?
- 4. What am I to do?
- 5. Where am I going?

Each question 1-4, leads to the answer of #5
Each question 1-5 must be viewed through the lens of **ETERNITY**

Question #1 Who Am I? "MY IDENTITY"

2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18.) And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ...

This verse is about Salvation, accepting Jesus into our lives as Savior and Lord, which results in being made new.

<u>Discuss "original sin"...</u>creation of man, <u>and the fall of man.</u>

<u>The dust of the ground</u>, the molding of mankind's body. the breath of Holy eternal life, a living soul (mankind), woman, tree, a serpent, mankind's disobedience, sin & Eternal

<u>Holiness removed, mankind became full of sin and separated from his eternal relationship with</u> God.

Question #2 Where Am I From? "MY SOURCE"

Our source is God, who is without beginning or end, the **ALMIGHTY CREATOR!**

Genesis 1:27 NLT So he created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them male and female he created them.

Human worth is not defined by possessions, achievements, physical attractiveness, or public acclaim. Instead, it comes from being made in God's image. Knowing that we are made in God's image and thus share many of his characteristics provides a solid basis for self-worth.

When you know your source is God, it gives you the freedom to love God, know him personally, and receive God's love!

God created me because he loves me, I will love him back.

"I love you God"..." I love you more"!!!

John 3:16 God SO LOVED....

Question # 3 WHY AM I HERE? "MY PURPOSE"

My purpose is to serve God

The greatest tragedy in life isn't death...

It's a life lived without a purpose. There's a driving need within every individual to answer the question, "why am I here"?

Our main purpose in life is to serve God, and we were created to fulfill His purpose for our lives. He is the one who has given us talents, and abilities, not only for our desirous wants and gains, which God is alright with that, but, he also wanted your gifts and talents to be used for his kingdom here on earth, and for spreading the salvation gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are responsible for using what God has given us. The issue is not how much we have but how well we use what we have. "Why am I here? My purpose is to serve God! Matthew 25:14-30 "The parables of the Talents"...5,2,1 "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into my joy because of your faithfulness...(paraphrased)

Question #4 What Am I To Do? MY POTENTIAL

We can be our best with God's Holy Spirit!

So much of what the world views as success has eternal implications.

The only way we can experience the potential God created us with is through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the key that allows our dormant potential to come to life. (We only use 10% of our brain capacity), there is so much there that is untapped... *Adam's brain capacity allowed him to give every animal a name.*

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. But God has revealed it to us by His Spirit.

The only way we can experience the potential God created us with is through the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit is the key that allows our dormant potential to come to life. "We can be at Our Best With God's Holy Spirit"!

Question #5 Where Am I Going? MY DESTINY

Those who believe in, accept and proclaim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior have an ultimate rewarding destiny...spending ETERNITY with the creator.

A believer who recognizes spending eternity with the awesomeness of the Lord, should be moved to fulfill their destiny each day through serving God by being faithful.

Proverbs 3:6 "In ALL your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." When we are faithful, God keeps us moving in His destiny for our lives. We only have one life, and it will soon pass.

"Only what we do for Christ Jesus will last for all ETERNITY."

Ecclesiastes 6:3-6 - Tells us it is better for a person to die at birth than to live a life that does not fulfill God's purpose.

Well done good and faithful servant, thou have been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the *[ETERNAL]* joy of the Lord." (Matthew 25:21)

Question: Where was I, Where will I?

9/7/2021 Smoot Mortuary Memorial service

Paul (Junie) Edward Kenty EULOGY

- Condolences to mother Wanda and sister Tiffany
- Condolences to family, friends, and associates
- Gratitude for the opportunity to serve and do God's will
- Acknoledge Bishop LaFayett Scales of Rhema Christian Center & Wanda's church family
- Ask those gathered to join me in prayer
- Begin by acknowledging family and friends that I know
- Give the meaning of Eulogy and that everybody can have two eulogies in life: when they are born and come in this world...and when they die and leave this world.
- Junie's eulogy has already been delivered by family and friends
- I would like to spend my time now, speaking to family and friend