

Welcome to LifeChurch!

Today is iSunday!

Sunday, January 8, 2017

9:30 - Higher Grounds Cafe - *Meet and Greet*

10:00 - Bible Life Classes - Terry R Baughman, Lead Pastor

10:45 - Higher Grounds Cafe - *Meet and Greet*

11:00 - Worship Celebration,

Ministry: Vince Nguyen



An Open Door of Deity

OPEN17: AWAKEN TO GOD'S INTERVENTION

Terry R Baughman

"I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name" (Revelation 3:8).

God is active in the affairs of humanity. He is involved in our lives and is Divine providence in our destiny. Opportunities come, not by chance, but by the sovereign will of Deity. God is in charge of the door. He opens door and He closes them. No one else can open the door that He has shut, or shut the door that He opens.

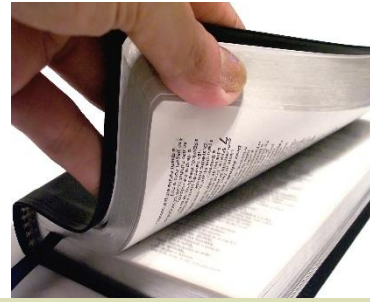
Some say, "When the door is closed, look for a window." It makes a nice saying for resourcefulness and initiative. However, when it comes to the things of the Spirit there is no window for an alternative entrance. It is always best to wait until God opens the door. Only the eternal God knows the end from the beginning. Only God knows the proper time to open a door and grant access into our destiny.

The prophet Isaiah said, *"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint"* (Isaiah 40:31). We can be in the will of God even when we are waiting for an opportunity to arise. The waiting can be a time of reflection, preparation, and renewal. Allow God to prepare you for the *eventual* while you are in the here and now.

Trust is the key to finding the open door. Knowing that God is in control of our lives and every other situation gives us confidence to trust in Him. The wise man said, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths"* (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Awaken to God's intervention. Only God can create a divine intersection for an arranged meeting with Deity. When we acknowledge that God is in control then we can rest in Him and wait for His leading, His timing, and His

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Coming Up at LifeChurch!

LESSONS IN THE WAITING ROOM • Wednesday 7 pm

Prayer@Life • Saturday 7:30 pm

LifePraise Practice • Saturday 8pm

January 15 - Congress Restaurant

January 22 - Service Opportunity Fair

January 29 - Newcomers Luncheon

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday!

Higher Grounds Cafe 9:30 AM - BibleLife Classes 10:00 AM

Worship Celebration @ ALA 11:00

Focused Ministry: George Craft, Missionary

intervention in the challenging situations that life brings to us. It only takes a sovereign intervention to accomplish the impossible.

We are a part of the church that was described as the church in Philadelphia in the book of Revelation. Jesus said, *"You have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name"* (Revelation 3:8). Here was a people that were promised an open door of deity, *"I have set before you an open door."* When God opens the door there is abundant blessing awaiting. Whatever you

pray for know that God hears. He may not always give us everything that we have asked for, but He will hear and in the appropriate time He will open the right door. When He steps in there is no doubt of His intervention, and we can confidently step into the future of opportunity and blessing.

There will always be the temptation to try the latch and jiggle the handle in the hope that the door is unlocked and just waiting our push. However, when we learn to wait He will open the door and there will be no question or hesitation that this is God's door. Awaken to the opportunities. Awaken to the open door of Deity. Awaken to God's intervention!

Family Life Challenge

Starting the New Year with hopes of instituting new routines and habits is a common ritual many well meaning people employ to better themselves. Failure in consistently executing these "resolutions" can be frustrating, however a failure need not be final. A better you means a better spouse or a better parent, so don't give up, your family is worth the effort.