

God's Purposes Shall Prevail

People controlled by the Holy Spirit sometimes do unusual things. Why, for example, would the apostle Paul travel from Philippi to Jerusalem in Acts 20–21 when friends along the way prophesied that he would be arrested there? “I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem,” Paul explained, “not knowing the things that shall befall me there . . . But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:22, 24).

Later, imprisoned in Rome, he wrote a letter to the church at Philippi in which he again stated his steadfast desire to preach Christ, no matter the cost. “According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:20–21).

Centuries later, Bible scholars still remind us that God is working out His purposes through us. In the 1900's A.W. Tozer said, “While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who hasn't surrendered His authority.” More recently John Piper added, “God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them.”

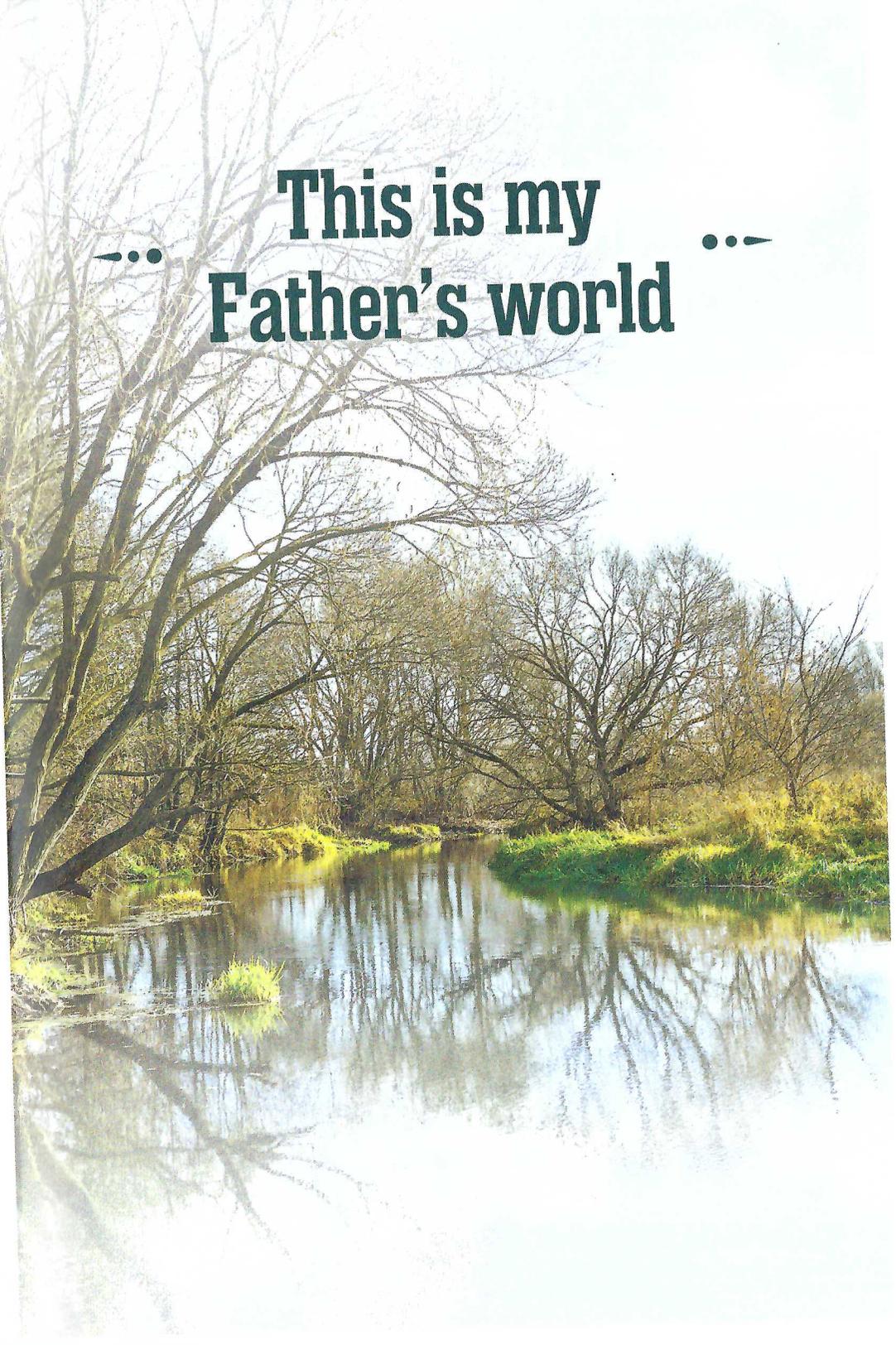
The more time we spend in God's Word, listening to His Holy Spirit, the more we are aware of His work in us and through us, knowing that God has a purpose for all He allows in our lives. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose . . . If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:28, 31b).

When we are willing to give up anything for the cause of Christ we, too, can say, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

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September 3, 2023

Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 575 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 578 Trusting Jesus

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sermon:

Pastor Don Mauldin

Scripture:

Hymn of Benediction

#579 Through It All

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Covenant News

Covenant's ministry for September is Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. **Bread of the Mighty Food Bank** is a private non-profit organization. They collect, sort, store and distribute donated food and basic essentials to 170+ non-profit agency partners who then distribute food in their communities to **directly** feed the hungry. *There are 5 Sundays in September so we will also be collecting for Pine Grove and Newberry Highschool.*

Mark Your Calendar

Peanut Boil Sunday, September 29th at 4:00 p.m

FCA D&S Classic Car Show

Saturday, September 21 | 8:30am-1:30pm
16811 County Road 241, Alachua, FL 32615

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