Outline- Sermon

Title: Reflection, Resilience, and Resurgence

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Scripture Text: Rom. 8: 35-39 (HCB translation)

1. **Introduction**
   1. The holiday season
   2. New Year’s Day; sports events; celebrations
   3. We are in a new Year 2022
   4. We should honor God every day
   5. Praise him every day.
   6. Joshua 3:4. We have not come this way before
   7. People are reflecting; making New Year’s Resolution
   8. Putting together and planning for the new Year
   9. Today’s lesson: **Reflections, Resilience, and Resurgence**
2. ***Point No. One: Reflections***
   1. The year which has passed 2021.
   2. Challenges- Physically, Mentally, Emotionally, and Spiritually.
   3. 2020 was difficult. 2021 was challenging.
   4. Summary of the events in 2021
   5. Covid 19; Vaccines; Delta Variant; Omicron ; politics; the economy
   6. Re-opening our worship services
   7. Loss of life- Members-relatives-friends
   8. Those who have passed on- Celebrities.
   9. Larry King, DMX, , Siegfried Fischbach, Cecily Tyson; Ed Asner, Betty White and just recently the incomparable Sidney Poitier. Entertainers; Sports Heroes Hank Aaron ; Political leaders; and Cultural icons- Larry Flynt, Rush Limbaugh and Larry King.
   10. Inevitability of Death; the universality of death.
   11. Heb. 9: 27 “it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”.
   12. James 4:4 “What is your life?”
   13. II Cor. 5:10- For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ
   14. Psalms 90:12 “ Teach us to number our days…
   15. Reflect and try to *Do Better.*
   16. Ask yourself: What did I accomplish with or for the Lord’s Church in 2021?
3. **Point No. Two: Resilience** 
   1. Our Text: Rom. 8: 35-39. Paul gives a lesson on Resilience
   2. Def: the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness
   3. A student; an employee; a soldier; etc.
   4. Resilience as Christians; believers; representatives of the Lord’s Church
   5. Rom 8th Chapter- Paul is teaching and reassuring; Experiences
   6. Hardships; persecution; enemies; the struggle to survive.
   7. Rom 8: 2-22. We have been made free from sin; we are not limited by the flesh.
   8. The carnal nature of man; we have the Spirit of Christ
   9. Earthly man is subject to vanity
   10. Hope and the Spirit of the Lord helps us to get through our infirmities.]
   11. God selected each of us
   12. V. 31: If God be for us, who can be against us?
   13. Many things will try to separate us from the love of God
   14. We cannot let them do that
   15. A child of God, trusts in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit
   16. V. 37. In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
   17. Nothing can separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus.
   18. We are going to go through a lot of things this year. Nothing can separate us from God.
   19. We must be Resilient; it helps us and others.
   20. Conquering our enemies
   21. Isa. 54:17- No weapons formed against you shall prosper.
   22. I John 4:4- Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
   23. Psa. 37: 25. I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread.
   24. Paul had no regrets
   25. God is good and provides us with so much
4. **Point No. 3: Resurgence**
   1. To come back from defeat, or difficulties or from that which has slowed down our progress.
   2. New energy; being refreshed.
   3. Popeye cartoon analogy
   4. We need to have a spiritual resurgence
   5. Transformational spiritual energy
   6. We learn how to come back from a difficult situation
   7. We must improve our prayer life; read and study our Bibles; model the great Bible figures, men and women of faith; surround ourselves with good strong faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. Not just good moral people.
   8. This is how our resurgence begins
5. **Conclusion**
   1. This year we are going to have purpose; put forth maximum efforts, succeed like never before
   2. We recognize where our strength comes from; it is from the Love of God, and no one can separate us from that love.
   3. We have to Reflect on this past year; embrace our successes and failures
   4. We have to be Resilient and withstand a lot of difficulty again this year.
   5. We have to experience a resurgence of our energy ; our interest and our effectiveness as a Christians in this year of 2022.
   6. Study; Engage; Come Back to the worship services; attend on a regular basis; and you will b energized.
   7. Baseball teams don’t give up in the 5th inning, because they get fired up and come back to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. The same is true of us, in our life.
   8. Pray to God; Read and Study our Bible; surround ourselves with good faithful members of the lord’s church.
   9. Seek ye first the kingdom of God.. Matt 6;33.
   10. Seek to obey God and please God first and then stand still and watch God work.
   11. THE LESSON IS YOURS
6. **INVITATION**
   1. It doesn’t matter how good a moral person you are, if you want to please God, be saved and make heaven your home when this life is over, you must obey the Gospel. Mark 16: 15-16
   2. Hear that Gospel Rom 10:17
   3. Believe that Gospel Rom 10:10
   4. Repent of your sins Luke 13:3
   5. Confess your faith in Jesus and in him to be the Son of God Acts 8:37
   6. Be Baptized ( immersed in water) for the remission of your sins Acts 2: 38
   7. Living a faithful Productive Christian Life Reve 2:10
   8. Church Members who have sinned – Repent and come back- James 5:16
   9. Request Prayers of the saints. We are here for you.