

La Junta Nazarene

News

January, 2021

"UNSETTLED"

Let's just put the lid on one of the strangest years ever. 2020, you started out with so much promise. I knew it would get dicey in October and November since it was an election year, but I HAD NO IDEA!

We heard some early rumblings, but it wasn't real to me until the usual joy of March Madness was cancelled. My favorite times each year are: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, March Madness. Apparently my priorities in life are: Food, Jesus, college basketball, in that order, sorry Charlotte, you didn't make the list. This past year March contained an entirely different form of Madness. We jumped from that into April's Anxiety as we tried to figure out what we were up against. After that came May's Monotony as we all stayed home and were forced to get to know each other. Every month since has been different and disappointing and difficult. Riots, masks, scandals, a crazy election cycle and vaccines have dominated our thoughts. If I could sum up my heart about 2020 in just one word it might be "UNSETTLED."

So, where do we turn and what do we do when we are unsettled? I choose to turn to my faith. The Psalmist has some encouraging words for me. Psalm 46:1-3, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." The first thing I have to do is remember that God is my refuge and my strength.

I love what the Psalm then does in verse 10. These are the words that give me instruction on what to do next. Verse 10 reads, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The next thing I need to do is "Be still and know..." The reason I get "unsettled" is because I question or wonder or doubt. But when I relax and know who He is, my world becomes settled.

2020? Put a lid on it. This new year will surely contain the right kind of Madness in March.

Pastor Mark



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Pastor Mark, Gary, Jake, Sarah and Charlotte

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Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School

9:15 am

Ages 3 & up

Worship

10:30 am

You can also watch Live Stream

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Kinder Church & Children's Church available

(Ages 3 - 5th grade)

No nursery available.

Youth Service

6:30 pm

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January 10th

