All right, show of hands this morning, who feels like they have had a great summer? Lift your hand up. Yeah, all right. Good job. All right. Other hand, who feels like they have had an okay summer but really haven’t throttled back and really kind of running on empty today? Anybody? Yeah, some of us.

Well, hey, take your Bible and turn to Psalms 92. We are in our summer series on Psalms, and we are in Psalm 92 today, and the Psalmist is talking about a rhythm of Sabbath, a rhythm of finding and rediscovering refreshment in our life. I want to welcome all of our campuses this morning, as well as those that are online and Facebook live, thanks for joining us. So when I was in high school and a couple of years of college, I would come home and do a crazy job. Anybody ever baled hay in here? Yeah, you know exactly what I’m talking about. Easily could be on “Dirty Jobs,” right? And so I baled hay in the Midwest, and it was humid, and hot. That’s a great picture. Kind of a great symbolic picture of what that looks like, and my job in baling hay was, I stood right behind the baler. You had the tractor, the baler that would kick the straw out. We were praying for straw, but we always got hay. My job, when the bales came off, I grabbed the bales and I would hand them back to the stackers.

We would start before sunup, get out to the fields and work in the hot, humid air in the Midwest just south of Omaha and work until 2:00 in the afternoon. It was just unbearable. My job was every time the bales came off, I would grab the bales and throw them in the back, grab the bales and throw them in the back, and it didn’t matter if I stopped, if I tried to pull my pants up or wipe my sweat, those bales just kept coming and coming and coming, and we wouldn’t stop until about 10:00 in the morning when the guy on the tractor would say, all right, boys, let’s take a break. We would say, yes. We would get our Igloo cooler and dump the water all over us because we were caked in straw and sweat. I think sometimes in our life we get in that rhythm. We feel like a taxi driver in lower Manhattan where the meter’s just going and going and going, and we don’t throttle back, and we don’t find refreshment even in the summer months when we are supposed to be taking vacation. Some of us get back from vacation and we need just a couple of days to unwind, right? Our family went to Rocky Mountain National Park for three days of camping, and we just threw everything in the minivan. We were like, let’s get back home.

We just needed to refresh, and in Psalm 92, the Psalmist says that we can rediscover the lost art of refreshment. We can rediscover that in our life. We can have those down times when we need to refill our tank and be reminded again that God is in absolute control and the Psalmist says this, when we turn down the world and we turn up the voice of God, we can find refreshment. Let me pray for us. Father, I thank You so much today that we can find refreshment in You. That through the Psalms we can again read the poems, we can read the Psalms written 4,000 years ago back to You that just remind us again, what is eternal, remind us again that You are for us, You care about us, that You love us and You are concerned about every detail that goes on in our day. Allow us to rediscover that again today in Psalm 92. Amen.

So in Psalm 92:1 it says this, that it is good. Anytime it says that it is good in the Bible, we need to lean into that. God says it is good. Why is it good? It is good to praise the Lord, to do that through music and make music to Your name O Most High, verse 2, proclaiming Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night. We rediscover refreshment by praising God in the morning. Before we push down the covers, before we get on insta anything, before we Snapchat and find out what 12 of our closest friends had for breakfast, right? Before we do anything of that, God says stop and proclaim in the morning, the first thing you do when you get up that God loves me, that God is for me, that He cares about me. That’s what the Psalmist is saying; proclaim the truth of God in the morning because when you do, it sets the trajectory of the rest of your day. We found this, when you do that, we know that we are more healthier, more focused more compassionate, more patient, less overwhelmed, less anxious, less stressed because we proclaim the truth that God, You are in control today, and guess what? I’m not. Whatever my schedule, whatever appointments, before the pings go off on my phone, before the seduction of the cellphones and the vibration of our watches take off, we proclaim in the morning, God, the truth is, the fact is, that God, You care, and that God, You love me, and You are a good, good Father.

The second thing that God tells us is to proclaim your faithfulness at night. This is interesting, if you are a guest of ours this morning, we just finished a series in Daniel where Pastor Craig took us through the life of Daniel and into the prophecy of Daniel, and it was so good. I learned a lot from just listening to Pastor Craig and his insights on Daniel, and in Daniel 6:10 the Bible says, just as he had done before, and those words are important because there was a conspiracy theory going on underneath the current of Daniel’s life. You see, some people had gone to King Darius and said, King we want you to pass a new law that says this, if anyone prays to any other god besides the gods of the Medes and Persians, they need to be put to death, thrown in the lion’s den. And Darius does that. And the Bible says this about Daniel’s life that every morning and...
every evening he would go up to his room and he would open his windows, and he would get down and he would face Jerusalem, the Bible says.

And every morning when we recognize the truth of God and recognize the faithfulness of God, what that does in our hearts and our minds is that turns our eyes back to re-centering on the eternal. It turns our eyes back against the circumstances and against the meetings and the appointments and the deadlines and feeling like we are just baling hay, right? The bales keep coming off and keep coming off, and what it does is re-centers our lives back on what is important and what is most important is the truth of God and His faithfulness at night, and so we turn our eyes back toward re-centering our life on God. Sociologists have done a study, and what they have found is some things that are pretty interesting about the human condition. They have recognized that in the morning, most people open the day with facts.

We want to know the facts, so every time I call my dad -- he's 81 years old, we talk about the weather. Every time we talk, it's always about the weather, what's going on in our small town, some instance of circumstance that's going on, and so we understand the facts, and the facts are that we are going to get on I-25, and we are going to probably set in traffic and the fact is that 470 will never get done. I just want to tell you that. It is eternal. It is not temporary, right? You can get up I-25 in record time, and then you turn that corner on 470 you are like, oh my goodness, I could beat the record getting to Mission Hills today right, but you get on 470, and you are just stuck. And so we want to know the facts. We get on our phone and we find out the facts of what's going on and the traffic and the big moments of our life. Then sociologists have also recognized this about us, that at night we want to tell stories. We want to tell stories about our day; we want to tell the goofy stuff about the things that our kids did, the stuff that didn't make sense at work, right? The stories about getting cut off in traffic and what was said to us and you wouldn't believe what happened today at work, right?

And so in the morning, God says the fact is, you recognize that I am in complete control of your day, and then you recognize the stories at night of God's faithfulness, the moments you were sitting in traffic and He tapped you on the shoulder and reminded you again that He loves you. The moment you got home and your kids ran across the house just to see their dad and were so excited. The moments you were on vacation, spent down time with your family, God says remember those stories of faithfulness and pass those along to your kids, to your grandkids. Tell your best friend about the stories of God's faithfulness in your life. We rediscover refreshment by remembering God's faithfulness at night. We need to focus and be reminded that the facts in the morning are that God loves us, and the stories in the evening that God is with us, from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the name of the Lord will be praised. Then the writer of Psalmist goes on in verse 4 saying, You make me glad, God, by Your works.

This is the Psalmist stepping back and understanding God's faithfulness. I sing for join at what Your hands have done today, how great Your works are, oh Lord, how profound Your thoughts. The Psalmist is reminding us again that God's ways are higher than our ways. We don't understand His train of thought and they are so different from us in humanity and God begins to turn the story and He says this, we can rediscover refreshment by being overcomers. God uses two words in verse 6, He says senseless people do not know, fools do not understand that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evil doers flourish, they will be destroyed forever.

Right now we are getting a ton of rain in Colorado. It is so good, right? My lawn looks so nice, but it is growing like crazy. I'll mow it and a couple of days later, I mow it again. At times, it can feel a bit overwhelming. God says in the symbolism talking about evil, that it can feel like that in our life. As we watch the new, we read the paper, we get instant stuff blowing up on our phone about what's going on in the world, it feels like God, that the evil is just winning. It feel like it's spreading like grass and the evil are winning and God says, there will be a day, though, when all of that is going to change. God says two words, the Psalmist uses two words in verse 6. It says senseless and fools. Those words in the Hebrew are the exact same word. What that is, it's a person who knows the truth but rejects it. It's a person who knows that there is a higher power, that there is an author that traced all of this out that there is a being that is in control but they simply reject it.

The Psalmist gives us a picture as he writes this song, this poem, of a man who is standing with his face against, shaken up to heaven with hills face turned away from God. He knows that there is a God. He knows the truth, but he suppresses it. He rejects it. God says evildoers; the source of evil comes from the source of Satan. In Ephesians 2 it says our battle is not against flesh and blood. Our battle is against the principalities, the powers of darkness that are the cause and the source of evil. God says there will be a day when all evil will be done. In a couple of weeks ago, we just had some tragic news of a place that we would go to vacation that's not too far from where I grew up down in Branson, Missouri. Seventeen people got on a duck boat thinking they would have the time of their life as a family, and they didn't make it back.

Mechanic inspector Steven Paul shared Sunday that he warned the Branson Duck Boat company about massive design flaws and dangerous safety issues almost a year before the tragic accident on Tabor Rock Lake. Steven shared my first thought was, I was so thankful that my family was not on that boat. Then he said I was so sad and grieved because I inspected that boat, and I told them time and time again about the consequences. Paul shared he sent the company a three-page report about the inspection as well as a 24-point checklist and over 20 photos of what was wrong and had to be fixed with that boat. He cautioned the company that the boat's engines and pumps would fail if they took on too much water. The reporter said then Steven, I don't understand it. If I sent them photos, and you sent them this cost analysis thing and all of the statistics and all of this data, why wouldn't they make these changes of what could happen, and he made this statement. He said because people don't want to change until it's too late.

There are people that reject the truth of God and suppress the truth and God says there is a day coming when it will be too late. There won't be
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Or what he has done on our behalf, because of what he did and accomplished work at the cross for us that we stand in strength and power, and
that is how, God says, we overcome our adversaries. That's how we are overcomers, by remembering who we are in Christ, by remembering who
we are in God this morning. You see, there is a counter balance to the destruction of evil by the position we have by what God has done. Our
position by holding the horn of a wild ox is symbolic of strength and power. God has positioned us with strength to stand and poured over us
the oil of joy. So back in royalty, when someone was given a position -- their position, they would come in before the king, and the king would say
in front of all of his administration, in front of all of the kingdom, by anointing that person with oil that they are now in a new place. They have
been given a different position. God has not only given us the horn of the wild ox to say strength and power are His, but He's poured anointing oil
on us that your position has changed, that you are now a child of God, that you are a part of the kingdom, that you are royalty, and so when we
face the demands, and it feels like the bales keep coming, right? And it feels like evil is prevailing, we remember that God turn our eyes back to
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This man of high position rides in on this white horse, kind of like a William Wallace and gladiator combined, right? He rides in on this white
horse and he holds up this oxen horn, and what the Psalmist is saying is that is so symbolic because that symbolizes the strength and power, the
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morning in Christ. We have a position in God, and that strength and power is what God is saying at the Nations of the armies of Israel. When they
go into battle, if they would remember that God would prevail, that God will win the battle, they would devastate and wipe out any foe that they
would come against, right? But the minute Joshua and his armies would say, hey this is on us, or they would sin against God, God would release
that strength and power from them, and then they would be defeated. So God is reminding us today that each one of us holds, that have found and
follow Jesus, as a follower of Jesus Christ, we hold that horn of the wild oxen because of our position, our strength and power, not because of what
we have done, but because of our position in Christ today.

Then God turns a corner in verse 10 and says this, you have exalted My horn like that of a wild ox. Fine oils have been poured on Me. I was
driving in the car last night coming up for Saturday night's service. I was thinking, imagine if we talked like a Psalmist, right? Like someone
asked you tomorrow at work, or you are out at a play date with other moms and they say, what happened? You say, I was exalted today like
that of a ram's horn, and anointed oil was poured over me. They would be like, what are you smoking, right? What are you talking about? And
the Psalmist is getting our attention about something that is really powerful in this section of scripture. He's saying, when I'm talking about my
exalted horn like that of a wild ox and remember, let's be consistent with the text here. This happened over 4,000 years ago in the Nation of
Israel. Think about this image that the Nation of Israel, the armies of the Nation of Israel are lined up, and they are getting ready to go into battle,
and the battle line opens up, and here comes the general.

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just exist, not just survive, not just make it through to the end, but God says you can thrive. You can live in abundance. Jesus says that I came
so that you might have life and have it to the fullest. How do we find that? How do we find that refreshment in 2018 when we are just going and
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Look what He says. You can flourish how? By being planted in the house of God. You will flourish by how? By being in the courts of our God. A
couple of years ago we were in a church in Ohio. I was on staff. A couple of my good friends said, hey, Kip, we want to take you on a weekend
experience you will never forget. I'm like, well, I have traveled around the world on mission's trips, and done a lot of stuff, eaten a bunch of crazy
food, talked to a lot of crazy people. They are like, no, this will top any mission trip. This will top anything you have ever done. We are going
to take you to a place where there are 110,000 people all gathered together, and the crazy thing is, you will see people you never even thought
existed in the world. We are going to take you to a NASCAR race.

[Laughter]

That's the thing where like for five hours they just keep turning left, right? They go, like 200 miles per hour and crash into each other and
everybody from every walk of life cheers when they get in a wreck, right? It's the only time we cheer when people get in a wreck. They are
like, yes, it's awesome. You have to come with us. So I'm like, I just wear a wife beater and cutoff shorts. We had the time of our life. One of the
guys that I went with, he was the CEO of a CAT factory where they make bearings for CAT machinery, the big machinery that moves Earth, so we had the experience of not just going to the Craftsman race and Bush race but Sunday morning we got to the track early. This was in Richmond, Virginia. Let me tell you NASCAR fans, you may be fans in Colorado, but if you have ever gone to the Deep South, you are in a completely different environment for a NASCAR race. Because of my buddy’s position in this company, we got to go down on the inside track, which means you are right in back of the pit crew. So we got back right behind the back of the pit crew, and they had a duplicate NASCAR of this driver sitting there. We got our pictures with it. I got to get inside, kind of jam my body in the place where the driver is half my size, put on a helmet and attempted to put on his fireproof suit.

Then the pit chief is like, hey you guy come up here. We want you to sit right in the seat where all of the action takes place. We got to put on the headphones and listen to all of the crew chiefs talking to their drivers, you know, and getting ready, and these guys within like five seconds can change a tire. Imagine that next time you are on I-70 and have a flat, right? Man, I wish I had that guy. All of that weekend we were involved in stuff. I was in the NASCAR. I was in the suit. I was in the helmet, but guess what at the end of that race on Sunday night when we drove back to Ohio, I was not a NASCAR driver, and I had been in the car. I mean I had been in the suit. I had been in the helmet. I had been in the pit crew, but I wasn’t a NASCAR driver, and God gets our attention this morning about the same things. We can be in church. We can be in Bible studies. We can be in Christian circles. We can be in Christian language, and guess what? We can miss being in Christ. Jesus says, God says there is only one way to be in Christ. If you want to be in the courts of God, if you want to be in the house of praise, you read God’s Word.

You see many of us that are followers of Jesus here this morning want the body, but we don’t want to work out. We wonder why in the middle of the night we get up anxious, and we wonder why we worry, and we wonder why things are going on with our kids that we don’t want to go on, and we wonder why our marriages are struggling. You know why? Because men, we are not taking the time to be in Christ, and there is no substitute for reading God’s Word, and if we want to be good leaders of our families, and our marriages and our kids, we’ll take time to work out as Christians and get in God’s Word and spend time in God’s Word because Jesus says, if you want to know me, if you want to follow me, then you read my play book, and you will know the plays. And when we are in Christ, our lives begin to change. We will become less stressed out. We will become less impatient. We’ll sleep through the night, God says, by reading God’s Word and knowing Him. When we have proximity to Jesus, we have proximity to God, and we are in Christ, God turns our eyes and re-centers our life.

In Psalm 92 verse 14, it says this that they will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green. So let me get a show of hands. Who thinks they are old? Just kidding. You don’t have to do that. My kids would say I’m old, and I’m not going to tell you how old I am. But we rediscover refreshment by remaining young when we are old. How do you do that? Do you have to drink something? Do you have to be somebody you are not? God says in here, even when they are old, they can remain fresh and green. Again, the Psalmist brings us back to the symbolism, this analogy of this palm tree. He says this, what we know about a palm tree is that they have a root system that goes down so deep that it will find water, that God so instructed a palm tree that they can live out in the desert, and their root system will go down so deep that it will find and figure out where the water system is, where the source is, and they’ll find that system. The other thing about a palm tree is they survive when other trees snap, bend and break. Why?

Look at a palm tree really close sometime. Their trunk is always alive, and it’s always growing, and it’s always flexible. Finally, palm trees continue to produce fruit year after year after year. The fruit does not diminish. Here’s what’s amazing about a palm tree is its fruit gets better over time. The longer it lives -- don’t miss this. The longer a palm tree lives, the fruit gets better. I want to ask you this morning, what kind of fruit are you producing in your life? If you are setting there and you say, I’m probably in that class of being older. I’m an old man or an old woman, I want to ask that question today, what kind of produce -- what are you producing? Is the fruit that you are producing in your life sweet, and it’s getting better over time? Because listen, we have a class of people coming up that are soon going to be the majority if not already in our country. They are called millennials, and they so desperately want to be connected to someone who has life experience. They want to know things that are the deepest part of their being of how to survive in relationships.

They want to know what it means to be married to someone for 40 to 50 to 60 years. How can you find that consistency? They want help with finances. They want to know how to experience joy in their life. They want to know everything from balancing a paycheck to just balancing life. But here’s what I know about millennials. They will not follow you if you are joyless. If you have grown old and you have become bitter and judgmental and resentful, they will not follow you. But if our lives produce fruit that is about joy that is about responding to the grace of God all the time, people will respond to us, and so I ask you again the question, what is the fruit you are producing? The Psalmist says you can remain fresh and green all the way up to the day you die, but it’s your choice.

The last thing the Psalmist says is he ends with a great attribute of God’s existence. Psalm 92:15 he says this that the Lord is up right. He is my rock. There is no wickedness in Him. We rediscover refreshment, finally, by remembering that God is the source of life. So in the morning, we respond to God’s truth, and at night, we remember His faithfulness. When we go back time and time again and remember that God is the source of life, and the image that the writer here is saying, the Psalmist is saying, is using the image of a level, that God is straight, that God is level.

I have been remodeling my kitchen, and what I found is this -- it’s like rocket science. That if you don’t have something level, then the rest of your kitchen is not going to be level, right? So if I put tile in that’s not level, and I stand back I go, it’s crooked, and I have to redo it, right? Because I’m that guy that makes 12 dozen trips to Lowes. My brother is a contractor. He makes one. I don’t have that gift, right? So I’m trying to do this
remodeling, and I’m recognizing that when I put that level on and that bubble is not in the middle, I need to redo it, but the Psalmist is saying, don’t miss that point about God.

That God is the bubble right in the middle 100% all the time. That He will not be shaken, that He lacks nothing, that there is no wickedness in Him. That you can bank your life on Him 100% of the time. Is that not something we can celebrate today as a community of followers of Christ? Can we celebrate that today?

We can celebrate that, right? You know, there is a story in the latter part of John that’s one of my favorite stories because it talks about a young girl who goes to the well day after day. Her job was to go to this well and gather water and pots, and she would take that back to wherever she lived and whatever she did. She would either water the livestock or use that water to boil and use for their meals, so day after day she would come to that well and go back. That was part of her daily rhythm, her daily chore, and one day she comes to the well and recognizes there is this man there. He begins to ask her questions about her life, not just her life but her core and the things she is thirsting about in her life, and the crazy thing about Jesus, because he’s alive and well right now, I think he would ask some of us here the room the same questions. Some of us here today, and in times in my life, I’m dry.

I can become dry. I thirst for things, and the world tells us all the time, if you want your thirst quenched, buy into this. Give your life to this. Do this. Change this. Take this. Look like this. You can have this kind of status. You can get on Instagram. You can get on Snapchat and you can become somebody you are not. Jesus says if you, the water that you take from this well, he told this young woman, you will always remain thirsty, but Jesus says, if you drink of the water that I can give you, you will be satisfied. You will find peace. You will find forgiveness in this rat race of life where the bales keep coming, Jesus says, you can find refreshment. So I’m just going to ask you to do something with me this morning. I have asked in all of our services and the people have responded.

I want you to right now bow your heads and take an inventory of your life. If you could kind of go 30,000 feet up over your life and ask yourself, am I just running and running and running and feeling overwhelmed, and feeling like that taxi cab driver where the meter is always running, and you found and follow Jesus, you are a follower of Christ here this morning and you would just say this, Jesus, I need to Rediscover refreshment again in my life. If that’s you, I want you to just lift your hand up. Amen. Thank you for being bold by doing that. You are saying, I just need to Rediscover refreshment. I just want to remind you again today to resist picking up the phone responding to the ping, but first respond to the truth of God’s Word in the morning, and remember His faithfulness at night. Start in Psalm 1 and just begin to read and re-center your life on what is eternal and important and allow the Holy Spirit to turn your eyes. The second question I have across all of our campus and online and Facebook right now, some of you right now are realizing for the first time that you need Jesus, that you are so thirsty, because your life, you are trying to quench your thirst by controlling your life, by playing God, hoping some way that what this world offers will satisfy and time and time and time again you are like the woman that comes to the well and recognizes that everything this world offers will not quench my thirst. And through broken relationships and a broken heart, you just keep trying, and Jesus says, you can thirst no more when you drink from the water I have.

Today, I wanted to ask you, is it time to trust Jesus with your life? If that is you, if you say, Jesus, I want to begin a relationship with you, just slip up your hand. Amen. Thank you guys for being bold. I want you to pray this prayer for me right now, where you sit. You cry out to God and you say this, Jesus, I believe that you died on the cross and you rose again. Jesus, I believe that I am flawed, and I am thirsty, and I have failed, and I need you, and I hand over the title of my life to you. I give you control. Jesus, I accept the gift of eternal life, forgiveness and peace that only you can give me, and Jesus, I begin to follow you. In the moments while our heads were down, there were people all over this auditorium, could be people all over the world watching the service live and on Facebook and on our campuses that began a relationship with Christ. Can we celebrate that today? Can we celebrate them? Some of them are sitting right beside you, and they began to follow Jesus.

Let me just pray for you today. Father, I thank You for those who were bold enough to raise their hand. I thank You, God, for those that have found and followed Jesus that have raised their hand and said, God, I just need a cold drink again. I have been running at a pace where I haven’t slowed down, and many times in my life I have forgotten about spending any time with You. God, just remind them again that You care about them, that You love them. Tap them on the shoulder on the way to work tomorrow morning, and just say, respond to Me today. Respond, and Father, for those that raise their hand in this auditorium and across our campuses and online, I thank You, God, that You transformed their life right in front of us, that they recognize for the first time that they need to follow You. That, God, You will turn their eyes, You will turn their heart toward following You. Father we celebrate that. We praise that today. Amen.