



It's About Time: You Were Baptized



We are in a series today called It's About Time, Don't be Late. This afternoon we will be having a beach baptism so I will touch on that today but also on the baptisms that you need now.

Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Ephesians 5:16

How do we make the most?

Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Ephesians 5:17

Be baptized with His purpose.

It's About Time, Don't Miss YOUR MOMENT

The king of Aram had great admiration for Naaman, the commander of his army, because through him the Lord had given Aram great victories. But though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy. 2 Kings 5:1

The king of Arman, Ben-Hadad II, had many great victories against Ahab the wicked king of Israel. On one of their raids, they captured a young Israelite girl who was given to Namaan's wife as a maid.

One day, the girl said to her mistress, "I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy." 2 Kings 5:3

King Ben sends Naaman with a letter to the King of Israel

The letter to the king of Israel said: "With this letter I present my servant Naaman. I want you to heal him of his leprosy." 2 Kings 5:6

The wicked King Jehoram tore his clothes.

Am I God that I can heal someone?

I know what he's doing. He's trying to pick a fight with me.

But when Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes in dismay, he sent this message to him: "Why are you so upset? Send Naaman to me, and he will learn that there is a true prophet here in Israel." 2 Kings 5:8

General Naaman shows up at Elisha's house.

But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy."

2 Kings 5:10

But Naaman became angry and stalked away. "I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!" he said. "I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the Lord his God and heal me! 2 Kings 5:11

There's rivers in Damascus that are cleaner than the Jordan.

But his officers tried to reason with him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!'" 2 Kings 5:13

We don't want the simple, we want the spectacle.

So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed! 2 Kings 5:14

**Obedience in the moment brings the healing, brings the blessing.
Namaan had a baptism of obedience and humility.**

It's About Time, For a FRESH MOVE of GOD

Once when He was eating with them, He commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before. Acts 1:4

Position yourself, get ready by obeying my voice!

⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 1:5

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

This baptism of The Holy Spirit was a Baptism of God's Purpose.

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Acts 2:1

Suddenly there's a wind and tongues of fire.

And everyone present was **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. Acts 2:4

Memory verse: Make the most of every opportunity, how?

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:18

Baptismo – To immerse, to dunk, to saturate or make fully wet. To make clean

It's time for you to be baptized with the Holy Spirit to be saturated.

It's About Time You SURRENDERED to Christ

Peter's words pierced their hearts; what should we do to saved?

Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, **and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

Baptism is not optional. The obedience of baptism heals us like Namaan.

“This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” Acts 2:39

Faith begins with faith in the complete work of Jesus.

My Next Steps:

- ☐ **Pray for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**
- ☐ **Sign Up to Be Baptised TODAY!**

It's About Time You TITHED

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Malachi 3:10

Isn't it about time you tithed?