

# CCAF SERMON NOTES

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SERMON NOTES FROM 12-10-2023  
TEXT: Ephesians 1:15-23  
SERMON TOPIC: The hope of his calling.

**Write this down:** Spiritual Growth is a process. A lifelong process. No Saint of note is self-taught! Ephesians 1:17-18, I Timothy 3:6, II Timothy 2:15

**Write this down:** Accountability is the glue that holds churches together long enough to produce Spiritual growth. When accountability is absent, plans are thwarted. Proverbs 15:22, Proverbs 27:17, Matthew 18:15, Galatians 6:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 10:24, James 5:16.

**Write this down:** A great question to ask God is "Why me?" Ask Him to reveal what He intended you to do after salvation. What was His "Hope" when He called us? II Corinthians 4:6, I Peter 2:9

**Write this down:** We must live our lives as though we plan to be all that God wants us to be. Pleasing God requires Spiritual intentionality, deliberation and purpose. Ecclesiastes 9:10, John 9:4, Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 3:23

**Write this down:** Being Spirit-filled does not only benefit us in the afterlife, but in this present life. The Holy Ghost is an internal Power Source! Not only do we have The Power of God working for us, we have The Power of God working IN us! Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, I Corinthians 3:16, I Corinthians 6:19-20

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Bible Study from 12-13-23

Just as the Lord took drastic measures to correct Jonah, He will do the same for us. It is called "chastening" in the Bible. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the word "chasten" as: "1: to correct by punishment or suffering: DISCIPLINE, also: PURIFY; 2a: to prune (something, such as a work or style of art) of excess, pretense, or falsity: REFINE; 2b: to cause to be more humble or restrained: SUBDUE." Chastening is for the purpose of discipline and purification. Consider Proverbs 3:11-12, Hebrews 12:5-7

The revelation of repentance vs the danger of unrepentance.

**God's Chastening must be followed by true repentance!**

Consider Jonah 2:1-10. Notice, in verse 9, Jonah declares "...I will..."

Q: What if Jonah had NOT repented?

Q: What if we do NOT repent when we are wrong?