Remain When Life Is Hard
John 16:16-33

When life doesn't make sense ...

What do you do when the life you're *experiencing* is so different from the life you *expected*?

We know Jesus rose from the dead. But how does His resurrection help us face the hardships of life *right now*?

Our Shattered Expectations (vv. 16-19)

"What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."

The disciples could not understand how Jesus' departure fit with His identity as the promised Messiah. Instead of the _____ they anticipated, Jesus was preparing them for _____.

We should not expect all the blessings of the _____ while we are still living in the present _____.

The Great Reversal (vv. 20-22)

"You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy"

The great turning point is the _____ of Jesus Christ.

The childbirth analogy:

The joy is greater than the _____ of the pain ending.

The joy comes from what the suffering has _____.

And this promised joy is _____!

The Father Who Loves Us (vv. 23-28)

"... the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God."

Through Christ's death, resurrection, and exaltation, we have _____ to the Father who loves us as He loves His Son.

Our Fragile Faith (vv. 29-32)

"the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone ..."

The disciples were confident in their _____, but unaware of their _____.

Our confidence may _____, but Christ's faithfulness will never _____.

The Assurance of Victory (v. 33)

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

"In the world" and "in me."

Every Christian lives in both realities at the same time.

Remaining in Christ does not remove us from the world of tribulation. Through His indwelling _____, the risen Christ sustains us, and no suffering can _____ us from the _____ of our life.

So, remain.

Remain by _____ what Jesus has promised.

Remain by _____ to the Father for what you need.

Remain by _____ in the ultimate victory of Christ.

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
November 22, 2026

Sunday, November 22

10am Worship

Your Grace Is Enough

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Reagan Farris

Psalm 30:1-5; 11-12

30 *I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. [2] O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. [3] O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. [4] Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. [5] For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

[11] You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, [12] that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Death Was Arrested

It Is Done

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Trust & Perseverance ..... Tommy Tolleson

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

[7] But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. [8] We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; [10] always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. [11] For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. [12] So death is at work in us, but life in you.[13] Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, [14] knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. [15] For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. [16] So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. [17] For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, [18] as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Offering

God of Every Grace

Message ..... Paul Thompson

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John 16:16-33

Abide

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

[16] Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, [17] comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

5pm Worship

Welcome ..... Phillip McCoy

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Scripture Reading ..... Phillip McCoy

Psalm 8:3-4

[3] When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, [4] what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Psalm 40:5

[5] You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

The Love Of God

Corporate Prayer ..... Paul Thompson

Message ..... Justin Walters

The Heart of Thanksgiving
Romans 1:18-25

Lord's Supper ..... Paul Thompson

For The Beauty Of The Earth

Thank You, Calvary!

Thank you for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child! Your donations provided **291 shoeboxes** that will share joy, hope, and the love of Jesus with children around the world.

Thanksgiving Meal Opportunity

Thursday, November 26 | 11am | ROC Lobby

Jeff and Staci Spears invite Calvary members who may be eating alone or have no Thanksgiving plans to share a meal with their church family. To join them, contact Staci at 334-618-3726 by Monday, November 23.

Winter Open Classes

Wednesdays, December 2-16 | 6pm

Christology: Offices of Christ

Teacher: Paul Thompson

Location: Fellowship Center

Who is Jesus Christ, and what does His work mean for our lives today? Join us for a three-week introduction to Christology—the study of the person and work of Jesus Christ—as we explore His three offices: Prophet, Priest, and King. As our Prophet, Jesus reveals God and teaches us His truth. As our Priest, He offers Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins and continually intercedes for us. As our King, He rules over us, guides His church, and preserves His people.

Each evening will focus on one of these offices, helping us see more clearly who Jesus is and why we need Him. Together, we will consider how His teaching shapes our faith, His sacrifice grounds our hope, and His reign calls us to trust and obedience. Whether these truths are familiar or new to you, come ready to deepen your understanding of our Savior and grow in love for Him.

Parenting with Purpose

Teacher: Josh Robertson

Location: Kids Worship Room

Parents have an incredible opporunity and responsibility to help their children know and love God, follow Jesus, and share God's truth. But what does family discipleship actually look like in the middle of everyday family life?

This class is a three-week conversation designed to encourage and equip parents to intentionally disciple their children at home.

2027 Christmas Schedule

November 29 @ 5pm
Christmas Worship at Porter Park

December 6 @ 5pm
Calvary Kids Christmas Musical
Churchwide Fellowship to Follow

December 12 @ 9:30am
Breakfast in Bethlehem
A Special Christmas Experience for Preschoolers

December 13 @ 5pm
Calvary Christmas Choir Musical
Behold the King Who Has Come

December 24 @ 5pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
The God Who Makes All Things New

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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My Decision Today:

❑ I trusted Jesus as Savior.

❑ I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

❑ I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

❑ Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

❑ Pastors & Prayer Team Only

❑ Churchwide

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Connect Card

November 22, 2026

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

❑ Please update my information
❑ Please contact me about membership

I am a:
❑ First Time Guest ❑ Attender
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November Missions Spotlight

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes (Local Mission Partner)
The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries is to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. They desire to see children and families experience hope and wholeness through knowing God. To learn more about their ministry, contact Kim McGainey at kmcgainey@alabamachild.org, visit alabamachild.org, or follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/alabamachild/. To pray for the ministry work of ABCH, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

José and Areli Pérez (Disciple the Nations | Global Mission Partner)
Disciple the Nations is a Christian missions agency that seeks to fulfill the Great Commission by making, maturing, and multiplying disciples and establishing biblically faithful churches of all nations for the glory of God. Through DTN, José and Areli partner with local churches in Guatemala to nurture, equip, and guide them toward becoming healthy, thriving congregations grounded in sound doctrine and faithful ministry. To learn more about the mission work of DTN or the Pérez family, go to disciplethenations.org or email José at jose.perez@disciplethenations.org. To pray for the Pérez family, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...
November 15
Life Group: 452
10:00 Worship: 663
5:00 Worship: 117
East Avenue Church: 87
Hispanic Church: 97
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...
General Fund
Given November 15: $43,846.29
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): ($98,262.94)
as of 10/31/26

BIBLE READING PLAN
November 22-28
○ Ps 113, 2 Kgs 21, Isa 11-12, John 14
○ Ps 114, 2 Kgs 22, Isa 13-14, John 15:1-17
○ Ps 115, 2 Kgs 23:1-30, Isa 15-16, John 15:18-16:15
○ Ps 116, 2 Kgs 23:31-24:17, Isa 17-18, John 16:16-33
○ Ps 117, 2 Kgs 24:18-25:21, Isa 19-20, John 17
○ Ps 118, 2 Kgs 25:22-30, Isa 21, John 18:1-27
○ Ps 119:1-88, Job 1, Isa 22, John 18:28-19:16

Sunday Schedule

8:30am	Life Groups
10:00am	Worship, Fellowship Center Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
5:00pm	Family Worship, Sanctuary Childcare for Babies-K3

STAFF ON CALL
Sunday, November 22:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
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Sunday, November 29:
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SERMON SCHEDULE
Sunday, November 29

10am
The Glory of Redemption
John 17:1-5
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm
Christmas with Calvary
A Night of Worship at Porter Park

Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm	Open Classes, D-Groups, & ESL Classes Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg Grades 1-5, Chapel Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

I'm New Here
We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian
Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

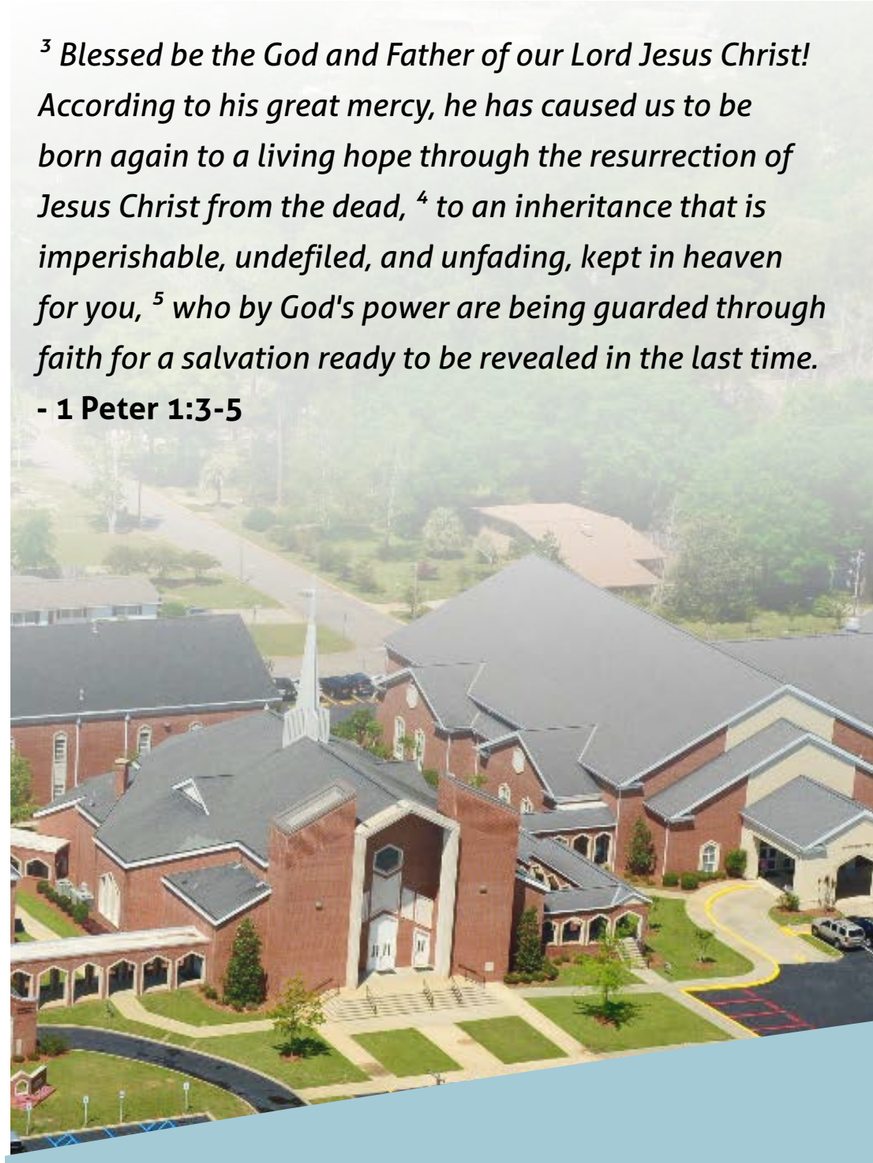
If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

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Ian Worrell

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5] who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 1 Peter 1:3-5



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