

**CHURCH IS A
BIG DEAL
TO ME**



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KEY SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 84:1-12; Psalm 51 (forgiveness); Psalm 91 (protection); Psalm 48:1-2; Judges 5:6-7; II Samuel 15:25; Psalm 73:2-17

SUMMARY:

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house! What an amazing gift we have in our church home. We get to gather together to worship the Lord every week--what a gift! So many in the world do not have this, and we who have it should be thankful for it. As we begin to come back to church, following the pandemic, some are reluctant to return---not necessarily for health reasons, but because we have become accustomed to doing church at home with the computer where it is easier and more comfortable---but this is the easy way out. God's plan is for us to gather together in the church. You can watch from home but church was meant to be experienced with fellowship and community.

KEY POINTS:

1. **Church is worth the trip.** It may be more difficult, but it is an essential part of the Christian life. When you get up and bring your family to church, you are giving them something that money can't buy.
2. **The church is beautiful for every situation.** No matter what your struggles are, the Holy Spirit can change everything in one moment when the Spirit is moving at church. Hope, faith, and miracles take place when the church gathers together. Even if all is well and you are grateful for your situation, church is perfect for praising God and declaring what a good God He has been to you.
3. **You have to eliminate the roadblocks that are keeping you from coming back to church.** If you have developed the habit of staying home and not going to church---you are missing out on one of God's greatest gifts to us. Eliminate the obstacles.
4. **Do not take this gift for granted.** There are many throughout the world that would give anything to freely attend a church today. It is by the great favor of God that we get to go to church without fear.
5. **Get up!** Sunday isn't just any other day. Never before have kids, teens, young couples and singles needed church more than they do today. They rang a bell in olden times, which signaled to the village that it was time to get up and go to church. That bell is ringing for you and YOUR family every Sunday.
6. **You must develop a strong habit on Sundays for going to church.** 66 days is what it takes to develop a strong habit and we were out of church for nearly six months (180 days).

It's time to restore the habit of getting up Sunday after Sunday. It takes dedication and passion to get to church.

7. **There are some important things you receive at church.** Peace, joy, hope, salvation, and purpose are found in the HOUSE OF THE LORD. No good thing will He withhold from those who worship Him in His house.
8. **Come HOME.** It's time to break the habit of comfort and ease that you have developed when there was only online church. Come back to church and allow the Lord to do what He does every week in His House.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

Better is just ONE day in His courts---His church---than a thousand elsewhere. That bell is ringing, calling you back to church. Don't take the easy way out on the Lord's day. It may take extra effort and sacrifice but it will be worth it.