



Timing Is Everything

I believe there are two types of timing; our timing and God's timing. Man tends to look at time in relation to a lifetime, a day, or an hour. In the fast paced world in which we live, we have learned to expect instant gratification. When things don't happen quickly, we tend to doubt ourselves and become disheartened.

As Salt now approaches its third calendar year, and having experienced periods of no activity, we have found ourselves asking God if we have misinterpreted the message or missed a sign along the way. We have questioned God as to why things don't move faster, and why we don't have more of His attention. To put the project back in God's perspective, we must take a step back and ask ourselves what is time to God? His view of time is the expanse of time itself, incomprehensible to us, but very real for Him.

*"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like a day."*

2 PET 3:8 NIV

God's timing and our timing almost never match up. When we make decisions related to timing, we do it with limited information, based on minimal experience and guess work. When God makes a decision on timing, He does it with all of the information, all of His foresight, all of His wisdom and all of His knowledge. The end result? His timing is perfect.

Looking back it becomes clear that God really has maintained a steady pace. Today I can see beyond the small snapshot that was yesterday. Just in the past few weeks a brightly colored piece was placed. A mission group from Deer Park Washington, Kirkland Washington and Newberg Oregon came for a work party. With hearts on fire they met, they worked and are now making plans for more trips to serve at Salt. Donors like Perma Chink Systems stepped forward and donated a large portion of the supplies used on this phase of the work. This event, and others like it, God uses to continually remind us that it is all in His timing.

As many of us want to see Salt feverishly open its doors, we must pause and ask Him, "Is now your time?", "If we move forward on this idea will we be leaving something, or someone out that you had in mind?" I encourage you to ask yourself, "Am I who they are waiting for?", "Could I be a heart being called?" Hard questions for those of us who have limited finances, resources and time. But God is faithful, He will provide what you need once you meet Him in His timing.

I ask you to take a moment now and pray for Salt, pray that God would grant us wisdom and patience to wait on Him. Pray that He would speak to those He is calling to Salt, and make His message clear.

Your servant in Christ,
Don



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Wildlife Recreation



What is 70x7?

Try to imagine if you can, having a job description that reads something like:

- Listen to others troubles and trials
- Offer unceasing compassion
- Be on call 24/7, 365 days a year
- Job first, family second, personal time last
- Make no mistakes, no poor choices
- Possess infinite wisdom and all answers
- Have a direct pipeline to God, with text messaging

If we really think about it, this is what many of us expect of the man we call pastor. Somehow we seem to have gotten him confused with a more perfect man named Jesus. Let us each be reminded that God made only one like him.

Now, form a picture in your mind of a man who is desperate, isolated, broke, depressed and alone. This is the portrait of a pastor in crisis, a man in need of a rescue. Most of us will instinctively defend ourselves by saying "I don't really expect all of that from him". Whether we do or not, really doesn't matter. What matters is, in secret, this is how many of the generals of God's army feel. Feelings like this are what the enemy uses to convince them to leave the battlefield of ministry. Each time one does, the enemy is the victor.

Now imagine that same pastor, we'll call him "Fred", with his equally desperate wife in tow. After hours of travel, they finally arrive and their jaws drop as they try to take it all in.

They have arrived at a place that radiates luxury, concern, warmth and love from every corner. They are surrounded by property that ranges from merely beautiful, to breathtaking. For a week or two, Fred and his wife are made to feel like Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller. Why? Because to us they are just as rich, just as important, just as influential and just as powerful.

No Longer Just A Vision

It is on its way, it is under construction, it is "Salt". A place of seasoning for pastor's lives and refreshment for their souls. Salt's vision and purpose is to offer pastors a place to retreat, with privacy. An invitation to re-connect with their calling. Here they will be listened to, ministered to and be fortified. Salt's heart will whisper, "You are not alone, **I AM** here to shoulder your burden, heal your heart and offer you peace once again."

Get Involved

Salt needs you, your church and your congregation to get involved. The 70x7 outreach is how Salt intends to create a sustainable budget and supply a workforce. We are praying for 70 churches and their congregations to pledge annual support of \$700.00 each. We hold fast to the claim that God will provide for this place. We believe that with the support of individual churches and the efforts of their mission groups, we will see Salt complete its construction and open its doors.

Please prayerfully consider presenting our need to your Church and Mission Board this week. We will put the gift to immediate use. 100% of the gift will go first to open Salt's doors, then to serve those who grace its doorstep.

A place of God's provision for pastors to come and rest in His arms, experience His comfort and be reminded of His purpose for their life as the salt and light of the earth.



Thank you for joining the 70x7 team!

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Purpose

Our Mission, Greatly Blessed

I was apprehensive about going on this mission trip. I always get a little nervous about going to new places and having new experiences. I also wondered how much help I would be, because I consider myself physically out of shape. But I know God wants to “stretch me” and help me grow. I think there are times in our lives when all God wants us to do is say “yes”. I will admit, I didn’t know what God had planned for me in this, but whatever it was, He is the Captain of my soul and my life, and I responded by just saying “yes”. I was greatly blessed.



This was our Church’s first mission trip and our crew of seven people were excited to see what God had in store for us. Crouched in the side of a mountain, on a 600 acre property, was our project, “The Great House” with

its tongue and groove ceiling and three foot beams. I loved it! Our mission was to spray the ceiling, first with a sealer, then with a clear coat, back brushing each coat. It turned out great! We were very pleased with how the natural grains of the wood stood out when the job was complete.



We all had a great time and appreciated the hospitality, staying at the campground along the Salmon River, the nice warm trailers and the excellent food. It was fun working together and with others as a team; being able to see God provide the things needed to make the vision

possible. God is the great provider!

Our entire group was quite taken with the landscape, a prolific habitat for deer, elk, mountain sheep and wolves. This is also the historical land of the Nez Perce and where

Lewis and Clark journeyed through the Bitterroot Mountains to the Columbia River and the Pacific. With landmarks like the “Big Hole Battlefield” (only 40 miles away) the area is full of history. Here, amongst all this, our group became a part of what will be an offering to pastors who need a time of refreshment and rest. A place where they can come and recharge their batteries. From every vantage point, the setting delivers spectacular views of three different mountain ranges, the Saw Tooth, the Bitterroot and other majestic peaks. God speaks to



us through nature. Psalms 19 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge... Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” And Romans 1:20 says, “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have

been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.” Salt is a great place, nestled in the middle of God’s creation where He can speak into the lives of those who come to listen. What a wonderful opportunity, to share in the ministry of Salt. Definitely a “five star” experience.

*Pastor Dennis L. Christianson
Happy Home Community Church
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Why does your Church and congregation need to be a committed supporter of Salt?

In America

4,000 new churches start each year

7,000 churches close each year

3,500 people a day left the church in 2008

1,500 pastors leave the ministry permanently each month

- **70% of pastors continually battle depression.**
- **80% of pastors feel discouraged in their roles.**
- **50% of pastors are so discouraged they would leave the ministry if they could, but have no other way to make a living.**
- **80% of seminary graduates who enter ministry will leave the ministry within the first five years.**
 - **90% of pastors said their training was inadequate for ministry.**
 - **70% of pastors do not have a close friend, confidant, or mentor.**
 - **90% of pastors said ministry was completely different from what they thought it would be.**

*Statistical data obtained from across denomination lines, from various reliable sources such as Pastor to Pastor, Focus on the Family, Ministries Today, Charisma Magazine, TNT Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ, The Fuller Institute, George Barna, Pastoral Care Inc. and the Global Pastors Network.



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