

Ezekiel 12-15

Good evening; it is great to be here with you all tonight.

We will be in Ezekiel Chapter 12 tonight and go through Chapter 15.

Before we get into it, I have just a few announcements.

You have only two more days to sign up for the marriage dinner.

We still have a few spots available.

You can register on the screens in the back, call the office, or go to the App or Website.

It is going to be an amazing night.

Also, this Friday is our Homeschool Fellowship...

They will be starting their activities in the Grace Café at 9:30 am.

This ministry is for you if you are a homeschooled family looking to connect with other homeschoolers.

Again, this Friday at 9:30 am.

I want to mention again that we are taking an interest list for Israel 2026. We will leave on January 19th for a 10-day tour of Israel.

These trips are life-changing... You don't want to miss it.

Lastly, this is just a reminder to you men that we have our Thursday Night Men's Bible Study, which gathers in the Grace Café.

The Bible study starts at 6:30 pm tomorrow.

So, with that said, let's pray... and we can get into the Word...

I read an article today on life's most stressful events that a person can encounter.

And there were the obvious things, like Divorce, Changing Jobs, Parenthood, and devastating health issues.

But I was surprised to see number 9 was moving into a New Home.¹

¹ <https://www.bolde.com/15-of-the-most-stressful-life-experiences/>

It is considered one of those events that takes a toll on our bodies and mental health.

We are leaving the comfort and familiarity of a place we have called home for some time for a new space we must make into a home.

It can be sad and scary...

Thinking back on the many moves in my life, I can agree that they are among the greatest stresses we can endure.

The ordeal is painful...

In our text tonight, God calls the prophet Ezekiel to pack up his things and move out of his house twice daily, in the morning and the evening.

Remember, Ezekiel often demonstrated God's Word to the people.

He is called to act out many strange things to grab the imagination of the Jews and give them God's Message.

Let's begin now, in Chapter 12...

Judah's Captivity Portrayed

12:1 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying: 2
"Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious
house, which has eyes to see but does not see, and
ears to hear but does not hear; for they are a
rebellious house.

This is part of the great tragedy among the people of God.

They had the Word of God, the institution of the priesthood, the sacrifices, the Temple, and even the prophets of Yahweh, yet they were blind and could not hear.

I recently took a hearing test, and I knew already that I was deaf in my left ear and was supposed to be wearing a hearing aid.

I had stopped because I still had a good ear...

But something happened over the last ten years...

My wife started complaining that I was ignoring her more and more or that I did not listen to her.

I assured her I was not doing this intentionally...

So, after the hearing test, I am deaf in both ears.

Jess thinks I paid the audiologist off for an excuse for ignoring her.

But since then, I have gotten new hearing aids, and I cannot believe how much I did not hear in this world: the wind, the crunching leaves, and my feet walking along the path.

It was a gradual loss of hearing, so gradual that I did not realize I was not even hearing the sounds around me.

Now that I can hear, it is life-changing...

But the Jewish people's hearing loss did not happen overnight; it was a gradual loss until they just were utterly deaf to God's Word and Truth.

Look at verse 3...

3 "Therefore, son of man, prepare your belongings for captivity, and go into captivity by day in their sight. You shall go from your place into captivity to another place in their sight. It may be that they will consider, though they are a rebellious house. 4 By day you shall bring

out your belongings in their sight, as though going into captivity; and at evening you shall go in their sight, like those who go into captivity. 5 Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry your belongings out through it. 6 In their sight you shall bear them on your shoulders and carry them out at twilight; you shall cover your face, so that you cannot see the ground, for I have made you a sign to the house of Israel."

7 So I did as I was commanded. I brought out my belongings by day, as though going into captivity, and at evening I dug through the wall with my hand. I brought them out at twilight, and I bore them on my shoulder in their sight.

When the Babylonians invaded Judah, they did this to the exiles.

They forced them to pack up and move out of their homes.

Ezekiel illustrates this by digging through the wall, which was made of dirt and rock...

This is what the Jews in Jerusalem were forced to do when the Babylonians arrived to hasten their escape. Ezekiel is reenacting this.

Twice a day, he moves out of his own house with his bags in hand.

It was through the front door in the morning, and in the evening, he dug through his exterior walls.

Verse 8...

8 And in the morning the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 9 "Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, 'What are you doing?' 10 Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "This burden concerns the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel who are among them."' 11 Say, 'I am a sign to you. As I have done, so shall it be done to them; they shall be carried away into captivity.' 12 And the prince among them shall bear his belongings on his shoulder at twilight and go out. They shall dig through the wall to carry them out through it. He shall cover his face, so that he cannot see the ground with his eyes.

Ezekiel is acting out a message here specific to a prince who acted like the king.

Remember the breakup in David's lineage.

The Davidic successor would be Jeconiah, also called Coniah in some places.

He was still alive but had already been taken captive to Babylon.

The king of Babylon replaced that wicked king with his Uncle Zedekiah.

But Zedekiah turned against the Babylonians, who had put him in power, and he would be the final king they would crush.

Zedekiah was forced to flee Jerusalem through the holes in the wall.

Verse 13...

13 I will also spread My net over him, and he shall be caught in My snare. I will bring him to Babylon, to the land of the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there.

Maybe you remember when we were studying Jeremiah's writings, we came to this verse.

It could be that there is a discrepancy because Jeremiah said...

Jer. 34:3 your eyes shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, he shall speak with you face to face.

Ezekiel said that Zedekiah would not see, and the other said he would see...

And the prophets contradict themselves...

And some have thought this was cause to disregard these prophets and everything they had to say.

But history tells us they were both right.

Remember, when Zedekiah was captured, he was not taken immediately to Babylon.

He was first brought before Nebuchadnezzar, who was headquartered in Syria.

There, Zedekiah and Nebuchadnezzar met eye to eye as Jeremiah predicted.

It was also there that the king of Babylon killed Zedekiah's sons right before he plucked his eyes out. His last sight would be his son's death.

But this also meant Ezekiel's prophecy was true as well.

Zedekiah would not see Babel, though he would die there.

He went to Babel blind...

So, there is no contradiction at all in God's Word.

So, Ezekiel continues in his prophecy against Zedekiah...

Verse 14...

14 I will scatter to every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his troops; and I will draw out the sword after them.

15 "Then they shall know that I am the Lord, when I scatter them among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries. 16 But I will spare a few of their men from the sword, from famine, and from

pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the Gentiles wherever they go. Then they shall know that I am the Lord."

Judgment Not Postponed

17 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
18 "Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and anxiety.

Now, the prophet is told to eat every piece of bread as though it were his last.

He is told to sip every cup of water as though it was the final drop.

Ezekiel is commanded to eat and drink in desperation here.

This is how the Jews in Jerusalem were forced to act when the Babylonians laid their final siege against the city and cut off all the supplies in and out of the city.

The Jews will be forced to extreme measures of rationing.

Verse 19...

19 And say to the people of the land, 'Thus says the Lord God to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the land of Israel: "They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with dread, so that her land may be emptied of all who are in it, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it. 20 Then the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall become desolate; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'"

21 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 22 "Son of man, what is this proverb that you people have about the land of Israel, which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision fails'?"

God shows that He knows what the people are saying around Jerusalem.

The people were scoffing at God, mocking the true prophets of God, and refusing to heed their warnings about the coming judgment.

So, they devised this proverb, this catchy phrase to make light of all God was saying and doing.

He quotes the saying, "The days are prolonged, and every vision fails."

In so many words, they are saying, "We keep hearing about the coming judgment, but it has not come yet."

"You prophets keep crying wolf; there is nothing to fear."

"There is nothing to worry about."

The New Testament tells us that the people will be doing this in the Last Days...

2 Peter 3:3-4 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

People will mock the coming judgment of this world.

The same as they mocked Ezekiel...

Look at verse 23...

23 Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord God: "I will lay this proverb to rest, and they shall no more use it

as a proverb in Israel." But say to them, "The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision. 24 For no more shall there be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. 25 For I am the Lord. I speak, and the word which I speak will come to pass; it will no more be postponed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word and perform it," says the Lord God."

God now replaces their haughty proverb with a proverb of His own.

"The days are at hand, the fulfillment of every vision."

The time has come.

And this would seem to be a good comeback to today's scoffers.

Because the signs are there... we are moving so fast toward a One World Government...

There are plans to rebuild the Jewish Temple.

Things taking place in the Middle East.

Also, disastrous weather patterns and historic disasters.

The prophecies are coming true, and it is an indication that Jesus is coming soon.

But the deniers are out there, luring people back to comfort and distracting them.

All is well... but it is not... Fight the temptation of being so busy with this world that you miss what is happening... God's Word will come to pass.

Verse 26...

26 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 27 "Son of man, look, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of times far off.' 28 Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "None of My words will be postponed any more, but the word which I speak will be done," says the Lord God.'"

Ezekiel could speak to Jerusalem with precision and certainty that time was up.

Today, we don't have that much clarity.

We have to look to the signs, but we know today that no one knows the day or the hour of the Lord's return.

We also know that we need to be ready always.

It is far better to go to our graves expecting the Lord's return than to take it easy and be surprised.

As kids, my dad sometimes told us when he would wake us up in the morning... "Wake up and do Rapture Practice."

He would raise his arms and jump straight up in the air, telling us, "Today could be the day."

He was funny but also setting out hearts right that day.

Not a bad way to start the day...

Verse 1 of Chapter 13 now...

Woe to Foolish Prophets

13:1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, 'Hear the word of the Lord!'"

3 Thus says the Lord God: "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their spirit and have seen nothing!

The false prophets claimed to be from God, but they were not.

False prophets still work among God's people today.

We are instructed in **1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.**

Ensure everything someone tells you in the Name of the Lord is tested through God's Word.

When the false prophets in Israel said, "Hear the Word of the Lord," they spoke from their own hearts.

False prophets do this today... they speak from their resources, claiming to be heralds of God...

But the Word of God exposes them every time...

Verse 4...

4 O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. 5 You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the Lord.

Ezekiel reprimands the Jews because they did nothing to protect their own house.

Gaps remained...

False prophets were preying on the people.

This is why teaching the Word of God today is of utmost importance.

This is how we see through the false prophets out there today.

This is how we close the gaps...

If I water down the message, choose a softer approach to God's Word and instead give pep talks and speeches to make you happy.

If I tickled your ears with things, you wanted to hear...

This would open us up to false teachers and false prophets.

That would be a grave error.

Verse 6...

6 They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, 'Thus says the Lord!' But the Lord has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed. 7 Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, 'The Lord says,' but I have not spoken."

8 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you," says the Lord God. 9 "My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord God.

God will banish the false prophets from the Land.

And they should be marked in the Church as well.

This is why Paul warned in **Rom. 16:17** **Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses,**

contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

Look now at verse 10...

10 "Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace — and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untempered mortar —

Or a lesser-grade mortar.

The false messengers of Ezekiel's day were known for painting a picture that everything was okay.

They seduced God's people with promises of peace.

And like that lesser-grade mortar, it may look good on the outside, but it will not last.

The false prophet's message sounded good but was not from God.

Verse 11...

11 say to those who plaster it with untempered mortar, that it will fall. There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind

shall tear it down. 12 Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the mortar with which you plastered it?'"

13 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it. 14 So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

15 "Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered mortar; and I will say to you, 'The wall is no more, nor those who plastered it, 16 that is, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when there is no peace,'" says the Lord God.

God is using a storm as a picture of the Babylonian invasion.

Their mighty army would move in like a flood.

And cracked mortar is unable to keep out the floodwaters.

And the message of the false prophets will fail to turn back God's judgment.

Jesus said... **Matt 7:24-25** "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."

We need to have a solid foundation in God's Word to stand through life's storms.

We must build our life on His Word... or we will sink and fall...

Verse 17...

17 "Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, 18 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Woe to the women who sew magic

charms on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive?

So, now we see the problem was not just the false prophets but even false prophetesses.

Ezekiel was sent to confront the Jewish women who had succumbed to this false doctrine.

The women were sewing satanic charms and such on their clothes.

Good luck charms that were associated with paganism.

Ezekiel warns against all this...

Verse 19...

19 And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?"

20 'Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls

there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds.

The enemy of our souls hunted down those who subject themselves to these false prophets and satanic agendas like a dumb bird.

But God says that He intends to free the souls who have fallen victim.

Verse 21...

21 I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

22 "Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life. 23 Therefore you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I am the Lord."""

We see here two sins of the false prophets...

He makes the righteous person sad and the wicked person he makes glad.

He gives the wicked and rebellious person a sense of security, but it is a false hope.

Look now at verse 1 of Chapter 14...

Idolatry Will Be Punished

14:1 Now some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. 2 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 3 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?"

We see here that it was not just the idol on the mantle that got to God, but it was the idol in their hearts.

An idol is anything that exalts itself above the Lord in a person's life.

God asks a rhetorical question here...

"If someone comes to Me with requests but has an idol in their heart, should I even entertain their inquiry, let

alone answer?"

Why should He hear their prayer if God is not first in that person's heart?

Verse 4...

4 "Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, 5 that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols."'

6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.

God answers His own question.

He only has one thing to tell a person in idolatry: "repent."

Until a person repents, the idols in their lives are all God cares about.

Everything else we might be tempted to pray for them about, their physical pain, emotional pain, their financial problems, or broken relationships, are just symptoms of the main problem, their sin.

Maybe sometimes the way we pray for specific people is all wrong, and there is a time when praying for them to turn from their sin is the top priority before anything else can be addressed.

People today want blessing without first bowing to Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

But you cannot have one without the other.

Verse 7 now...

7 For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I the Lord will answer him by Myself. 8 I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb,

and I will cut him off from the midst of My people.
Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

9 "And if the prophet is induced to speak anything, I the Lord have induced that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel. 10 And they shall bear their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be the same as the punishment of the one who inquired, 11 that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people and I may be their God," says the Lord God."

We see here that when an idolater comes to a prophet for advice and the false prophet gives him a false message, telling him what he wants to hear...

God will judge both the person inquiring and the false counselor.

Both will be destroyed.

God's voice will be heard through the judgment of both.

Verse 12...

Judgment on Persistent Unfaithfulness

12 The word of the Lord came again to me, saying: 13 "Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. 14 Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord God.

We see God was not punishing Judah because they stumbled or made a mistake once.

God judged them because they remained in sin for a long season.

They had persistent unfaithfulness.

The Jews spent so many years with their backs to God, and God finally said, "Enough."

And Ezekiel puts forth a general principle here, "when a land sins."

This could be applied to our nation today.

When a land sins, that nation is headed for judgment.

Even if those three holy men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in that land.

All three of these men were known intercessors and intervened on behalf of others.

Yet, they could not stop the pending judgment that was coming to the Jews.

God has made His decision, given all the chances He could, and nothing will avert what was coming.

Verse 15...

15 "If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they empty it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass through because of the beasts, 16 even though these three men were in it, as I live," says the Lord God, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate."

17 "Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, 'Sword, go through the land,' and I cut off man and beast from it, 18 even though these three men were in it, as I live," says the Lord God, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered."

19 "Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast, 20 even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live," says the Lord God, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness."

21 For thus says the Lord God: "How much more it shall be when I send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem — the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence — to cut off man and beast from it? 22 Yet behold, there shall be left in it a remnant who will be brought out, both sons and daughters; surely they will come out to you, and you will see their ways and their doings. Then you will be comforted concerning the disaster that I have brought upon Jerusalem, all

that I have brought upon it. 23 And they will comfort you, when you see their ways and their doings; and you shall know that I have done nothing without cause that I have done in it," says the Lord God.

God will send four plagues upon Judah... the sword, famine, wild beasts, and pestilence.

Judgment was coming, and there was no stopping it...

But we see here something the prophets foretell throughout their writings...

God will preserve a remnant of Jews, and they will be taken to Babylon, and a new generation will survive.

So, there is hope, even amid this difficult judgment.

Let's finish out with Chapter 15, as there are only a few verses.

Verse 1...

The Outcast Vine

15:1 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: 2 "Son of man, how is the wood of the vine better than

any other wood, the vine branch which is among the trees of the forest?

As we discussed on Sunday in our study of John chapter 15, the “vine” symbolizes Israel in biblical imagery, especially in the Old Testament.

Ps 80:8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
You have cast out the nations, and planted it.

Israel was that vine brought out of Egypt and planted in the Land of Canaan.

But Ezekiel is asking why the vine was better than other types of wood in the forest.

Or why did God choose the Jews over the other nations?

What great purpose did the Vinewood serve that the other branches could not copy?

Verse 3...

3 Is wood taken from it to make any object? Or can men make a peg from it to hang any vessel on?

Vinewood is too twisted to be used as lumber and too weak to be used as a peg or a hook.

Verse 4....

4 Instead, it is thrown into the fire for fuel; the fire devours both ends of it, and its middle is burned. Is it useful for any work? 5 Indeed, when it was whole, no object could be made from it. How much less will it be useful for any work when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned?

You see, the only purpose for a vine was to bear fruit. It was not good for anything else.

When it does not produce fruit, it is suitable for nothing but fuel for the fire.

Just as we discussed on Sunday, God looked to the nation of Israel for fruit, but they did not bear fruit for Him.

Today, we are the branch grafted into Jesus, who says He is the True Vine.

John 15:5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Jesus’s vitality and life flow through us for us to be fruitful.

Like that vine, our true purpose in life is to bear fruit unto God.

Look at verse 6...

6 "Therefore thus says the Lord God: 'Like the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give up the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 7 and I will set My face against them. They will go out from one fire, but another fire shall devour them. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I set My face against them. 8 Thus I will make the land desolate, because they have persisted in unfaithfulness,' says the Lord God."

Because the Jews did not bear fruit, God cast them into the fires of judgment.

And we can look back through history and see that they have been there for the last 2000 years since they rejected Jesus as their Messiah.

They have gone from one fiery trial to another.

To this day, they are still brought through those fiery trials... until they come to the final trial, the Great Tribulation.

The Bible says that is when their eyes will be open to Jesus as their True Messiah.

But their rejection has been costly.

God looked for fruit, but He did not get it from the Jews, so He moved history into the Church Age...

Today, He is looking to us for this fruit... abiding fruit...

Listen to Jesus's Words again from Sunday's passage...

John 15:5-6 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered;

and they gather them and throw them into the fire,
and they are burned.”

There is a warning here against a fruitless life...

Only you know this evening if there is fruit upon the vine... if your life is being used as God designed it to be used.

To bring Him glory...

If you have an idol or sin getting in the way of fruit coming from your life...

Get right tonight.

What does the fruit look like that God is looking for...

A short list would be Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.

If these things are lacking, come up for prayer tonight.

Let's pray...