

## TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY

Scripture: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

December 27, 2020

Message:

**I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth...yet I will not forget you.**

**Isaiah 49:6b, 15b (ESV)**

I tie these verses into Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 5:16-21. In verse 20 he says "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us." What really takes hold of my soul is that like Isaiah and the Christians in Corinth, God gave me the ministry, made me an ambassador and entrusted me to deliver his message of reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

And guess what? I am not alone; you have the same call! Think of that. Almighty God, the Most High, Creator of all, is giving us a chance, an opportunity in life to achieve and succeed. He's placing his trust in us. That makes it downright personal, and I have to tell you, sometimes daunting. But we can take great comfort in knowing He will never forget us. I am truly thankful for that.

Some opportunities in life we accept and some we let go. Later upon reflection, we are either thankful or regretful for our decision.

This opportunity is too great, too important not to undertake. It replaces the old with the new and death with life. It is an opportunity like no other, not only for its rewards and consequences, but the fact that its origin extends far up into the heavens and comes to rest at the very throne of God.

Prayer: Precious Lord, through your love, grace, and mercy we have seen your great light and been given the greatest of gifts. Empower the Peace of Christ to dwell richly within us, so that in all opportunities you present to us, we will be effective ambassadors of your glorious message of reconciliation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

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