

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

September 10, 2023

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME

HYMN #90 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:10-21

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #737 Like a River Glorious

HYMN #617 Near to the Heart of God

HYMN #741 Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #730 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

Nursery - Newborns to Age 2

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8

This Week at Robertsville

Sunday..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Announcements

Marlboro Day - Today, September 10, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Be sure to stop by and visit our booth.

Saturday, September 23, 9:00 a.m. - Pastor, Deacons, and Trustees' Meeting.

Saturday, September 23, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Solutions Health and Pregnancy Center's **Walk for Life** at the Ocean Grove Boardwalk Pavilion. Rain or Shine. To register: call (732) 702-5508 or visit Solutions4Life.org.

Monday, September 25, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Color and Coffee for the ladies at the church parsonage.

Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. - Business Meeting.

Saturday, September 30, 9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study.

God's Intentions or Our Intentions? - Matthew 16:21-22 **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

In Matthew 16:21-22, Jesus was telling his disciples that He would be going to Jerusalem, where He would suffer many things, including His death and resurrection. Peter took Him aside and said: "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee" (verse 22). Do we want God's intentions or our intentions? God usually does not do things our way or do what we want (Isaiah 55:8-9, Proverbs 14:12, Psalm 92:5-6).

Peter had acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah, the One who they had waited for to set up the kingdom (Matthew 16:16). Jesus was pleased knowing that this revelation came through God (Matthew 16:17). Peter and the disciples were looking forward to the kingdom and were anticipating it would be great. Instead, Jesus told them He would be going to Jerusalem to be killed and raised from the dead. Peter rejected this and insisted Jesus not go. Which would be better, Peter's plan or God's plan?

God's plan was for Jesus to come to earth in bodily form, so He could die for our sins and be raised for our justification. Only Jesus' sacrifice could placate God's wrath and redeem us from sin (Isaiah 53:10). 2 Corinthians 5:21: "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." If we had been in Peter's place, would we have tried to stop God's plan?

Jesus responded to Peter's attempt to keep Him from fulfilling God's plan: "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those of men" (Matthew 16:23). He wanted to make it clear to Peter that God's way was better.

Peter learned from Jesus' rebuke and example. 1 Peter 2:24: "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes ye were healed." Would you have wanted Peter's intentions or God's intentions to prevail? I know that Jesus had to die for my sin (Romans 5:6-8).