



Serving Leaders in Life

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Pastor: How do you behold the Lamb of God? For, how you behold the Lamb will change how you view all of life. When we view the Lamb as the One who sits upon the throne, we will live our life from that place of assurance and power. Because he is on the throne, reigning supreme over all things, He is our hope that all things are going to work out for good.

You are invited to spend some personal devotional time reflecting on the Lamb of God. Let pastor Samuel Rodriguez be your guide.

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On a trip to Israel, I visited an olive tree farm. The director of the farm and surrounding campground pointed to an olive tree and asked me to guess the age of the tree. I responded, "One or two hundred years old." She replied, "That tree is somewhere between fifteen hundred and two thousand years old." I asked, "How can a tree survive that long?" She quickly replied, "That tree has experienced fires and droughts, and it still stands. Simply, the roots are embedded within the rock. As long as the rock does not move, that tree will live." Christ is our rock. As long as our rock, the Lamb, is on the throne, there is hope for our nation, hope for our children, hope for our faith, and hope for humanity. As long as the Lamb is on the throne, faith, hope, and charity will live.



“And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself” (Ephesians 2:20).

Meditate on the Lamb of God, who sits on the throne with outstretched arms and nail-pierced hands. He rules the earth and governs the heavens, and yet, He welcomes you into His presence and is excited to love you. Because He is both ruler of all and lover of all, we have hope. Make plans to talk to a friend or family member about the hope that you experience when you embrace the truth that Jesus is on His throne as the ruler of all. Talk also about the hope you feel because you know that Jesus is the God of love and the cornerstone of your faith:

*“When I rest in the truth that Jesus is on His throne and in charge of our world, it makes a difference in my life because _____
_____. And when I embrace the truth that Jesus is the God of love and the Father of compassion, it solidifies my faith because _____.”*

Revelation 5:5 tells us the Lamb is the one who is capable of opening what others cannot open. In Revelation 5:9, we are told the Lamb produces a new song. In Revelation 12:11, we learn of the survivors in their battle against Satan, who *“triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”* The Lamb’s agenda opens the book and reveals truth. The Lamb’s agenda produces a new song, the song of the redeemed. The Lamb’s agenda enables us to overcome, for we cannot dance in the Promised Land until we learn to sing in the desert. Therefore, let us press forward with the agenda of the Lamb. Let us speak to the barrio and Beverly Hills, to those on Wall Street and Main Street, to all in this generation tired of partisan politics, tired of archaic nomenclature, tired of discord and strife, but hungry for righteousness and justice. To you I say, let us stand up and declare, *“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of all mankind.”*

“TO HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE AND TO THE LAMB BE PRAISE AND HONOR AND GLORY AND POWER, FOR EVER AND EVER!” (REVELATION 5:13)

Close your devotional time with a moment of prayer:

Lord, I cry out to You. Give me the boldness to declare that You are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Empower me to live for You and tell others about who You really are.

