

# The Year the worst happened and the year the best happened

Welcome

Online & in person

Good to see you in the year 2024.

Years become defined by their happenings...

Sometimes positive...

How many remember the year

- you graduated,  
were married,  
had your first child,  
first job?  
baptized

Sometimes negative...

- How many remember the year you lost someone?

Far too often our Years are marked by negative happenings.

- 1963 - Kennedy assassination
- 2001 - 9/11
- 1939-1945 - WWII
- 2020 - Covid 19

Good things happened those years... we remember the worst.

# THE WORST

We have all experienced bad years...

- Divorce
- Lost job
- Bad health
- Struggle in school
- Bankruptcy

Years defined... often negative

It was this kind of Year for the Nation of Israel in Isaiah 6...

Isaiah 6:1 (NIV) In the year that King Uzziah died...

## Who is Uzziah?

Uzziah was the King of Israel/Judah.

ONE OF THE BEST KINGS.

- Reigned 52 years.
- Prosperous and powerful
- He had inherited a mess and made it a marvel.
- His leadership spread his fame abroad..

2 Chronicles 26:8 The Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah, and his fame spread as far as the border of Egypt, because he had become very powerful.

The people loved Uzziah... but this was the year he died. It was the worst... Now what?

## **The Worst**

What do we do when we experience the worst?

- Depression
- Isolation
- Give up

The worst often sticks with us... Now What?

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

## **See God**

When the worst happened... Isaiah saw God.

See God?

In the worst times God can still be seen?

In the year the bad thing happened... Isaiah saw the Lord.

You can see the Lord.

Not only did Isaiah see the Lord... Isaiah found his purpose.

## **Find Purpose**

Isaiah sees God, and God reveals Isaiah's purpose.

6:9 "Go and tell the people."

Isaiah is changed forever...

Do you know your purpose?

Eph 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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See God

Find purpose

## **Envision victory**

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

What is the train of his robe?

Ancient world – King's ornate clothing = victory.

The more victories = a longer robe.

The same year the bad thing happened... Isaiah envisioned victory.

Can you envision victory?

Will was in the hospital...

Isaiah saw God... found purpose... envisioned victory.

But the bad thing still happened...

\*HAND OUT CARDS & PENS\*

## **Both Good and Bad**

Bad & Good can happen in the same year.

Don't make light of the worst things...

Call to action

THE WORST – heal, talk, pray

THE BEST – See God, Find Purpose, envision victory (faith)