

Rippling Brooks Ministries

"...ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

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If you were asked to describe 2020 in a word, many would probably come to mind, most not good. "Different" definitely applies. Our entire country, and even the entire world, has experienced stresses, disappointments, and struggles on a greater level than we often can figure out how to handle. Yet in all of this, God is unchanged. We have many times found ourselves crying out with Jehoshaphat, "we have no might . . . neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon Thee" (2 Chronicles 20:12).

There is great comfort and strength in knowing that our God is in control and at work

still! Though we have had to adjust our methods of getting the message out at times, the gospel message has not changed, and people's need is still great!

We have tackled some recording and editing learning curves as we have worked the past months producing a virtual VBS program. We still have a lot to learn in those areas, but we are excited to finally have the virtual VBS up on the website, available for anyone to use. This VBS addresses five character qualities God wants us to demonstrate, and we have found ourselves challenged in every area even as we wrote lessons and watched the videos to edit them. Honesty is sorely lacking in our world today, and we all would benefit from greater self-control and

humility as we interact with each other. The joy of the Lord is the only thing that will keep us smiling some days, and forgiveness, though hard, is commanded by God because He knows an unforgiving spirit will hurt us greatly. Of course, the most important message is our need for Christ as our Savior, and the gospel message comes out clearly throughout the lessons.

We have struggled some in producing these lessons, recognizing that there are programs out there more polished than we are able to produce, but as we were reminded recently, God asks us to provide the person and the

preparation, then He does the work. Our prayer is that God will use our humble efforts to encourage and edify and to draw souls to Him.

Please feel free to tell others about the virtual VBS and even use it yourself. It can be found

on our website at www.ripplingbrooks.com/2020-vbs If you decide to use this virtual vacation Bible school for your church (for five days in a row, or for five weeks) and would like some of the buttons to give those who memorize the memory verses or craft supplies that go with it, please contact us.

In His Service,

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