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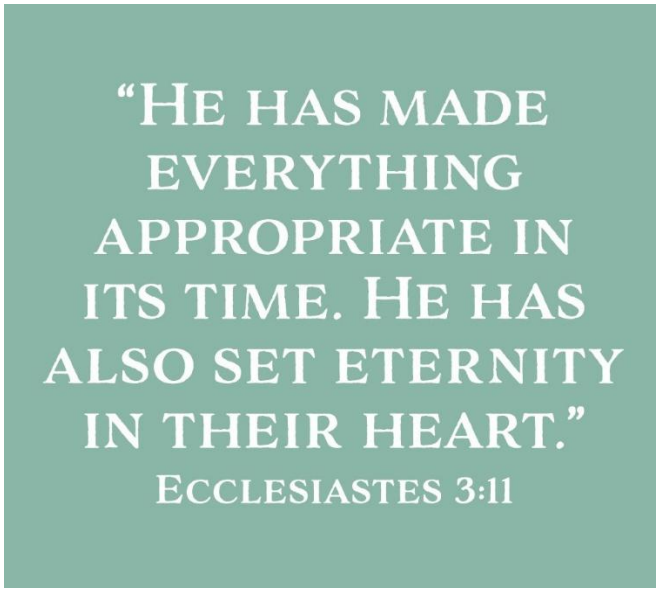
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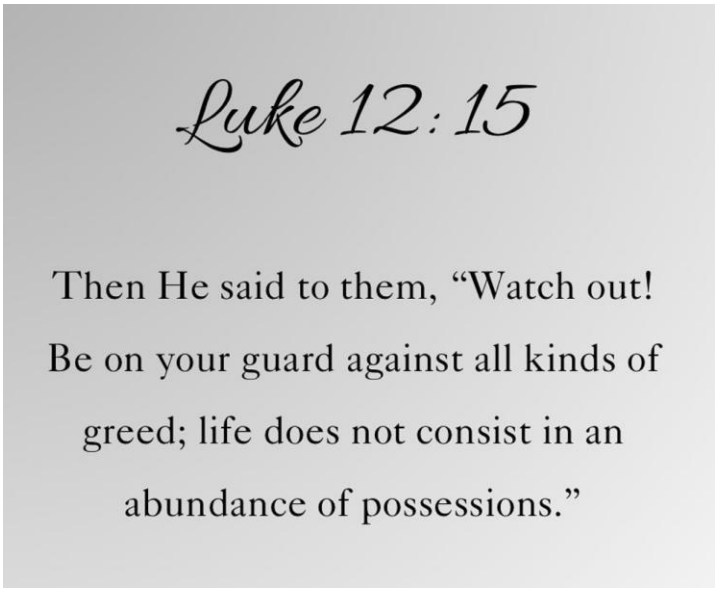
Sermon recordings

Scan the QR code below with your phone's cam, or visit oakgrovecofc.org/sermons.

Speaker-AM: Steve Helterbrand
Title: Windows In Eternity
Recording:

Speaker-PM: Tyler Glidden
Title: Rich Fool
Recording:





News and Prayer Requests

- Mike Simpson in need of prayers for recovery. He is still at Steelville Rehab.
- Mary Copeland as she continues to struggle with Parkinsons.
- Dottie and Gracie as Gracie is about to pass.
- Gospel Meeting at Hackman Road St Charles MO Nov 13-15 with David Diestelkamp

Articles

Behold, I Thought, November 1, 2026 by David A. Cox

"But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought…" (II Kings 5:11).

Naaman came to Elisha with a serious problem—he was a leper. He wanted to be cleansed, but when God's prophet told him to "Go and wash in Jordan seven times" (II Kings 5:10), Naaman became angry.

His response revealed the problem: "Behold, I thought…" Naaman had already decided how he believed his cleansing should take place. He expected Elisha to come out, call upon God, and perform some dramatic act. He even questioned why the rivers of Damascus were not better than the Jordan.

Naaman wanted the blessing, but he questioned God's instructions. His servants wisely reasoned with him, and Naaman finally humbled himself. He went down to the Jordan and dipped seven times "according to the saying of the man of God" (II Kings 5:14). Then he was cleansed. The power was not in the Jordan River. The power was with God. Naaman had to trust God enough to do what He commanded.

We may not always understand why God commands what He does. Another way makes more sense to us. But genuine faith trusts God even when we do not understand everything.

Faith trusts God enough to do what He says. Naaman's cleansing came when he stopped relying upon "I thought" and submitted to what God said.

God Works Through Volunteers,10/2/2026

"That the leaders led in Israel, that the people volunteered, bless Yahweh!" (Judges 5:2).

Judges 5 celebrates leadership and willingness.

Deborah's song highlights something simple but important. When leaders lead and people volunteer, Yahweh is honored. Israel's victory wasn't just about military strategy; it was about people stepping into their roles.

The chapter contrasts tribes that showed up with tribes that stayed home. Some engaged, some hesitated, some watched from a distance. The song doesn't hide that reality. It praises those who acted and calls out those who didn't.

The practical lesson is clear: Yahweh works through people who step forward. Leadership isn't about titles; it's about initiative. Volunteering isn't about convenience; it's about commitment. When God calls, showing up matters.

In your own context, you don't need a spotlight to make a difference; you need willingness. Deborah's song reminds us that Yahweh blesses faithful participation. When you step into what Yahweh has given you to do, you contribute to His work in ways you may not fully see. Lead where you can. Volunteer where you can. God honors both.