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- God has a plan for salvation, and the hope found in Israel's return is ultimately our hope as well.

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COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

“For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

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JOHN 2:19

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

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Jesus was going to become our true High Priest
(*Hebrews 4*) and perfect Mediator (*1 Timothy 2:5*).

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ROMANS 5:8

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

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Will we be faithful to stand upon the sure
foundation of God, which is the person
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I believe it shows us that even in times of apparent despair, or even darkness, there is this constant hint (like the faintest heart beat) of God's presence and providence

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2 SAMUEL 7:13

“He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

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- “The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him.’” (vs. 5)
- “Now, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of every firstborn, the first issue of the womb among the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall be Mine.” (vs. 12)

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2 TIMOTHY 4:10

“Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world.”

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REVELATION 3:15-16

“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.”

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REVELATION 2:4

“But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.”

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Jesus has not called us to establish a comfortable church; He has called us to establish a missional church.

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I want to exhort each of us to consider if we are TRULY DOING ALL WE CAN as a church to see GracePoint maximize its ministry potential; or are we doing JUST ENOUGH to see ministry happen within the confines of what keeps us happy?

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