



State of the Church (Psalm 63)

**“I have come that they may have life,
and that they may have *it* more abundantly.”**

John 10:10 (NKJV)

Themes for the past few years:

2007	Year of rest
2008	New beginnings
2009	Fruitfulness
2010	<u>Fulfillment</u>

“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God...”

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)

“I no longer call you slaves...Now you are my friends...You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit...” John 15:15-16 (NLT)



Three examples of people not being positioned for God's fulfillment:

1. Israel going into the Promise Land. Exodus 16

(Israel) “Back in Egypt...we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us...” (vs.3)

2. Moses and the twelve spies. Numbers 13

“Next to them we felt like grasshoppers...” (vs. 33)

3. Jesus and the Pharisees. John 7-9

(Jesus) “For I know where I came from and where I am going...” (John 8:14)

How do you see yourself? As a slave or as Son or Daughter?

A slave

Has no inheritance.....Is in a place to receive a blessing

Runs from pain.....Embraces pain strategically

Obeys orders.....Solves problems

Sees cost.....Sees value

Wants what others have..... Wants to learn how to better themselves

Looks for immediate gain..... Sows into the future

Seeks comfort.....Seeks fulfillment

Gives favors..... Shows favor

A Son/Daughter

“There are three things that make the earth tremble—no, four it cannot endure: a slave who becomes a king...” Proverbs 30:21-22 (NLT)

As a Son/Daughter in 2010, God wants to:

1. Bless my life.
2. Protect me from the storms.
3. Grow me up.
4. Provide for my needs.
5. Bring about His success in my life.

“A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” John 8:35-36 (NLT)