

# TRUE VINE TIMES

## *Learning How to See*

Over the past number of weeks, a group of 7 people from CCAM have been listening to and discussing a series of Podcasts, "[Learning How To See](#)", regarding biases.

There have been some enlightening and good discussions on helping us to identify biases we may not even realize we have. While it is uncomfortable at times to be confronted with some of the topics, it is good to have our eyes opened to be able to start acknowledging and addressing some "hot button" issues together, respectfully. If you were unable to be a part of this initial group for whatever reason and would have interest in joining a similar group discussion in the future, please let Pastor Dale know. If you would like to get a head start or simply learn on your own, this six-session podcast series can be found here [[Learning How to See Archives — Center for Action and Contemplation \(cac.org\)](#)] ~ Submitted by the CCAM Office

**Shane & Shane: Tis So Sweet - from their HYMNS album.**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srZ9IGsFy4o>**

## **You Can Trust God**

~ by Joyce Meyer - The Heart of Easter

The days between the death of Jesus and His resurrection must have been some of the most uncertain days for His disciples. Matthew 17:22-23 says that the disciples were filled with grief just hearing Jesus talk about his crucifixion.

There are times in our own lives when we feel uncertain or fearful, and that's actually when we need to trust God and His timing the most. But it's hard for us to remember that His timing is perfect and it rarely matches ours.

God sees and understands what we do not. We have a choice. We can "rely on our own insight and understanding"—endlessly thinking about our problems, trying to figure everything out ourselves—or we can believe God has a plan and will work it out.

Without trusting God, we will always be striving to "make things happen" in our own strength. We must remember God not only has a plan for our lives, but He also knows the perfect timing for each aspect of it.

God is working—often in ways we cannot see—to bring His plans to pass in our lives in the best possible ways. Once we've asked God to help us, our part is to let Him speak to our heart through prayer and reading His Word. Then we can make decisions based on what He's leading us to do, not just what we want, think or feel.

No matter what you do—no matter what you see or don't see—always remember that God is with you. In all your ways, submit to Him, and He'll make your paths straight (see Proverbs 3:6).

**Prayer:** Father, I know that Your timing is perfect, even when I don't understand everything that's going on or how things will work out. Help me to patiently wait on You and learn to enjoy each and every moment of my life, knowing that You are in complete control. In Jesus's Name, amen.

I want to know

*Christ*

and the power of His  
resurrection and the  
fellowship of sharing in  
His sufferings, becoming  
like Him in His death.

~ Philippians 3:10

As we look at life through eyes of faith, everything is measured according to our relationship with Christ, keeping eternity in view.

- What am I working toward in this life?
- What am I passionate about?
- Will my current pursuits matter in eternity?

(Taken from Gene Miller's sermon on 3/21/21)

Q: Where is the first math problem mentioned in the Bible?

A: When God told Adam and Eve to multiply.

Q: Who is the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter; she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

## Life on the Farm...

I recently had a wonderful conversation with Will Schrock, and we discussed what he is up to in his "almost" retirement. Will indicated that he is about 88% retired, although the company still relies on his 50 years experience in the business.

Will is excited about a renewed interest - something he did back in 1970 - that is, produce gardening. Currently, they have 50 chickens for egg production, while cultivating a variety of vegetables and fruit. In addition to their own consumption, much of the produce will find its way to roadside stands, as well as to a personal friend who provides meals for a business.

Will mentioned that he really enjoys having his grandchildren involved with all that goes into growing and harvesting God's bounty.

Joyann is also doing well, she continues to keep Will busy when he is not farming.

