

## **Sermon Notes | 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 | Days Are Passing — Choose What Matters |**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Welcome to The Well Community Church – Indian Service. I trust you all had a blessed Christmas, enjoyed precious time with your family and friends, and shared good food, laughter, and gifts together. These moments are gifts from God, and they are important. They have a rightful place in our lives, and we thank God for them.” However today is the last Sunday of the year 2025,

### **Days Are Passing — Choose What Matters**

#### **I. LAST DAYS MAKE US SEE LIFE CLEARLY**

Last days are always important in our lives. We all understand this from our own experiences. The last working day in an office is never ordinary. People clear their desks, complete conversations they had postponed, remember meaningful moments, and experience many emotions at the same time. The last day of school stays in our memory for years, filled with excitement, laughter, and reflection. Even the last day in a house, a city, or a season carries weight, because we know it will never come again.

There is something powerful about the last day. It slows us down. It helps us see life more clearly. Suddenly, things that once seemed urgent lose their importance, and things that truly matter come into focus. We stop worrying about small things and begin thinking about people, relationships, and purpose.

Today, we are standing in such a moment. Today is the last Sunday of the year. This exact Sunday will never return. This year, with all its joys, struggles, lessons, and testimonies, is coming to an end. Every day that has passed is gone forever. This truth is not meant to frighten us; it is meant to give us wisdom.

When we think about wisdom, I am reminded of time spent with our grandparents or great-grandparents. When we sit with them and listen to their stories, they often speak about their lives and also remind us of our childhood, what we did, how we behaved, moments that make them smile, and sometimes moments that bring tears. As they speak, they may talk about family, values, and even possessions, but if we listen carefully, we realize something important: when people speak in their later days, they focus on what truly mattered to them.

Words spoken in the final days often carry deep truth and great importance. That is why, in the Bible, we pay close attention to the words spoken near the end of a life. We see this clearly in Jesus Christ's seven words on the cross. We return to them again and again because they reveal what truly matters, love, forgiveness, obedience, faith, and trust in God.

Psalms 90:12 says, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." God does not ask us to fear our days but to value them. When we understand that time is a gift, we begin to live wisely. James 4:14 reminds us that life is like a mist, here for a little while and then gone. This is not a message of fear; it is a call to live with purpose.

And because we are still in the Christmas season, we remember something beautiful: God Himself stepped into time. Luke 2:10–11 tells us that Jesus was born "this day." Christmas declares that our days matter so much that God entered them. Joy to the world means God has come near. So the question is not whether time is passing, but the question is how we are living as it passes.

## **II. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS GIVES US FAITH, NOT FEAR**

As we reflect on the year that is ending, the first thing we must do is thank God. God has been faithful. Lamentations 3:22–23 tells us that because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, and His mercies are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness.

Many of us are here today only because God protected us this year. Some were preserved from danger they never saw. Some were healed, strengthened, or provided for in difficult moments. Some of us struggled spiritually, became tired, or drifted, yet God remained patient. He did not abandon us. That is faithfulness.

Christmas reminds us that God is Emmanuel, God with us. John 1:14 says the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God did not stay far away; He came close. Because God has been faithful, we do not approach the end of the year with fear. Isaiah 41:10 says, "Do not fear, for I am with you." God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.

This sermon is not about frightening people with the passing of time. It is about strengthening faith in a faithful God. Faith allows us to look back with gratitude and look

ahead with confidence. If God carried us through this year, He will walk with us into the next. His faithfulness invites our response, not panic, but trust.

### **III. MOSES LAST DAYS SHOW US WHAT MATTERS MOST**

To understand how to live wisely as days pass, the Bible gives us a powerful and tender picture in the last days of Moses. Moses was not a young man when his days were coming to an end. He had lived a full life, one marked by God's calling, God's presence, and God's patience. He had seen miracles with his own eyes. He had faced rejection, complaint, and rebellion from the very people he led. Yet through it all, Moses remained close to God.

When we come to Deuteronomy 31, Moses knows his journey is almost complete. The Scripture says, "Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel." These are not rushed words. These are not careless words. These are words spoken by a man who knows time is precious. When people know their days are limited, they choose their words carefully.

What is striking is what Moses does not talk about. He does not remind the people of his sacrifices. He does not list his accomplishments. He does not complain about what he was not allowed to enter. Instead, he speaks about God. He says, "The Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." In his last days, Moses shifts the people's attention away from himself and fixes it firmly on God.

This teaches us something important: when days are passing, godly people focus less on themselves and more on God. They do not cling to position or recognition. They care about faithfulness more than fame. Moses knew his leadership season was ending, but God's work was not ending. So he strengthened Joshua. He encouraged the next generation. He prepared others to walk forward with faith.

Church, this is a word for us. As time passes, are we holding tightly to control, or are we trusting God with the future? Are we focused only on our own journey, or are we helping others walk with God? Choosing what matters means investing in people, not just positions; in obedience, not just outcomes.

In Deuteronomy 32:45–47, Moses tells the people, "These words are not idle words for you, they are your life." This is powerful. In his final days, Moses reminds them that God's Word is not optional. It is not background noise. It is not tradition. It is life itself. Moses

understood that when everything else fades, years, strength, leadership, opportunities the Word of God remains.

Then we come to Deuteronomy 34, where Moses climbs the mountain, sees the Promised Land, and dies in the presence of God. A man who walked with God finishes his journey with God. Moses did not finish with bitterness or regret. He finished with faith.

This is the picture God gives us: a life that chose what mattered until the very end. Moses teaches us that when days are passing, we do not panic, we prioritize. We hold tightly to God's presence, God's promises, and God's Word.

#### **IV. CHOOSE WHAT MATTERS AND DRAW NEAR WITH JOY**

So how do we respond today, on the last Sunday of the year, still surrounded by the joy of Christmas? We respond with faith, not fear. God is not calling us to be afraid of time passing; He is calling us to draw near.

Let me ask you gently, as a shepherd speaks to his flock, not to accuse but to awaken hearts. When was the last day you truly spent time with Jesus Christ? Not just attending a service, not just listening to a sermon, but truly meeting Him, speaking honestly, listening quietly, resting in His presence. When was the last day you opened the Bible not out of duty, but out of hunger? When was the last day you sat with the Lord without rushing?

Many believers are sincere, but distracted. We love Jesus, but we give Him leftovers. We trust God, but we delay obedience. We believe, but we postpone closeness. And yet Jesus never asked for leftovers. He asked for hearts.

Jesus said in Luke 10:41–42 that Martha was worried and troubled about many things, while Mary chose the one thing that was needed. Martha was not sinful; she was distracted. And distraction can be just as dangerous as sin because it slowly pulls our attention away from Christ. Choosing what matters means recognizing that closeness to Jesus is not optional, it is essential.

Hebrews 12:1 tells us to lay aside every weight. A weight is not always a sin. It can be an unhealthy habit, constant busyness, endless scrolling, unresolved bitterness, or fear about the future. These weights do not shout; they slowly exhaust the soul. As days pass, God is inviting us to lay these things down, not because He wants less for us, but because He wants more *of us*.

Now hear this clearly: this is not a message of fear. Christmas reminds us that Jesus came to bring joy. The angel said, "I bring you good news of great joy for all people." Joy grows where faith grows. Fear shrinks when faith is strong. Isaiah 41:10 tells us not to fear because God is with us. Faith does not deny that time passes; faith trusts God with the time that remains.

James 4:8 gives us one of the most comforting promises in Scripture: "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." God is not distant. He is not reluctant. He is not waiting to punish. He is waiting to embrace. Choosing what matters means choosing closeness over comfort, devotion over distraction, faith over fear.

As this year ends, God is not asking you to fix everything overnight. He is asking you to take one step closer. One honest prayer. One surrendered habit. One renewed commitment. One quiet moment with Him.

Days are passing? Yes, but joy is still available. Faith is still strong. Grace is still new. Jesus is still near. So choose what matters. Choose Christ. And walk into the new year not with anxiety, but with joy, faith, and confidence in the God who holds all our days.

May the LORD bless you