

Sermon Notes December 31, 2023

State of the Union - 2024

Look back to _____

Look forward _____.

The verse of the year for 2024: *"Pray without ceasing."* 1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Watch and pray" Matthew 26:41

Keep a _____ attitude

What is God up to?

What matters to God?

Give thanks for God's plan.

'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.' 1 Thessalonians 5:17

God has a _____ for you.

Praying without ceasing is encouraging us to live in constant _____ with God.

"_____ always and give _____."

Be fully present with God by being fully present in each moment.

Praying without ceasing means that there is a need for _____.

Pastor Pete Scazarro recommends a time set aside just to be with _____ to _____.

1 Kings 19:11-13 *"Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"*

God is in the _____