

Coach House Church BEACONS

RIGHT ON TIME

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Are you like me - like arriving early for meetings, parties, church services and lunches??.. probably more likely I arrive to lunches early because I really like starters and nibbles. You know the ones I mean - Olives, warm recently baked bread ready to dip into olive oil and balsamic glaze, or vegetable spring rolls, or prawn crackers with sweet chilli dip... I could literally keep listing all the things I like eating because of being on time to a dinner party.

Do you know Jesus arrives Right on Time? Just when we needed Him. He arrives right on time, does things in his own time, died on that cross right on time, said words that healed, words that raised people from the dead, words that broke chains, words that set the captive free - all right on time.

He wasn't early, he never jumped the gun, he never sneaked in and tried to trick anyone. He was never late, never fashionably late, never so late that he missed the reason for being there.

He was right on time.

In my "normal" job, you might find me living out of a tour bus, or a series of hotel rooms as I travel the world with a musician, band, artist or even some big corporation doing their next big launch.

Tours are quite a magical thing if you've never seen them in action. An army of technicians, catering staff, riggers, production staff and musicians and dancers all travel together as one big family (or company as they call it in the theatre world).

You all set off in your Dad's car, eating mum's food and washing in the same shower, watching the same tv show.. Now thats not really true. We all set off in



Tour buses, not one massive car. These sleep touring staff in individual bunks as many as 16 per bus. They have two lounges one upstairs and the downstairs ones have a little kitchen and a toilet. (see the pdf for some pics). We also take with us



some of the best chefs with us who cook breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks throughout the day to keep the army on the road (most important people) and then we normally would shower in the venue or a separate hotel room.



Now the reason I mention all this was because we have someone who keeps us all on the road called a Tour Manager - and on one of my tours to the US we had a lovely chap called Greg Wright and his business name was Wright on Time (with a W) tours.

His entire job was to make sure we left and arrived at the right time, made flights, ferries, hotel bookings, fuel, drivers, food, showers, publicity meetings, press and finally the shows themselves. His entire job was to make sure we arrived to each individual step of the way exactly at the right time. It's quite a task.

Now quite a lot of our lives as Christians or if you're not a Christian yet you can definitely relate to this. We say Jesus will you do this, or Jesus why haven't you answered this prayer, or even where are you Jesus. and we always feel like we are waiting for an answer. The thing is God knows when the right time to answer is. He is vast beyond all we can perceive. He lives in time but also out of time, he created it.

Romans 5:6

Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't, and doesn't, wait for us to get ready. He presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.

Christ arrives right on time.....

Are you waiting for an answer to prayer?, are you learning for a loved one to take a step on the journey of knowing Christ?, are you looking for Jesus to heal someone you know? Let me tell you - Jesus knows what He is doing, he knows the right time to answer the call. I know the wait might hurt or be painful, I totally understand that feeling of hopelessness when there is nothing else you can do but wait. But God will answer Right On Time.

I know there will always be distractions in life because we know from scripture that the agenda of the enemy is to steal, kill and destroy - (John 10:10 NIV). Because of his agenda to steal from us, the enemy knows if we can waste time then our purpose will never be realised, we will never know what it's like to be flying high in the will of God.

Colossians 3:12

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Amen



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