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# St Francis



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## **The Signs of the Time**

*... how to interpret the present time.  
Luke 12:56*

### ***A Different Angle***

When you look at something you may not see it, even if you stare at it for a long time. If you take two steps to the right, or the left for that matter, you just might see what you could not see before.

Understanding the time we are in becomes deeper and richer when we stand in a good spot to see. We can look and not see if we think that to struggle to get anywhere is because we are not worthy of the goals we are trying to reach. We settle for something that eventually leaves us used up and hungry. If first we take hold of our worthiness we will accurately see what goes on around us. That worthiness comes from knowing Jesus. To know Him is to be transformed by Him. It is not possible to know Him and be left the same.

### ***The Effects***

You will see what God is already doing in the world around you.

People who seem very far from any kind of Christian lifestyle may be very close to the presence of God. God, in fact, may be powerfully drawing that person closer in a way that is not easily seen. When you have taken hold of the worthiness Jesus gives you will be able to look at others through His eyes. The purpose will be to bring God's peace to others. Sometimes the process of moving towards peace is very uncomfortable leading to some conflict. You will be able to navigate that conflict when you see what Jesus sees and can interpret the times through His lenses. How is Jesus asking you to take hold of the worthiness He has for you? What is Jesus showing you right now?

### **Coming Attractions**

*Sunday, August 18, 2013*

10:00am worship

11:30am People of the Way book study

*Centerville Circle of Prayer*

For the Wally's Wholesale that all of the employees would have rich personal growth both in their work and personal lives

*Metro Richmond at Prayer*

For the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For economic development is depressed portions of our region, for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

*Save the Dates:*

October 5 Blessing of the Animals

October 13 Celebration of a New Ministry

St. Francis raised \$1000 to send to Ministry of Hope in support of Atiah's new sewing business. We thank God for the opportunity to support the widow of a martyred pastor through the Ministry of Hope whose President of the Board of Directors is St. Francis' own Richard Walker.

Late Summer Reading:

Let Your Life Speak by Parker J. Palmer

St. Francis' own Ian Leviness has written a book, Twilight of an Empire. It has just been published and you can purchase it through [hiervalan.com](http://hiervalan.com)

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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