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SEPTEMBER

# Welcome

## Return To Me

**Continuing through September: Return To Me** Have you ever doubted God's love? Do you tend to give God your first, or only what you have left? Have you ever had someone break a promise or commitment? Join us this month as we unpack the Book of Malachi.



**Kairos Prison Ministry** At least two times a year, we partner with Kairos as they go into Ohio prisons to serve and share the love of Jesus. Three ways you can help: sign up to pray, purchase meal tickets, or sign up to bake cookies. Cookie sign up is September 1 with the cookies due back September 8. For questions or info, call Dave Ryan, Sr. 330.620.9175



**TreeHouse Kidz Volunteer Lunch / September 8** If you are a volunteer in TreeHouse Kidz, we want you to know we deeply appreciate you. Plan to attend to meet other volunteers and hear more about where THK is headed. Look for your invite soon! Questions? Email Sonjia Menches at [menchess@rivertreechristian.com](mailto:menchess@rivertreechristian.com)



**Women's Fall Bible Studies / Being September 16** Sign up the first three Sundays of September and choose from two options - Mondays at 9AM or Wednesdays at 6PM. The Bible study will be in the book of Jonah. Like Jonah, we may think we know what direction we are going and suddenly God's G.P.S. says, "Recalculating, make a U-turn as soon as possible." Our reaction can make a "whale of a difference."



**Community Tailgate Party / September 27 / 5:30PM** Join us as we spend time as a community before the Massillon Tigers football game at Stadium Park near the stage area. If you go to the game or not, come enjoy some food and cornhole as we support our community. The park is right near the high school.



**Fall Festival / October 13 / 4PM** Save the date for our annual family-friendly event. Whether you have children you want to bring, families you can invite, or you want to help by volunteering, save this date! More info. TBA.



**RUOK / For grades 6-8/ October 18-20** A weekend of 72 amazing hours spent with friends, leaders, and God! There will even be a giant mud pit! Details and sign up at [rivertreemassillon.com/ruok2019](http://rivertreemassillon.com/ruok2019). Don't have a student going, but want to support our students? Purchase a Power Card! Email Ben Eberly at [eberlyb@rivertreechristian.com](mailto:eberlyb@rivertreechristian.com) or get info at the Welcome Center.

# RETURN TO ME A Study in the Book of Malachi (cont.)

## September 1 / Marriage Maddness

**READING** / Malachi 2:10-16

**SUMMARY** / God rebukes his people for their unfaithfulness to Him and their unfaithfulness to their spouses. God reminds them of the covenant they made and shows them that their relationship with Him and their marriages should be priority.

**REFLECTION** / Is a correlation between your relationship with God and your spouse? What are the ways that you could be more faithful to God and your spouse?

## September 8 / The God Who Refines

**READING** / Malachi 2:17-3:6

**SUMMARY** / God's people act as if he favors the wicked, instead of the righteous. Yet, God promises to bring refining and purification for all his people, and judgment upon those that rebel against him.

**REFLECTION** / What are the areas of your life that you want to invite God to refine and renew? How have you seen Jesus change your life already?

## September 15 / Pickpocketing God

**READING** / Malachi 3:7-12

**SUMMARY** / God accuses his people of robbing him by withholding their offerings. God challenges them to honor him once again with their wealth and to see if he would not bless them if they once again chose to trust and honor God.

**REFLECTION** / Do you have a difficult time being generous or honoring God with your finances? Why? What first steps can you take to honor God with your money?

## September 22 / The Future of the Faithful

**READING** / Malachi 3:13-4:3

**SUMMARY** / God's people believe the lie that God doesn't take care of the righteous. God promises that a day will come when he will vindicate them, bless his people and remove all wickedness and evil doers.

**REFLECTION** / Does it ever get discouraging trying to live your life to serve God? In what ways do the promises of God towards his people help you to persevere?

## September 29 / A Change of Heart

**READING** / Malachi 4:4-6

**SUMMARY** / Malachi closes his message with a reminder to God's people to remember the Law of God. He then reminds them that he will send a messenger to come who will prepare their hearts for a new work that God would do through the Messiah.

**REFLECTION** / Is it easy for you to forget the promises and commands of God? In what ways would you like to ask God to bring a change of heart in you?