



**Pastor's Weekly Word:**  
**"A Funnel of Blessing"**

8.10.16

## **Mark Your Calendar**

*Take a look at these many opportunities to serve and spiritually invest in yourself.*

**8.12.16**

AXIS Prayer Gathering at 7pm

**8.20.16**

Newark Breakfast at Bethel A/G 9am

**8.21.16**

West Caldwell Care Center 2pm

**8.28.16**

Pastor Jon to Appear on Mountain Views  
Channel 18, 20, or 63 (based on your cable provider)

I recently watched a video of a young girl no older than the age of thirteen sharing a challenging word in a church of several hundred people. She shared how an umbrella is meant to shield us from the rain, while a funnel will gather and collect liquids. This illustration was to challenge us to close the umbrellas in our lives that block out God's presence. Our jobs, busy schedules, or fearful thoughts can begin to deflect God's activity in our hearts, however, we can also be a funnel to the presence of God through a constant state of seeking His direction, maintaining a heart of worship, and an attitude of thanksgiving.

Today, ask yourself are there activities, thoughts or habits that deflect the goodness of God. If it seems like God is far away, than allow Him to search your heart. We can have struggles in our relationships, eating habits, thought life, handling of finances, or our attitudes that become umbrellas that deflect God's plan. I, for one, want to ensure that I am one who collects the blessings and promises of God. By God's grace He reveals areas of sin and hindrances of His presence. God invites us into a daily relationship with Himself through prayer, worship, and life in His Spirit.

**"Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."**

- Psalm 51: 11 & 12



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