



*Pastor's Weekly Word:*  
**"Faith Refocused"**

8.31.16

## Mark Your Calendar

*Look at these opportunities to invest in yourself.*

**9.9.16**

AXIS Prayer Gathering at 7pm

**9.17.16**

Newark Breakfast at Bethel A/G 9am

**9.18.16**

Back to Church Sunday & 7th Anniversary

**9.24.16**

NJ Kid's Convention 8am to 5pm

**9.25.16**

West Caldwell Care Center Ministry 2pm

NOTE: Fall Enrichment Night & Home Groups will begin in October.

Have you ever had a conversation with someone who exuded such confidence that you were certain they knew what they were talking about, only to find out they greatly embellished the truth? Sometimes news anchors can share information as if it were fact, but really it's just speculation or their opinion. A financial advisor can speak with such confidence that you take him at his word and hope that he is fully knowledgeable and truthful. Having been in the church for most of my life, and studied under many intellects, I have noticed that we as Christians sometimes do this same thing. We hear a teaching based on a theory and we hold it as if it were gospel truth which then results in arguments and confusion among God's people. We form theories about creation, the age of the earth, the eternal destiny of our pets, and when Jesus will return for His church. The result is that we find ourselves 'majoring' on the 'minor' details of Scripture which distract from God's real purpose. God has already given us everything He wants us to know in the Scripture, and we ought not be caught up in useless arguments. While, we may not know all the details, Jesus made it clear there is either an eternity with Him, or an eternity separated from Him where there is weeping, wailing, darkness, and flames. Rather, than allowing ourselves to be distracted, let's refocus our faith on extending the love of God that sent Jesus to this earth so that none will perish, but all who believe will experience eternal life with Christ!

*"Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them."*

- 2 Timothy 2: 14

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