

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Friend Day is coming - October 26!

*I was glad when they said unto me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalm 122:1*

On a country road and around the bend, stands a small white structure with a steeple and a bell. There is a small graveyard next to it. It's the local "house of The Lord." Perhaps 30 worshipers gather each Sunday. They are glad.

It's a huge auditorium in Seoul. Over 200,000 will gather there each Sunday. It's the "house of The Lord." The people are glad.

On the surface, "The house of the Lord" seems to be the focal point. Today we consider it "the Church," whatever sign may be over the door.

Even the "going" there could be a focal point of being "glad." How many sermons have we heard about the necessity of gathering together to worship. However, I see a little two letter word as the most important focal point; "us." "Let US go."

David was glad to go but note: he heard "us" in the invitation. The greatest thrill in an invitation is the "us" that's included.

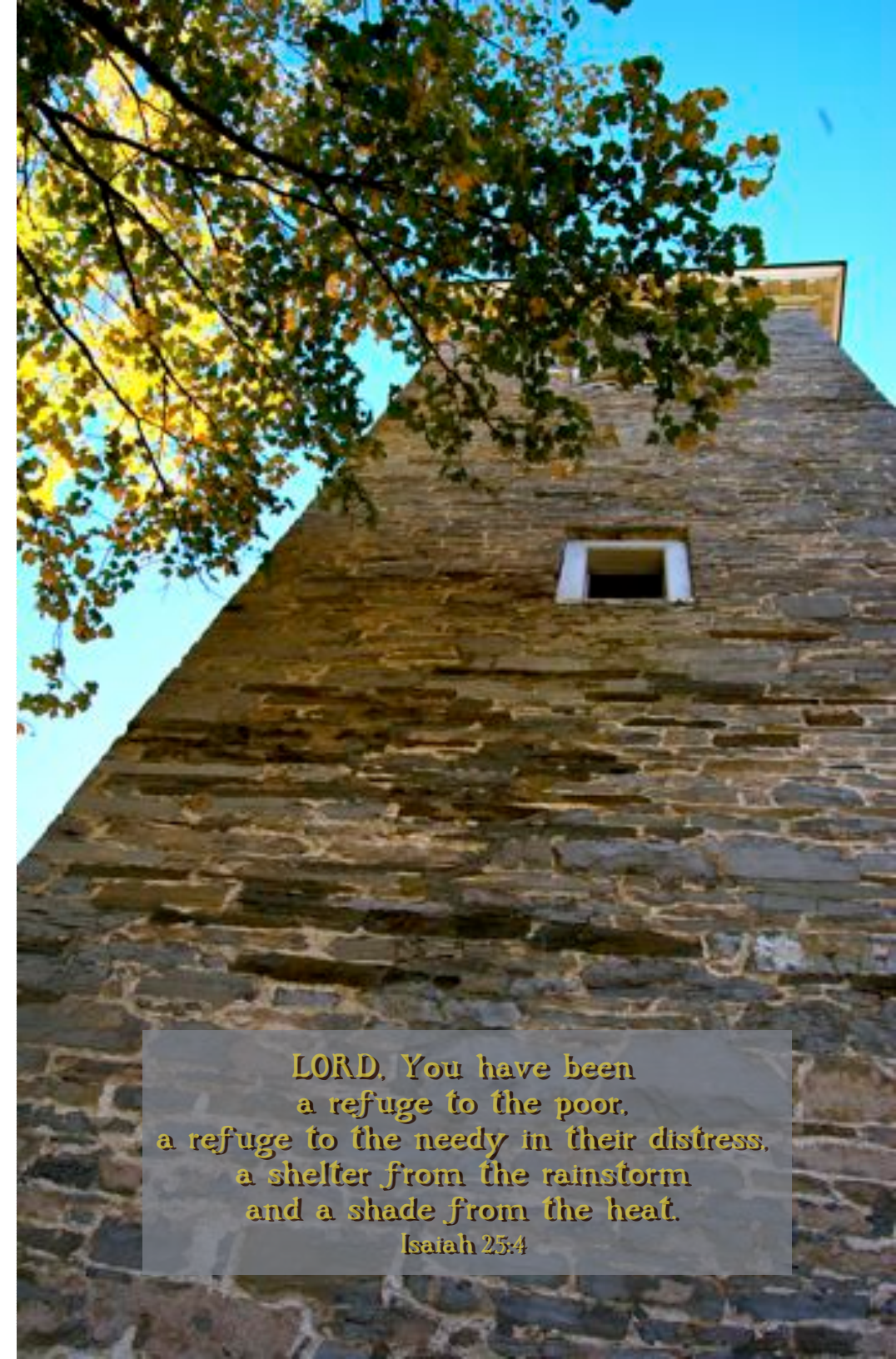
I preached my first message at age 15 in a mission in downtown Cincinnati. The pastor was from Armenia and had a unique accent. He would say, "Ve sink (sing) 'Brink dem in, brink dem in' but nobody brinks dem in!" True.

When you are glad (happy-joyful) to worship with fellow believers it is exciting to share that with others.

Invite someone to the "house of The Lord." Church growth has at its core friendship evangelism.

Make your visit include an "us."

—Adapted from Garry Spriggs



**LORD, You have been
a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm
and a shade from the heat.
Isaiah 25:4**

