**Sermon Notes**

**“The Spiritual Journey of the 60’s and beyond”**

**A Booming Opportunity**

Everyday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people turn 65 in the USA.

* **Ageism:** a tendency to regard older persons as debilitated, unworthy of attention, or unsuitable for employment [or significant contribution].

**Aging Grace-Fully**

Psalm 71:15–21

15My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,

of your saving acts all day long—

though I know not how to relate them all.

16I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord;

I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.

17Since my youth, God, you have taught me,

and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

18Even when I am old and gray,

do not forsake me, my God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,

your mighty acts to all who are to come.

**1. The psalmist rejects the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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*“We don’t drift in good directions. We discipline and prioritize ourselves there.”* Andy Stanley

19Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens,

you who have done great things.

Who is like you, God?

20Though you have made me see troubles,

many and bitter,

you will restore my life again;

from the depths of the earth

you will again bring me up.

21You will increase my honor

and comfort me once more.

**2. The psalmist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in anticipation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

* **Revelation 21:1-5, Romans 8:18**

Genesis 21:33 (NIV)

33Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Eternal God.

**Questions for Discussion**

1. The psalmist had served God all his life and now, in old age, was beset with problems. Didn’t he deserve better treatment? Why wasn’t he bitter?
2. In what ways have we Canadians developed a worldly view of retirement? In what ways do you see people challenging this view?
3. Agree/disagree: A Christian who isn’t serving in some way is too self-centered.
4. Can you think of any biblical characters who were used powerfully by God in their later years? How should their example shape how we understand the aging process?
5. How does the future hope of Revelation 21:1-5 change what we devote ourselves to, particularly in the final decades of life?
6. What does it look like for you to put this message into practice this week?