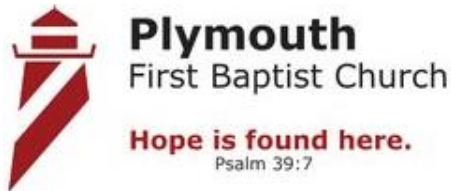




### Some advice from ASIA- by Pastor Paul

One of the music groups that was a favorite of mine in the 1980's is probably not one anyone would list off the top of their heads in popularity, but they had a unique sound, tight vocals and were terrific instrumentalists. The group I am talking about is ASIA. One of their popular songs is about a person who figured out the relationship they were in was a lie, and the fruit of that will only be known with time. The song title is, "Only time will tell." Time has a way of bringing things to light- of granting perspective and clarity. Ultimately, the fruit of our decisions and choices, the nature of our relationships and the value of what we have done on earth will only be known in eternity. How did that decision we made years ago effect our lives for the good or bad in the here and now and eternity? I remember a time I was thinking about transferring colleges. I had been attending Liberty University in Virginia as a music major, but I was seeing a girl back home in Pennsylvania and I was seriously thinking about heading back to PA. As I look at it now, I thank God it didn't happen! For it was at Liberty that I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. It was at Liberty that I came to understand that God was calling me into the Gospel ministry. It was in Virginia where I expanded my world and grew into adulthood- away from home! God can reach us anywhere at any time, and perhaps things would have turned out basically the same anyway- but, probably not. The decision to stay ultimately brought Sherri into my life- and the result has been 34 years of marriage so far and a family I would trade nothing for in this life. Only time will tell in so many things. And we are assured that God will make it known eventually. 1 Cor. 4: 5 *"Judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God."* - Only time will tell.



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